MAKIN' A 'MILLIE'  Maine East sophomore Marianna Veneri plays the role of Millie in the musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie," during a dress rehearsal in the school auditorium in Park Ridge on Feb. 27. PAGE 12 | RYAN PAGELOW-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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PARK RIDGE POLICE

Niles man among trio charged for hiding man’s death

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON

Three men have been charged with concealing the death of a 43-year-old man in connection with the third suspicious-death investigation undertaken by Park Ridge Police detectives in the past month.

Michael A. Kelly, of Des Plaines, was found unresponsive in the courtyard of an apartment complex at 725 Busse Highway on March 4. Park Ridge police reported. Paramedics were called to the residence and transported Kelly to Advocate Lutheran General Hospi-

tal in Park Ridge, where he was pronounced dead.

According to police three men at the scene reported that Kelly, an acquaintance, had knocked on their apartment door and when the door was opened, they found Kelly on the ground in the courtyard.

One of the residents of the apartment, identified as Gerard Pembor, 78, reportedly told police that he immediately called 911, and he and two other men attempted to admin-

ister lifesaving measures to Kelly.

Park Ridge Police Cmdr. Lou Jogmen said inconsistencies in the statements provid-
ed by the three men led police to determine that this account of the events was false. Detectives, working with the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Of-

fice, learned that Kelly had actually arrived at Pembor’s Busse Highway apartment more than four hours earlier and had collapsed inside the

bathroom not long after his arrival, police said.

According to police, Pembor and the two other men, identified as John D. Pembor, 51, of 725 Busse Highway, and Daniel Chernesky, 35, of 8429 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, waited more than four hours before they moved Kelly’s body outside and called para-

medics.

All three men have been charged with concealment of a death and were scheduled to appear in Cook County Circuit Court for a bond hearing earlier March 5.

Jogmen said there were no signs of trauma to Kelly’s body and investigators were

waiting results from an autopsy to determine the cause of his death.

This is the third suspici-

ous-death investigation con-
duced by Park Ridge Police since Feb. 2, when the body of a man was found in a wooded area north of Riverside Drive and Oakton Street. The man’s death was later ruled a sui-

cide by the Cook County Medical Ex-

aminer’s Office.

A week later the body of Chip Malek, 39, of Chicago, was found along the 200 block of Summit Avenue. He had been strangled and police have arrested a man they say murdered Malek during an argument over drug money.

GOLF MILL MALL

Not everyone sold on proposed sales tax hike at shopping center

BY TRACY GRUEN

Business owners and residents attending a public hearing on whether the village should establish a special business district to increase the sales tax at Golf Mill Shopping Center

Representatives of Golf Mill Mall are asking the village board to create a special business district that calls for a sales-tax increase of 25 percent, or 25 cents on a $100 purchase.

"Golf Mill Shopping Center has been the crown jewel of Niles for over 50 years," said Golf Mill Manager Mike Williams.

If the business district is approved at the March board meeting the revenue generated will support a plan that includes a new 30,000-square-foot junior depart-

ment store, a three-tenant 8,400-square-foot building on Milwau-

aukee Avenue, sewer and water-

main improvements, facade and sidewalk improvements and other projects.

In addition to the mall improve-
ments Williams said the village would benefit from the additional sales-tax revenue. The plan is also expected to generate 300 construction jobs and 200 retail jobs.

The quarter-cent sales-tax increase is estimated to raise about $600,000 a year. Williams said the mall would spend millions of dollars in new lease deals and developments of the outlot.

"It’s a very difficult time for landlords," said Wendell Hollan, First Vice President of CB Richard Ellis, the leasing agent. "I think our request is more of a need."

Some business owners were in favor of the sales-tax increase, while others think it would have a negative impact on business.

"Consumers today are extremely savvy," said Jeffrey Poole, real estate development manager of Kohl’s department store.

Poole said his store competes with Babies"R"Us and Marshalls across the street, and the tax increase could lose them business.

"Just like a mall can get a reputation in terms of poor security, a mall can get a reputation in terms of higher costs," Poole said.

"You will lose some people," Trustee Andrew Przybylo said.

Williams said Golf Mill salespeople would make adjustments so that they won’t lose business, for example, to a nearby furniture store.

Resident Pat Argyrakis was also opposed to the tax hike.

Argyrakis didn’t understand how Golf Mill could be classified as a "blighted area," in terms of establish-

ing a special business district and also be called the "Crown Jewel" of Niles by Golf Mill representatives.

Argyrakis said that the burden associated with changes to the mall should not be put on consumers.

"It’s something an owner should do as an owner," said Argyrakis.

"We feel Golf Mill does need to stay competitive," said Chamber of Commerce Director Katie Schneider, who said the chamber supports the sales tax increase.

During the hearing, mall representa-

tives emphasized the fact that the mall has greater competition now with the current redevelopment of Randhurst Village and the new outlet mall that will be opening in Rosemont.

A representative of Sears Department store supported the creation of the business district, as well as a representative of US Cellular store located in the mall.

Trustee Louella Preston said she would like the board of trustees to gather more information about special business districts and how establishing one would impact the village.

Niles aldermen OK funding for Evanston pipeline study

BY TRACY GRUEN

The village of Niles on Feb. 28 agreed to participate in a feasibility study regarding the construction of a new pipeline that would allow the village to purchase water from the city of Evanston.

Niles now pays about $2 per 1,000 gallons of water to the city of Chicago. The water rates were raised last month by 25 percent and were expected to continue increasing.

"We sell water at a lower rate than what Chicago is selling it for," said David Stoneback, utilities di-

rector for the city of Evanston.

Stoneback said he could not yet provide an estimate of what Evanston would charge Niles for water.

"We should always look at ways we could serve the village at a more economical rate," said Niles Trustee Rosemary Palicki, who supports the village’s involvement in the study.

The feasibility study could cost the Niles as much as $30,000 and would determine the proposed size of the pipeline, method of construction, route and cost estimate to supply water to new wholesale water customers. The cost would be lower for each individual mu-

nicipality if more chose to partici-

pate.

In addition to the cost of the study there is a capital investment for construction of the new transmission water main.

Stoneback said the study will look at several different proposed routes.

"If Evanston wants to take the lead on this study, we’ll be a part of it and pay a share of it," said Vil-

lage Manager George Van Geem.

"It’s good knowledge to have."

Evanston has asked Morton Grove, Niles Des Plaines and Park Ridge if they are interested in participating in the study.

Stoneback said Evanston offi-

cials haven’t heard back from any municipalities yet, but on March 19 prospective participants will communicate to Evanston alder-

men whether they are interested.

On Feb. 27 the city of Park Ridge deferred taking action on the issue until officials know whether the other towns are willing to contribute funds for the study.

The scope and size of the study will be based on the total of mu-

nicipalities that participate.

The village of Niles now purchases water from the city of Evanston.
PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

Oscars event a golden opportunity to raise vaccine-access awareness

BY CATHRYN GRAN
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A shot at "being fancy," "winning an Oscar" and "having fun" were among the wishes expressed by youngsters the past weekend at a pre-Academy Awards costume party in Morton Grove.

The goal of the party was to raise awareness of the need to allow children around the world to have the same dreams, said Cynthia Changyit Levin, of Morton Grove.

Changyit Levin was one of 48 people invited Jan. 29-30 to a United Nations Foundation leadership summit in Washington, D.C., to expand access to vaccines for children in developing countries.

Among the wishes from the mothers at the party were a shot at "crazy love," "family" and "being cool mom."

The message is that every child deserves a shot at a chance for a healthy life, no matter where they live," Changyit said.

"We have this great chance to save a life every 20 seconds with vaccines."

Every parent should have the opportunity to share happy milestones, like the first time a child loses a tooth, she said.

"As a mother, it's painful to think about children in the developing world who won't survive to experience simple, joyful milestones we take for granted here," she said.

Working with Jennifer DeFranco, of Palatine, and Wendy Smith, of Highland Park, both of whom also attended the summit, Changyit Levin said they decided to have their own red-carpet party to get people involved in the mission to provide vaccines to children in developing countries.

"It costs $20 to vaccinate a child against pneumonia, rotavirus (which causes diarrhea), polio and measles," Changyit Levin said.

"To treat a child for those diseases costs $100. We need to understand this, and do what we can."

Changyit Levin said the January meeting was the first conference she attended where participants were encouraged to bring their laptop computers and blog in real time about the ideas being bandied about.

"The foundation was looking for people with social-media skills and those who already knew about issues, especially in the area of global poverty," Changyit Levin said. "The UN Foundation can distribute vaccines, because we have a very effective way."

"And we're trying to get the word out. The foundation trained us, but it definitely doesn't stop there. We're just the seeds. We need to continue the work and grow."

Changyit Levin said she, DeFranco and Smith are working to meet face-to-face with their respective U.S. representatives to secure the $145 million in the proposed federal budget to provide vaccinations to children in need around the world.

"Working with RESULTS gave me these skills to advocate with my representatives," she said. "It's a partnership. And we're asking for the same things."

RESULTS is a nonprofit, grassroots advocacy organization that works to wipe out poverty around the world by training volunteers in the areas of speaking in public, working in coalitions and educating the public on ways to fight global poverty, according to information provided by the group.

"Global health speaks to me," Changyit Levin said.
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School shooter drill prepares Maine South to face emergency

BY NATASHA WASINSKI

Just two weeks before 17-year-old T.J. Lane allegedly opened fire in a Cleveland-area high school, killing three students and wounding two others, one local high school was taking measures to prepare for such an emergency situation on its own campus.

Maine South High School and city of Park Ridge public-service personnel conducted a drill exercise Feb. 14 to assess how school and emergency personnel would respond if an armed gunman were on the campus.

'Schools across the country have faced situations of emergencies with intruders,' said Maine Township District 207 spokesman Dave Beery. "The belief is the drill would help us prepare in case that should ever occur here.'

Maine South and Maine Township High School District 207, Park Ridge Police, Fire and Public Works Departments and the North Suburban Emergency Communications Center all participated in the drill, which put the school in a complete lockdown for about 30 minutes and included role-play simulation.

After first-period classes began at 7:45 a.m. on Valentine's Day, school resource officer Mike Luehr learned of "shots fired in the building" and subsequently called 911, Beery said.

The Park Ridge Police Department then dispatched a rapid-response team, including four patrol officers who are trained in finding and neutralizing armed suspects. Officers carried unloaded rifles during the drill.

Fire Department personnel were also on scene with an ambulance and stretcher.

The drill included an acted scenario in which a police officer played the loose gunman, a role originally slated for a Maine South graduate, Beery said.

Five previously recruited students were holed up in the room with the "shooter.'

Each had been thoroughly briefed beforehand and after the simulation, and had received permission to participate from their parents, Beery said.

After the team of officers found the "shooter" and subdued him police escorted the students for witness questioning and well-being checks.

Regular classes resumed after the drill.

While Maine South regularly practices such emergency procedures, the active shooter drill was more detailed and simulated than typical exercises.

Park Ridge police Lt. Duane Mellema said the event represented the first time the school and police department ran through their emergency procedures simultaneously.

Though officers have previously trained in school buildings, they had not conducted a drill where all classrooms were locked, and all students and faculty were present, he said.

Mellema said because of these factors "the feeling of going through school is considerably different.'

The simulation aspect also gave "the officers an opportunity to run through the drill in a more dynamic way," he said.

Mellema acknowledged such exercises do have their limitations.

The time frame in which it was executed is somewhat unrealistic and officers were not carrying ammunition of any kind, including blank rounds, he said.

The drill allowed participating parties to test their procedures, and evaluate how they coincide and interact with the others' methods.

Afterward drill participants met to discuss what had happened and address any complications that could be prevented in the future.

Mellema said the Police Department had prepared a full action report and, though he didn't discuss details of their findings, he noted that the drill revealed some "minor discrepancies in communication methods.'

For example there were issues with communicating via radio systems, and slight differences in language used by school and police personnel, he said.

According to school officials, the drill brought to light the after-action issues, such as the implications of having crime scenes and police investigations in the school building when classes resume.

Beery said the student body took the drill seriously and followed instructions well.

School lock down procedures require staff to instruct students to take cover in classrooms, or other supervised areas. Doors are closed and locked, blinds and windows are closed, and lighting and audio-visual equipment are turned off.

As a result of these actions "an intruder moving through the hallways will find it more difficult to know where people are,' Beery said.

Beery said while school faculty and emergency personnel cannot prepare for "every possible event, it puts us in a better position to act and respond.

"Shootings occur in places where you don't expect them," he said. "It's something important that we do because this is something that happens sometimes.'

In the past two decades, isolated school shootings have received considerable national and sometimes global attention.

Between the late-1980s and the early-1990s the United States suffered a sharp increase in gun violence in its schools.

Despite a decline in school violence since then, horrific multiple-victim shootings continue to terrify schools across the country, beginning most notably with the Columbine massacre in 1999, the country's deadliest high school shooting.

Thirteen years later Maine South's 2,600-student body is, by and large, cognizant of the possible emergency threats they face at school, Beery said.

"I think students are more aware of what the world is and what it can be than they generally receive credit for," he said.

Park Ridge police encourage residents to be on the lookout for out-of-the-ordinary behavior and seek or issue help before such behavior develops into larger problems like an act of shooting.

Though the city's low crime rates are encouraging, Mellema said it's difficult if not impossible to accurately predict where school violence will occur.

"The common denominator is there is no common denominator,' he said. "The best we can do is prepare as much as we possibly can.'
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.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE
A Park District employee said that between Feb. 28 and March 2 someone used spray-paint to write a name on an electric box at a park on the 7500 block of Mulford. Someone also reportedly spray-painted an obscene shape on asphalt under a pavilion.

A complainant stated that a 40-year-old man who lives in a building on the 8800 block of Golf Road placed fecal matter March 3 on the hallway wall in front of an apartment on the fourth floor. The complainant suspects the offender did so because of numerous noise complaints.

THEFT
A 79-year-old Niles woman said she left her bag March 4 in the computer room at the Niles Public Library on the 6900 block of Oakton, and when she went to leave, the bag was missing. The bag contained a credit card and a library book.

FIRE
A neighbor called 911 after seeing smoke coming from a residence March 1 on the 8500 block of Chester. The Niles Fire Department arrived and put out the fire, which originated from debris in the garage. The victim said the home is being renovated.

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.

BATTERY
Police were contacted after a resident of Crestwood condominiums and apartments on the 10000 block of Holly Lane reported that she was slapped three times by her 12-year-old son Feb. 2. The Department of Children and Family Services was contacted and the boy was transported to a hospital for a mental-health evaluation, police said. No charges were filed.

Bassam Kndeir, 43, of the 9400 block of Bay Colony Drive, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with domestic battery Feb. 12. According to police, Kndeir was accused of punching a 36-year-old woman in the face inside their residence before he left for work.

THEFT
A resident of the 9300 block of Noel Avenue told police she discovered jewelry and a digital camera missing from her bedroom Feb. 23 after learning that her 13-year-old had allowed a stranger into the home. The boy told police that a man claiming to be a plumber came to the back door about 3 p.m. and said he needed to check the pipes inside the home. The boy reportedly let the man inside and the two went into the basement where the man ran the water at a sink before leaving. The boy's mother suspects a second person, a man, and the boy said he needed to be a plumber came to the home.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE
A 43-year-old Niles man said someone smashed the rear window and spray-painted the trunk of his 2000 Nissan between March 3 and March 4 in a parking lot on the 8400 block of Dempster Street.

HIT-AND-RUN
A hit-and-run accident was reported Feb. 19 on the 9300 block of North Hamlin Avenue.

ROBBERY
A 20-year-old man told Cook County Sheriff's Police he was robbed of $3 while walking the morning of Feb. 24 in unincorporated Maine Township.

Deputy Cmdr. Anthony Brzezniak said the man reported that at 4:30 a.m. he was walking west on Ballard Road near the Landings condominium complex when he was approached by a group of people, one of whom struck him in the head with a hard object.

The man told police he that he fell to the ground and was cut with a knife, and $3 was stolen from his pockets, Brzezniak said.

Police officers interviewed the victim at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, where he was being treated for his injuries. He reportedly told police he did not know the people who had robbed him.

A security guard at the Landings told investigators he did not see or hear anything around the time the robbery was reported, Brzezniak said.

Investigators also requested a copy of surveillance video from a nearby bank, the commander said.
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NILES NORTH

Bids approved, $15M pool construction set to begin

BY NATALIE HAYES
Contributor

Plans to build a new aquatics center at Niles North High School in the tune of almost $15 million advanced Feb. 27 night when Niles Township District 219 Board of Trustees approved the bid packages to build the pool.

Construction on the pool is expected to begin sometime in March and wrap up by August 2013, said Jim Szczepaniak, community relations director for District 219.

A large group of parents, students and community members attended the Feb. 27 meeting to show their support of the aquatic center, which will be the new home of the boys and girls swimming and diving teams, the Skokie Park District's Swim America learn-to-swim program and the Swift Aquatics competitive swim program.

The new pool will replace the almost 50-year-old pool currently in the school, which District 219 school board president Robert Silverman said was found to be in violation of current IHSA safety standards that require the pool to be at least 12 feet deep. The existing Niles North pool is 10 feet deep and plans for the new facility call for the pool to be 14 feet in case IHSA safety regulations change again.

The aquatic center will have space for up to 500 spectators, and the 25-yard pool will feature eight lanes. Plans also call for renovated locker rooms.

Silverman said the current pool — which is the original pool from when the school first opened in 1964 — is an "embarrassment," citing numerous reports of injuries that have been sustained over the years.

"I've had a tough time with this project because of its cost — it's the single most expensive addition we've considered in the school's history," Silverman said. "But we've been building up our reserves and saving for this day little by little, and sometimes you have to bite the bullet and build a facility to last a lifetime."

The entire cost of the project will be funded through reserves set aside in the operations and maintenance fund and a life safety fund, and no tax raises will be necessary to help pay for the project, trustees said.

Moving ahead with the costly project may mean that other capital improvement projects may have to be put on hold, Silverman said.
DISTRICT 64 BRIEFS

New administrator for student learning appointed

The Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education at its Feb. 27 meeting confirmed the appointment of Lori Hinton as assistant superintendent for student learning, effective July 1. She will replace Diane Betts, who is retiring June 30 from District 64 after nine years in that post.

As assistant superintendent, Hinton will provide leadership of District 64's curriculum and instructional programs, including assessment of student achievement, implementation of intervention programs to support student learning and professional development activities for teachers.

Hinton comes to District 64 from Glenview School District 34, where she has been principal of Westbrook School, serving kindergarten through second grade, for eight years. In that role Hinton focused on improving teacher collaboration, exploring strategies for assessing student progress, implementing research-based math and reading support programs, and creating a professional-learning community for teachers. She also served on several district-wide committees focusing on professional development, supervision and evaluation, and personnel.

Before joining District 34 Hinton was an assistant principal and instructional facilitator in Community Consolidated School District 62 in Des Plaines and a curriculum specialist in Golf School District 67. Earlier in her career she was a program director at the North Cook Intermediate Service Center leading teacher workshops to improve student achievement.

Hinton received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and her doctor of philosophy degree from Loyola University in Chicago.

Public forums to share plan for facilities

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 will conduct two public forums this month to share information about the Facility Master Plan that is under development.

The forums will take place March 13 at Lincoln Middle School's Winslow Hall, 200 S. Lincoln Ave., Park Ridge, and March 14 at Emerson Middle School's Learning Resource Center, 8101 N. Cumberland Ave., Niles. The sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The architectural firm of Fanning Howey will highlight needs that have been identified at each school and members of the community will have an opportunity to ask questions and offer input about the plan.

District 64 launched the two-year Facility Master Plan process during summer 2011 to help prioritize the "bricks-and-mortar" needs of schools.

More information about the detailed physical assessments for each building are available on the district's website, www.d64.org.

MAINE EAST HIGH SCHOOL

‘Thoroughly Modern Millie’ plays through Saturday

Maine East High School have been taking audiences back to the Roaring Twenties during a production of the musical comedy, “Thoroughly Modern Millie,” presented over two weekends at the Park Ridge school, 2801 W. Dempster St.

Remaining performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 9 and 10. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased online through Maine East’s website, east.maine207.org, or by calling the school’s Fine Arts Office, (847) 692-8500.

Set during the flapper era of the 1920s, “Thoroughly Modern Millie” features a cast of 42 students. The lead roles of Millie and Jimmy are played by Marianna Venneri and Mynor Pelaez, respectively.

Director Karen Hall calls the production a "throwback to good old-fashioned musicals: boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl back. There is lots of great comedy and lots of great music.”

Working with Hall is musical director Julie Crosson, technical director Jessica Buczek, orchestra director Edward Bulgans, assistant director Veronica Lynn, costume Kim Morris and choreographer Konnie Sherry. Sound design is by Brandi Livvy.

Maine East sophomore Christina Peter, junior Peter Roumeliotis, junior Zoriana Taiwak and junior John Depa perform in an opening scene of the musical. |RYAN PAGELOW-SUN TIMES MEDIA
Girl Scouts gather for centennial tea party

Celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouting was the theme of a tea party held March 3 at the Morton Grove Public Library.

Juliette Gordon Low, a wealthy socialite who split her time living in Savannah, Ga., and in Great Britain, founded the Girl Scouts of America in March 1912.

At the tea party Betsey Means, an actress who specializes in historical portrayals, portrayed Low.

Those attending the party learned about Low's life and the founding of Girl Scouting.

The celebration will continue with an exhibit from 1-3 p.m. March 10, and 6-8:30 p.m. March 15, at the Morton Grove Historical Museum, 6148 Dempster St.

Local Girl Scout troops past and present have donated or loaned items to the museum for the exhibit.

Call (847) 965-0203 for more information.

The Morton Grove library sponsored a girl scouting-themed party March 3.

Betsey Means, an actress who specializes in historical portrayals, performed. | TAMARA BELL-SUN TIMES MEDIA

Betsey Means, an actress, reenacts Juliette Gordon Low's life and the founding of Girl Scouting. | TAMARA BELL-SUN TIMES MEDIA

Girl Scout Katie Sockrison watches the performance. | TAMARA BELL-SUN TIMES MEDIA

NEWS BRIEF

Girl Scouts mark 100th anniversary

Local Girl Scouts from Niles, Morton Grove, Park Ridge, Skokie and Lincolnwood will celebrate 100 years of Girl Scouting.

Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouting on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Ga., to give girls access to unique leadership opportunities.

Girls of all ages and adult volunteers are hosting special community-based Promise Circles at 7:30 p.m. March 12, locally at Golf Mill Shopping Center.

Troops should arrive at 6:45 p.m. Girl Scouts will join with former Girl Scouts from every decade to recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law, followed by singing of "Make New Friends."
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1222 Greenview Ave.: Elliot Kerwin to Linda Rosas Saul, $230,000, Feb. 9

1216 Brown St.: Us Bank Na Trustee to William Swanson, $615,000, Feb. 10

1672 Spruce Ave.: William Van Hagey to Peter Van Hagey, $200,000, Feb. 10

107 E Northwest Highway Apt F: Juan P Lozano to Naresh Jindal Sanjogita Jindal, $665,000, Feb. 7

365 Graceland Ave. Unit 202a: National Bank to Lucas Nowak, $200,000, Feb. 7

708 Garland Place: Schwass Trust to Suleman Khokhar, $170,000, Feb. 7

895 E Forest Ave.: Ronald H Robinson to Joseph Alvin, $280,000, Feb. 9

**DUNNING**

3216 N Nottingham Ave.: Bugajski Trust to Enrique Perez, $122,000, Feb. 9

3316 N Aera Ave.: Parkway Bank & Trust Co to Michael Baugher, $207,000, Feb. 9

3320 N Oarke Ave.: Deutsche Bank Natl Trt Co to Alexander Vail, $145,000, Feb. 8

3326 N Normandy Ave.: Oskar Wiatra to Maria Sheshuk, $175,000, Feb. 7

3401 N Narragansett Ave.: Inc Investments Inc to Carmelo Gonzalez Linda Gonzalez, $165,000, Feb. 9

5253 N Natchez Ave.: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Robert Mondonnell, $325,000, Feb. 7

6530 W Irving Park Road Apt 204: Maria Zdroik Estate to Dorete Williamson, $113,000, Feb. 10

**HARWOOD HEIGHTS**

4833 N Orcott Ave. Unit 418: Metz Trust to Wieslawa Polesikiewicz, $220,000, Feb. 9

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5215 W Carmen Ave.: Tcf National Bank to Lucas Nowak, $220,000, Feb. 9

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**NORRIDGE**

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**NORTHRIDGE**

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2819 Woodmere Drive: Laura S Schey to Diana Semmelhack Joel Semmelhack, $732,500, Feb. 10

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**NORTHLAKE**

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2812 Knollwood Lane: Ann Mostardini Estate to Ernest Gray Rhonda Gray, $310,000, Feb. 10

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**OAK PARK**

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1126 N Grove Ave.: Elaine J Brennan to Aoflinn Devitt, $615,000, Feb. 9

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165 N Kenilworth Unit 5b: Vaccurto Trust to Robert Haisman Janet Haismann, $185,000, Feb. 10

**PALATINE**

1250 S Falcon Drive: Daniels Trust to Frederick H Lee Nana Li Rufeng Liu, $435,000, Feb. 10

131 E Slade St.: Olaa Dill to Terje Jefries Freer Jane Jefferson Freer, $142,500, Feb. 8

2220 N Enlund Drive Unit 2: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Artjom Putrins, $67,000, Feb. 8

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9030 Bronx Ave. Apt B: Fannie Mae to Sylun Deng, $116,000, Feb. 8

9350 Skokie Boulevard Unit 501: Fannie Mae to Greg Dukarevich Tatyana Dukarevich, $190,000, Feb. 10

9655 Woods Drive Unit 616: Optima Old Orchard Woods Llc to Michael D Herrmann, $320,000, Feb. 9

**WESTCHESTER**

10826 Hastings St.: First Natl Bank La Grange Ttee to Manuel Marquez, $159,000, Feb. 9

**WILMETTE**

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2108 Chestnut Ave.: Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Steven Estate to Thomas York, $257,500, Feb. 10

349 Gregory Ave.: David B Miner to Arijit Roy Amy Roy, $887,000, Feb. 9

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DISTRICT 219 NOTES
NW News earns Gold Circle Awards
The Columbian Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) received almost 5,000 entries from college, university and secondary school students in the 29th Gold Circle Awards program for yearbook and digital media. Out of the 745 winners in this annual competition for individual achievement by student writers, editors, designers and photographers, Niles West News earned 13 awards.


Second place awards were given to: Hafsa Wahid, “Niles West’s Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr,” General Commentary; and Amy Chow (NW’11), “On this Gallery,” Photo Slideshow.

Third place awards were given to: Amy Chow, “Walkout Gallery,” Photo Slideshow; and Niles West News staff, Typography, Overall Look of the Entire Website.

Certificate of Merit, or honorable mention awards, were given to: Colene Gibson and Ivana Kosir, “Sprinkler malfunction causes water pipe to burst,” Breaking News; Rozy Kanjee (NW’11), “Students walkout for collective bargaining rights,” News Writing; Ivana Kosir, “Committee studies school day schedule,” In-depth News; Rozy Kanjee, “My plea to the school board: make us want to learn,” Personal Opinion: On-Campus Issues; Nick Goldwyn, “Konner Scott: A day in the life,” Sports Features; and Niles West News staff, News Online Design Web Site.

Evelyn Lauer, Niles West English teacher and Certified Journalism Educator, is the Niles West News Adviser.

Support Special Gifts Theatre
Niles North High School held its Empty Walls Silent Art Auction on March 3. Empty Walls is an all-day event in which artists from the community, staff, teachers and talented art students will team up and create art the entire day.

That evening, artists donate their works at a silent auction with the proceeds going to this year’s School Chest beneficiary, Special Gifts Theatre. Special Gifts Theatre is an organization that provides children and teens with special needs a drama experience enabling personal growth while also breaking down stereotypes related to disabilities. This is a special opportunity to acquire beautiful one-of-a-kind works of art while at the same time helping to support children with special needs.

The Empty Walls Silent Art Auction began at 4:30 p.m. March 3 in the Niles North High School Codell Commons at 9800 Lawler Ave., Skokie. Bidding took place from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. with auction winners announced at 5:30 p.m. Artwork represented at the auction includes paintings, photography, drawings, watercolors, jewelry, fiber arts/clothing and ceramics. There was jazz entertainment from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For children, there will be a craft section and face painting.

Local businesses may make donations by contacting Empty Walls Director Lori Real at (847) 626-2113 or lorrea@niles219.org. Visit the Empty Walls Silent Auction Home Page at: http://www.niles-hs.k12.il.us/north/departments/ 
fine-arts/empty-walls.

North and West attend conference
Originating in Bloomington-Normal, the Students Involved with Technology (SIT) Conference is an annual conference held at several sites throughout Illinois. SIT is by students, for students, and completely presented by third through 12th graders, with assistance from community and school volunteers.

This year’s conferences are being held in Charleston, Dekalb, Normal, East Moline, Lincolnshire, and Woodridge. The conference highlights a variety of innovative activities in which students from around the region are
DeeMont, Vera Ratner, Allison 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 Dead Presidents Invitational hosted by Evanston Township High School Feb. 3 through 5. Niles West came close to winning another novice championship; the team also advanced in the Varsity division, which is an amazing feat for a new program.

In the Novice division, Alwin Alex and Tah 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 16 debaters, Meeks was the 11th speaker. Teammates Julia Sarata and Sahar Isono had a 4-2 record at the tournament. Other Niles West debaters competing in the Varsity division: Ari Hoffman, Sana Khan, Breana Brill, Miranda Kang, Emma Lazar, Gershon Chan, Michelle Sproat, James McLellan, Lizzie Prete, Janet Ahmed, Nick Charles, Morgan Gsztaler, Megan Zachacki, Vinay Patel, Jonass Placitas and Walter Lindwall.

The Niles West Debate Head Coach is Eric Oddo. Assistant coaches are Matt Fahrenbacher, Val McIntosh and Kevin Bancroft.

North Debate reaches semifinals

The Niles North Debate Team had a successful weekend at the Dead Presidents Invitational, held at Evanston Township High School on Feb. 3 through 5. Competing in the Novice division, Adam Yusen and Ambria 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. Benesch was named fourth speaker out of 116 debaters.

Also competing from Niles North: Mia Temkin, Karli Goldenberg, Zara Domin and Iyotse Sealsala.

Niles North is preparing for its next round of competition, including a tournament at Harvard University, and will be vying for state and national championships in March.

The Niles North Debate Head Coach is Katie Gjerpen. Assistant coaches are Arjun Vellayappan, Andrew Baker, Apoorv Kumar and Sarah Smaga.
Getting to the bottom of Illinois' unlikeableness

"So, if Illinois could somehow move from second to first in the least-liked sweepstakes, it might be good for Illinois' economy."

Don't just mope. We have to do something about this. In a recent national poll Illinois was voted the second-least-popular state in the union. Public Polling Policy polled 3,800 registered voters. The states with the worst impression were (in order) California, Illinois, New Jersey, Mississippi and Utah. Of those polled, 29 percent had a negative impression of Illinois, 19 percent a positive impression and 52 percent weren't sure what their impression was of Illinois.

The culprit seems to be Chicago's reputation: you know, Al Capone - ratta-tat-tat - and corrupt politics. We can argue about the fairness of this. For instance, not all of Illinois' long line of governors convicted of crimes have been from Chicago. But, nevertheless, that seems to be the impression, that all of Illinois is like Chicago.

We Illinoisans have to do something about this problem. But what? What to do?

How can we move Illinois from the second-least-like state to the most-least-like state?

There's no distinction in being second-least-like. Americans love a winner — only the winner goes to dinner. So, if Illinois could somehow move from second to first in the least-liked sweepstakes, it might be good for Illinois' economy.

Illinois could have ads that say, "We're Number 1!" Or, "Wander Illinois, America's top bottom state!"

The question is how do we work ourselves up to the bottom?

I'd say we should start by looking at Chicago. Since Chicago is probably the reason why Illinois is the second-least-liked state, what does Chicago do that can be exported to the rest of Illinois that would tip the balance in our favor so that Illinois would be the top bottom state?

One thing for sure would be parking fees. I think it now costs about $73 an hour to park in a lot in Chicago. Bring every other Illinois town's parking fees in line with those.

And red-light cameras.

They're everywhere in Chicago. Install them at every stoplight in every Illinois town. Oh, heck, install them at every intersection whether there is a stoplight there or not.

These two actions alone might be enough to garner Illinois the title of least-liked state. Could be a tourism bonanza. And even more money would pour into Illinois municipal coffers from parking fees and red-light fines.

It's a win-win situation.

Oh, in case you were wondering, the top states in the poll were (in order) Hawaii, Colorado, Tennessee, South Dakota and Virginia.

Sometimes we just make it through life by a hair

Twice every month, my writer's group congregates. This past week, for the first time, I would introduce the speaker.

Excited, nervous, I showered and towel-dried my hair. OK, the timing was still good. Cutting it close, but I'd arrive early. Good.

Heart racing, I lifted the blower-dryer from a drawer and plugged the appliance into the bathroom outlet. It didn't work.

Plop. Plop. My sopping hair made a mess. "I need a hair-dryer!

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Could I possibly face them with wet hair? What story could I invent? Car wash gone wrong? Shamu car-jacked me? If I wore my son's Bears knit cap, would they think "charming" or "mental illness"?

I called my friend Joyce who lives 2 minutes away.

"Don't ask ... but I need a hairdryer!"

Bless her, she came as soon as she could. Dripping and frenzied, I met them at the door. Joyce suppressed a smile.

"Where's Kirby?" her young daughter asked. Panicked middle-aged women always play second billing to a dog.

Thanking her, I ran into the bathroom and dried my hair. Miraculously, my hair looked good.

"I grabbed the hairspray and aimed."

I bolted downstairs where my husband was watching the news. He groused from the recliner, looking as immobile as Mt. Rushmore. As I "rushed," the "more" he burrowed down into the cushion.

Eventually he rose and crossed the room, grabbing the dryer. He plugged the thing into an outlet.

A rock showed more life.

"I need a hair-dryer!"

Grimacing, my husband shoved his arms into the sleeves of his leather jacket. He scooped up his keys. "Why you have to wait until the last minute?"

I looked at the ticking clock. His search for a dryer would take 20 minutes. I had to be at the meeting before then.

For one of the male roles.
I see where the village of Elmwood Park has created an iPhone application that will allow residents to keep more informed about the village. I think that is great news. It just doesn’t go far enough.

The app will allow residents to easily find staff contact information, to submit a question to village staff or send information to Village Hall. Residents could even snap a picture of a pothole or the stuck railroad gates at the post office and send it to the village. Hopefully, staff will come running and fix the problem.

But if I’m going to have an Elmwood Park app for my iPhone, I think I might want it to do a lot more than that.

For instance, the other night I was driving down North Avenue and passed by Johny’s. As always there was a line out the door. And I thought to myself, Why can’t there be an app for how long the wait is at Johnny’s for an Italian ice or for a beef sandwich?

I thought to myself, Why can’t there be an app that would allow me to place my sub sandwich order for lunch today. Oh wait, it’s Friday in Lent as I write this. Can I get a pepper and egg sandwich at Genes? There ought to be an app for that.

I might need a banquet hall later this year and I can think of no better place in Elmwood Park than Al Biancaldini’s Elmcrest. An app that could show me the open dates would be perfect.

As you can see, my life is rather food-oriented. And there is no better town for a culinary devotee like me than Elmwood Park.

I can’t think of a time when I might need to contact Elmwood Park Mayor Pete Silvestri, unless he’s moonlighting as a pizza deliveryman for Jim and Pete’s Pizza. Then I would need him a couple of times a week.

And Elmwood Park isn’t alone in the need for specialized iPhone applications.

I would like to know the beach conditions this summer in Evanston, Wilmette and Lake Forest. Wind conditions on the lake would be good to know, too.

Sometimes, I miss my old town of Oak Park. I wish someone would create an app that would go off at key intervals to remind me that Oak Park is really the greatest town of all time.

When I’m stuck in traffic at Lake Street and Harlem Avenue would be the perfect time for such an app.

I like submarine sandwiches and two of my favorite places to get them are in Elmwood Park, Alpine right on North Avenue and Genes’ Deli on Harlem. I wish there was an app that would allow me to place my sub sandwich order for lunch today. Oh wait, it’s Friday in Lent as I write this. Can I get a pepper and egg sandwich at Genes? There ought to be an app for that.

I might need a banquet hall later this year and I can think of no better place in Elmwood Park than Al Biancaldini’s Elmcrest. An app that could show me the open dates would be perfect.

As you can see, my life is rather food-oriented. And there is no better town for a culinary devotee like me than Elmwood Park.

I can’t think of a time when I might need to contact Elmwood Park Mayor Pete Silvestri, unless he’s moonlighting as a pizza deliveryman for Jim and Pete’s Pizza. Then I would need him a couple of times a week.

And Elmwood Park isn’t alone in the need for specialized iPhone applications.

I would like to know the beach conditions this summer in Evanston, Wilmette and Lake Forest. Wind conditions on the lake would be good to know, too.

Sometimes, I miss my old town of Oak Park. I wish someone would create an app that would go off at key intervals to remind me that Oak Park is really the greatest town of all time.

When I’m stuck in traffic at Lake Street and Harlem Avenue would be the perfect time for such an app.

**An app, an app, my kingdom for an app!**

**BY RANDY BLASER**
Columnist

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Submissions for Community Calendar are due 14 days preceding the date of publication. Send to: Niles Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Information may be faxed to (847) 486-7495 or emailed to mbottari@pioneerlocal.com.

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

- Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays - Income tax preparation, by appointment.
- Mondays, March 12, 19, and 26 - Employment counseling, by appointment.
- Monday, Mar. 12 - Alzheimer’s Caregivers support group, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 20 - Medicare counseling, by appointment. (sponsored by the federally funded Senior Health Insurance Program)
- Wednesday, March 21 - Grief and loss support group (call first)
- Saturdays, March 10 and 24 - Legal counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, March 31 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m. (no appointment needed)

Homeowners desiring additional income, companionship, or the ability to remain in their homes may wish to consider the Center of Concern’s Shared Housing Program. Residents are matched with screened applicants who possess a temperament suitable to shared accommodations.

Preparation of simple wills and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also is available by appointment. All services are offered at the Center of Concern offices at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, #330, in Park Ridge. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 weekdays, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (The center is open only until noon on Fridays.) The Center of Concern also offers housing counseling for seniors and others seeking affordable housing, programs designed to prevent homelessness, friendly visitors for the homebound, and volunteer opportunities in the office and in the field. See www.centerofconcern.org.

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

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Pop legends play Ravinia for first time

BY L.T. MORAND
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Several iconic pop artists make their Ravinia debuts this summer.

However, they can't be mentioned without a nod to Glen Campbell, who crossed over early in his career.

Country legend Campbell, the Grammy Award-winning Rhinestone Cowboy, will perform June 28 as part of his Goodbye Tour opening for him is another legend, Ronnie Milsap. As the name implies, this is Campbell's last tour; he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease last year, but he wanted to tour as long as he was able. This tour is also in support of his most recent album, "Ghost on the Canvas," which was also released last summer.

Campbell's hits, starting in the late 1960s, include "Gentle on My Mind," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," "Wichita Lineman," and "Rhinestone Cowboy." In 1964 and '65, he filled in for Brian Wilson in The Beach Boys and he appeared in a handful of movies, including "True Grit" with John Wayne in 1969 and "Any Which Way You Can" with Clint Eastwood in 1980. Campbell's children, also musicians, have joined him on this tour.

Santana, led by guitarist Carlos Santana, is making its first ever appearance at Ravinia July 9. Santana, another legendary act that got started in the late 1960s, combines Latin grooves with rock. Their best known hits, "Oye Como Va," written by Tito Puente, and "Black Magic Woman," off the album "Abraxas," were huge successes in 1970 and put the group on the map. In the late 1990s, the multi Grammy Award-winning guitarist and his band, scored two more hits, this time on the album "Supernatural." "Smooth" was sung by Rob Thomas of the band Matchbox 20, and "Maria Maria," sung by The Product G&B. "Supernatural" went on to become Santana's best-selling album. In 2003, Rolling Stone magazine placed Carlos Santana at number 16 on its list of 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time.

The unmistakable voice of the 1970s British progressive rock band Supertramp, Roger Hodgson, comes to Ravinia Festival for the first time on Aug. 23, on the Breakfast in America tour. Hodgson wrote, composed and sang on Supertramp's biggest hits, which include "Give a Little Bit," "Dreamer," "The Logical Song," "Take the Long Way Home," and "Breakfast in America." Supertramp sold more than 60 million records with Hodgson at the helm. Hodgson left the band in 1983 and released four solo albums. The song "Breakfast in America" showed up back on the charts when American band Gym Class Heroes covered it in 2009. Another American band, the Goo Goo Dolls, covered "Give a Little Bit" in 2005.

Duran Duran, who helped make MTV as popular as it was when the network played music videos in the 1980s and whose images adorned millions of teenage girls' bedroom walls, will make a tour stop at Ravinia on Aug. 23. Their new album, "All You Need is Now," is expected to be released March 22. The British New Wave band rose to stardom in the early 1980s with songs such as "Hungry Like the Wolf," "Rio," and "The Reflex," and the music videos that accompanied them. The band consists of four of the original five members - Simon LeBon on vocals, Nick Rhodes on keyboards, John Taylor on bass, and Roger Taylor on drums. Guitarist Andy Taylor left the band in 2006 and was replaced by Dominic Brown. This will be Duran Duran's first time playing Ravinia Festival.

Other pop artists making their Ravinia debut include Sarah McLachlan (June 30), Natalie Merchant (July 10), and Seal (July 22).
The complete summer, 2012 season lineup at the Ravinia Festival follows. For ticket information, visit Ravinia.org or call (847) 266-5100. Note that artists and programs are subject to change. Repertoire being performed at Ravinia for the first time is marked with an asterisk (*). Artists making their Ravinia debut are marked with a plus sign (+). Lawn ticket prices are increased by $5 on the day of the show when marked by a double asterisk (**) and programs are subject to change. Repertoire being performed at Ravinia for the first time is marked with an asterisk (*). Artists making their Ravinia debut are marked with a plus sign (+). Lawn ticket prices are increased by $5 on the day of the show when marked by a double asterisk (**).
**Grynyuk Trio**
July 12, 8 p.m.
—Martin Theatre.
Tickets: $60-$40/Lawn $10/Ticket & dining package $75/Park opens at 5 p.m.

**Piano and Strings Preview Concert**
July 13, 5:30 p.m.
—Bennett Gordon Hall. Admission: FREE with paid ticket for evening concert

Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Christoph Eschenbach, conductor, Nicolai Gedda, violin, July 13, 8 p.m.
Tickets: $70-$40/Lawn $10/Ticket & dining package $75/Park opens at 5 p.m.

**Ralph's World, Kraft Great Kids Concert**, July 14, 5 p.m.
—Pavilion. Tickets: $15/Lawn $5/Park opens at 10 a.m.

**Piano and Strings Concert**
July 14, 5:30 p.m.
—Bennett Gordon Hall. Admission: FREE with paid ticket for evening concert

Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Christoph Eschenbach, conductor, Erik Schumann, violin.
July 14, 7:30 p.m.
—Pavilion. Tickets: $25/Lawn $10/Ticket & dining package $45/Park opens at 5 p.m.

**Piano and Strings Postlude Concert**
July 21, Postlude Concert—Bennett Gordon Hall. Admission: FREE with paid ticket for evening concert

Seal. July 22, 7:30 p.m.
—Pavilion. Tickets: $80/Lawn $32*/Park opens at 5 p.m.

**Vocal Preview Concert**
August 2, 7:30 p.m.
—Pavilion. Admission: FREE

Vocal Artists from Ravinia’s Steans Music Institute, July 16, 8 p.m.
—Bennett Gordon Hall. Tickets: $10/No lawn sales/Ticket & dining package $40/Park opens at 5 p.m.

Matthias Goerne, baritone, Christoph Eschenbach, piano.
July 16, 8 p.m.
—Martin Theatre. Tickets: $75/Lawn $10/Park opens at 5 p.m.

Diana Kall, July 17, 8 p.m.
—Pavilion. Tickets: $80/Lawn $27**/Ticket & dine package $75/Park opens at 5 p.m.

Tedeshci Trucks Band.
July 18, 8 p.m.
—Pavilion. Tickets: $55/Lawn $27**/Ticket & dine package $75/Park opens at 5 p.m.

**AUGUST**

Seal. July 22, 7:30 p.m.
—Pavilion. Tickets: $80/Lawn $32*/Park opens at 5 p.m.

**Chicago Symphony Orchestra, James Conlon, conductor.**
July 24, 7:30 p.m.
—Martin Theatre. Tickets: $60-$40/Lawn $10/Ticket & dining package $75/Park opens at 5 p.m.

Joshua Bell, violin, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, James Conlon, conductor.
July 25, 7:30 p.m.
—Pavilion. Tickets: $90-$50/Lawn $10/Park opens at 5 p.m.

**One Score, One Chicago:**
Chicago Symphony Orchestra, James Conlon, conductor.
August 3, 7:30 p.m.
—Pavilion. Tickets: $10/No Lawn Sales/Ticket & dine package $40/Park opens at 6 p.m.

Nicole Cabell, soprano, Kevin Murphy, pianist, July 14, 8:30 p.m.
—Bennett Gordon Hall. Tickets: $90/Lawn $10/Park opens at 5 p.m.

Amman Callaway, vocalist, John Pizzarelli Quartet, A Tribute to Harold Arlen, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Todd Spering, conductor.
August 5, 5:30 p.m.
—Pavilion. Tickets: $70-$40/Lawn $10/Ticket & dining package $75/Park opens at 5 p.m.

Crosby Stills & Nash. August 3, 7:30 p.m.
—Pavilion. Tickets: $80/Lawn $32*/Park opens at 5 p.m.

Ann Hampton Callaway, vocalist, John Pizzarelli Quartet, A Tribute to Harold Arlen, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Todd Spering, conductor.
August 5, 5:30 p.m.
—Pavilion. Tickets: $70-$40/Lawn $10/Ticket & dining package $75/Park opens at 5 p.m.

August 17, 7 p.m.
—Martin Theatre. Tickets: $80/Lawn $10/Park opens at 4 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER**

Orion Weiss, pianist. September 3.
—Martin Theatre. Tickets: $10/Lawn Sales/Park opens at 5 p.m.

—Bennett Gordon Hall. Tickets: $10/Lawn Sales/Park opens at 5 p.m.

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The Knights, Eric Jacobsen, conductor, Yo-Yo Ma, cello.
September 7.
—Bennett Gordon Hall. Tickets: $15/Lawn $15/Sept. 7, 8 reserved ticket package $150/Park opens at 5 p.m.

September 8.
—Martin Theatre. Tickets: $55/Lawn $10/Park opens at 5 p.m.

**The Knights**, Eric Jacobsen, conductor, Itzhak Perlman, violin.
September 7.
—Martin Theatre. Tickets: $75/Lawn $15/Sept. 7, 8 reserved ticket package $150/Park opens at 5 p.m.

**The Knights**, Eric Jacobsen, conductor, Dawn Upshaw, soprano.
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*BEN JIMENEZ will entertain kids with his magic bubble show during the Mini Purim Carnival March 11 at Temple Beth Israel in Skokie.*

**Magic bubbles up at Mini Purim Carnival**

By MYRNA PETLICKI Contributor

Little kids will enjoy a big treat at Temple Beth Israel's Mini Purim Carnival, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday at 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. Following a reading of the story of Purim designed for ages 5 and under, they will be entertained by Ben's Bubble Show.

"I do what's called bubble magic," said Ben Jimenez. "Everything I do has to do with soap bubbles. I use a very special formula that's kind of a secret so my bubbles are very strong and they last longer than a normal bubble.

"I do sleight of hand with bubbles," Jimenez added. "I'll have bubbles hanging from my hand the size of a basketball, and I'll blow bubbles inside of that and I'll reach in and pull bubbles out of it."

During the main Purim Carnival, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., people of all ages are invited to play games and purchase lunch.

For details, call (847) 675-0951 or visit tbiskokie.org.

**Have fun, naturally**

Games, crafts and other educational activities based around a seasonal nature theme are planned for a Playdate with Nature, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave. Dress warmly for this free event because the group will take a short hike.

For details, call (847) 692-3570 or visit parkridgeparkdistrict.com.

**Everything's not all white**

Families will hear the story of a snowflake that thought everything was white in winter during Winter Tapestry of Color, 1 to 2:30 p.m. March 18 at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel, Skokie. Then they will head outside and see that there are really many colors in the woodlands in winter. Hot chocolate will be served and there will be colorful activities. Cost is $5.

For details, call (847) 674-4500, ext. 2500, or visit skokieparks.org/emily-oaks-nature-center.
series "Breaking the Silence,"
which presents works by composers, such as Weill,
who were forced to flee Nazi Germany or whose careers or lives were damaged or ended
during the Third Reich.

Conlon will be on the podium of the pavilion for the Women's Board gala on July 21, which celebrates the 50th anniversary of the board's founding. The program, titled "Leading Ladies," stars Broadway's Patti Lupone, a perennial festival favorite, and soprano Patricia Racette from the Metropolitan Opera. Conlon, who is music director of the Los Angeles Opera, will also conduct two performances each of two Mozart operas in the Martin Theatre: "The Magic Flute" with Nathan Gunn and Morris Robinson Aug. 16 and 18, and "Idomeneo" with Susanna Phillips on Aug. 17 and 19.

Superstars will illuminate the summer nights. Closing the season will be cellist Yo-Yo Ma on Sept. 7, violinist Itzhak Perlman on Sept. 8 in the pavilion and soprano Dawn Upshaw on Sept. 9 in the Martin Theatre. Each will appear with the Knights, an innovative chamber orchestra which drew acclaim when it made its debut at the festival in 2010.

Welz Kauffman started the festival's "One Score, One Chicago" in 2003, inspired by the Chicago Public Library's "One Book, One Chicago." This year's selection, Holst's otherworldly "The Planets," will be performed July 31 by the Chicago Symphony Chorus under the baton of John Axelrod.

Unearthly visions
The film "Gustav Holst's The Planets," seven videos by Emmy-nominated astronomer Jose Francisco Salgado, will be shown on the pavilion screens and another screen on the lawn. The festival plans to import astronomers with telescopes to provide a view of the night sky, provided it doesn't rain!

On June 23 the Martin will be the site of a celebration for the 75th birthday of American composer Philip Glass, with Glass on the piano and Timothy Fain on violin.

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FILM CLIPS

OPENING FRIDAY:

JOHN CARTER
Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action
Stars: Taylor Kitsch, Lynn Collins, Willem Dafoe
A Civil War veteran (Kitsch) finds himself mysteriously transplanted to Mars, where his challenges include rescuing a princess (Collins). Oscar-winning Pixar animation director Andrew Stanton ("Wall-E") directed the flesh-and-blood fantasy adventure.

SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN
Rated: PG-13 for some violence, sexual content and brief language
Stars: Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt
A fisheries expert (McGregor) is tasked by a wealthy sheik to bring the sport of fly fishing to his desert.

SILENT HOUSE
Rated: R for disturbing violent content and terror
Stars: Elizabeth Olsen, Adam Trelle
A woman (Olsen) discovers she is trapped in her parents' lake house — and that strange and frightening things are beginning to happen. Chris Kentis and producer Laura Lau ("Open Water") directed the thriller.

A THOUSAND WORDS
Rated: PG-13 for sexual situations including dialogue, language and some drug-related humor
Stars: Eddie Murphy, Kerry Washington, Cliff Curtis
A literary agent (Murphy), who has stretched the truth on a deal with a spiritual guru, discovers a tree on his property that dispenses consequences for every word he speaks. Brian Robbins ("Coach Carter") directed the comedy.

STILL PLAYING:

DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX

Rated: PG for brief mild language
Stars: Danny DeVito, Zac Efron, Betty White, Ed Helms
The "Despicable Me" team takes Dr. Seuss' environmentalist fable "The Lorax" (tediously adapted for TV in 1972) and manages to turn a fairly heavy-handed moral lesson about greed, consumerism and runaway capitalism into thoroughly enjoyable entertainment. DeVito is ideal voicing the feisty guardian of a forest being systematically destroyed by the young, blinded-by-ambition Once-ler (Helms).

WANDERLUST
Rated: R for sexual content, graphic nudity, language and drug use
Stars: Paul Rudd, Jennifer Aniston, Ken Marino
Producer Judd Apatow's hard-R-rated touch is lightly applied in this surprisingly low-key and consistently entertaining comedy romance. Unemployed and homeless yuppies George and Linda (Rudd and Aniston, nicely matched) can't quite get comfortable — not with George's pigish ultra-capitalist brother (Marino) or the neo-hippie commune they stumble into on the road. Fortunately, they learn what's most important in life: doors.

ALBERT NOBBS

Rated: R for brief nudity, and language
Stars: Glenn Close, Janet McTeer, Mia Wasikowska
"I think you are the strangest man I have ever met," says chambermaid Helen (Mia Wasikowska) to Mr. Nobbs while courting in 19th-century Dublin — and she has no idea how right she is. For one thing, Mr. Nobbs (Glenn Close) is a woman, disguised as a man for employment and safety; for another, he has spent so many years living a lie he has become a virtual nonentity — a cipher even to himself. In addition to her peculiar, exquisitely subtle, Oscar-nominated performance, Close produced and co-wrote the screenplay to this odd, painful, but ultimately moving indie drama, directed with quiet restraint by Rodrigo Garcia ("Mother and Child"). It's clear early on that things will not end well, but the tragic developments don't unfold in entirely predictable fashion or with grim heavy-handedness. Instead, there's a sort of lightness and open-endedness at the conclusion that could almost pass for hope.

THE ARTIST
Rated: PG-13 for a disturbing image and a crude gesture
Stars: John Goodman, Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo
A silent-movie star (Dujardin) worried about the effect sound movies will have on his career falls in love with a young dancer (Bejo). Michel Hazanavicius (" OSS 117") directed the romance.

BIG MIRACLE
Rated: PG for language
Stars: John Krasinski, Drew Barrymore
A small-town Alaskan news reporter (Krasinski) enlists his Greenpeace volunteer ex-girlfriend (Barrymore) in a campaign to rescue a family of whales trapped by rapidly forming ice. Ken Wappis ("He's Just Not That Into You") directed the romantic adventure.

CARNAGE

Rated: R for language
Stars: Jodie Foster, John C. Reilly, Kate Winslet, Christoph Waltz
Roman Polanski's adaptation of Yasmina Reza's savagely satirical Tony-winning dark comedy isn't nearly as funny as the brilliant production mounted last year at the Goodman Theatre, but it's got the savage thing down cold. Essentially a comedy of inadequate manners, "Carnage" pits two sets of upper-middle-class parents against each other in an attempt to deal like civilized adults with a schoolyard fight between their two 11-year-old sons. Very soon, polite discussion devolves into open hostility, projectile vomiting, heavy drinking and generally appalling behavior that leaves no one unscathed. If you're averse to this, may not be for you, but it's a wicked treat watching Reilly, Foster, Waltz and Winslet revel in Reza's scathing dialogue — especially Foster, whose turn as a holier-than-thou liberal humanitarian gradually giving in to apoplectic rage must be seen to be believed.
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7:40-9:40; Sat 12:45-4:15-
5:10-9:40; Mon-Tue 7:40-9:40; Wed 12:45-4:15-9:40

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Fri 5:10-7:45; Sat, Sun 1:30-3:10-7:45; Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 5:10-7:45; Wed 1:30-3:10-7:45

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3:30-7:45; Sun 11:15-1:30-
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3:30-7:45; Sat, Sun 12:15-2:45-
3:30-7:45; Mon 12:15-3:45-7:45

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A Separation (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:15-2:30-4:45-7:45; Mon-Thu 1:30-4:45

Friends with Kids (R) Fri 12:10-2:40-5:10-8:15; Mon 2:45-5:10-8:15

Thin Ice (R) Fri 12:30-3:45-8:20; Mon-Thu 3:45-8:20

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) Fri-Sun 11:10-1:15-3:15-5:15-7:45; Mon 12:45-2:30-4:30-7:45

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Lady entertainment than you might expect, especially compared to last year’s punishingly bad “Clash of the Titans.” “Immortals” boils the ancient Greek myth of Theseus down to a grudge match between our boy Theseus (future Man of Steel Cavill) and barbaric King Hyperion (Rourke), who is not a nice man at all. There’s plenty of hacking, bludgeoning, blood-geysering 3-D carnage, but the real treat is the spectacular computer-generated-imagery eye candy dreamed up by director Tarsem Singh (“The Fall”).

JACK AND JILL

Rated: PG for crude material including suggestive references, language and brief comic violence
Stars: Adam Sandler, Al Pacino, Katie Holmes

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

RECENT RELEASES

HUGO

Rated: PG for mild thematic material, some action/peril and smoking
Stars: Asa Butterfield, Chloe Grace Moretz, Jude Law, Ben Kingsley

The most flamboyantly cinematic film in director Martin Scorsese’s long career, “Hugo” is a gorgeous and dazzling movie to behold. Though based on a children’s book about an orphan boy (Butterfield) living in a 1930s Paris train station, the flamboyantly cinematic “Hugo” is imbued by Scorsese with a dark quality that gives the fantasy emotional heft. It’s about secrets and dreams, work and family, time and magic, and movies (Kingsley plays cinema pioneer George Melies), especially about movies, by a master moviemaker with an unmatched passion for the medium.

JOHNNY ENGLISH REBORN

Rated: PG for mild action violence, rude humor, some language and brief sexuality
Stars: Rowan Atkinson, Rosamund Pike

This sequel to Atkinson’s 2003 spy-movie parody, which was In effect a sequel to a series of TV commercials, is likely to satisfy fans of the British comic and of silliness in general, but it’s uninspired to say the least. After years in exile in a Far Eastern monastery, English is called back to action to prevent the assassination of a world leader. Much slapstick ensues.

UNDERDOG: COMPLETE COLLECTORS EDITION

Rated: N/A
Stars: Wally Cox, Norma McMillan

“Underdog is here!” At last, the good folks at Shout! Factory have compiled a complete collection of the 1964-67 Saturday morning cartoon adventures of the canine superhero (voiced by the granite-jawed man’s man Cox), along with accompanying cartoons featuring the Go Go Gophers, Klondike Kat and Cmrd. McBragg. Despite the fact that some elements were necessarily copped from bootlegs, most are pristine — and available for the first time on DVD. A treasure.

ALSO NEW

AMERICA GOES TO WAR

Hosted by Eric Severeid this 10-part PBS documentary looking back on the American home front during World War II, with chapters including “Sacrifices and Shortages,” “Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition,” and “Right in the Fuehrer’s Face.”

FOOTLOOSE

A rebellious city kid (Kenny Wormald) moves to a small town where rock’n’roll has been banned and shakes up the citizenry. Craig Brewer (“Black Snake Moan,” “Hustle & Flow”) directed the remake of the 1984 hit. Rated: PG-13 for some teen drug and alcohol use, sexual content, violence and language.

GAME OF THRONES: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON

Seven noble families compete for power in the mythical Middle Ages kingdom of Westeros in this Golden Globe-winning HBO series. This five-disc set includes all the episodes of the first season plus extras, including an interactive guide to Westo-ros, character profiles and a featurette on creating a new language for the series.

OUT NEXT WEEK

It’s Oscar time, kind of, with a handful of films making their home-video debuts that either won or were noticeably not nominated: Alexander Payne won best adapted screenplay play for “The Descendants,” Michelle Williams missed out on best actress for “My Week with Marilyn,” and Spielberg’s “Adventures of Tintin” was conspicuously missing from the race for best animated feature.
Wild about Harry
Chicago Children’s Theatre brings ‘The Houdini Box’ to Skokie

BY SARA BURROWS

When you’re a kid, magic happens every day. “It’s a wonderful period of time in our lives,” Sara Sevigny says. “Because when you play, you create everything. You create the landscape, you see the big top, you go there. You’re not just playing with toys.”

Magic, the stage variety, is what the Evanston-born-and-raised actor has been doing on local stages for the last 15 years. She’ll be doing it again from March 14-25 as Victor’s mom when the Chicago Children’s Theatre brings its world premiere production of “The Houdini Box” to Skokie’s North Shore Center.

Magical man
Sevigny plays Victor’s Mom — her character has no other name — the mother of a lively boy whose idol is one of the most magical showmen of all time, Harry Houdini.

The kid-length musical, about 55 minutes, with book and lyrics by Hanah York, is based on The Houdini Box, a children’s book written and illustrated by the two-time Caldecott winning artist/writer Brian Selznick. Selznick’s 2008 tale, The Invention of Hugo Cabret, was the basis of Martin Scorsese’s Academy Award-winning film, “Hugo.”

“He has a spirit that’s hungry for magic and escape,” says Alex Weisman, the 2010 Northwestern theater grad who plays Victor, a boy growing up poor in New York in 1926. “He wants to do something like Houdini, something big and special.”

That’s not an unusual goal for an imaginative youngster. “Anyone in the arts has been that kid, has been 10 years old, putting on plays in the living room, wanting to do something extraordinary and have a roomful of people applaud,” says Weisman.

But there’s the mom issue. “She just wants him to be normal,” says Weisman. “Victor hates normal.”

Yet the play, says Sevigny, makes it clear that Victor’s mom adores her son and enjoys his energy and imagination. Sevigny took cues for her character from her own sister, a mother of two young children. “There’s a really fine line of wanting to encourage them and being amused by what they do, but also needing to set boundaries,” she notes.

Getting real
And sometimes, says Weisman, a parent just has had enough. Victor has locked himself in the steamer trunk once too often, and seems to be neglecting his real life for his Houdini fantasies. Mom decides a visit to his no-nonsense great aunt is in order.

The visit is a disaster, but on the way, Victor has the encounter that brings him the box that changes his life, though not in a way he’d ever dreamed.

The play, says Weisman, takes its audience on an emotional journey. “You laugh and you get really sad. Unexpected, ‘adult’ things happen to Victor, and you see him through it all. It’s about your dreams, and all the obstacles that get in our dreams’ way. When you grow up, how much of your childhood do you have to let go of?”

That’s just one of the questions the play raises. Another, the most common one, is something kids from the audience ask Sevigny as she’s greeting them in the lobby after the show.

The Houdini box? What’s in it?

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"Mark Twain: Patriot, Teacher, Philosopher," will be presented by the Saint Sebastian Players at 8 p.m. March 9-10 and 2 p.m. March 11 at St. Bonaventure, 1625 W. Diversey, Chicago. $15; $10 students; $7 seniors. For information, call (773) 404-7922 or visit www.saintsebastianplayers.org.

"Kita y Fernando," a look at class, immigration, and women's friendships, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. March 8, 8 p.m. March 9-10; and 2 p.m. March 11 at Oakton Community College's Studio One, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines. Tickets: $10 for general admission; $8 for students and seniors. Call (847) 635-1900.

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The village of Harwood Heights is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year with a series of events beginning with the Taste of Poland next week.

"I felt it was important to assist our businesses, therefore some of these events would help promote our businesses to our residents and other customers," said Mayor Arlene Jezierny, who formed an events committee that hosted its first event in the fall.

"We already had an event called Taste of Italy in November where appetizers were served at Vince's Restaurant and then we headed to Biago's for the main entree and then across the street to DiMagio's for dessert," Jezierny said. "It was a fun event and participants had a wonderful time and a chance to taste the goods of our establishments and meet the owners of the establishments."

The March 10 Taste of Poland event will feature Polish specialties from four area restaurants: Old Warsaw Buffet, 4760 N. Harlem Ave., Harwood Heights, will be serving cheese blintzes, stuffed cabbage and chopped steak; Baltic Good Polish Food, 7352 W. Lawrence Ave., Harwood Heights, will be serving traditional goulash and potatoes; Harwood Heights Deli, 6832 W. Montrose Ave., Harwood Heights, will serve pierogis, potato pancakes and dessert; and PRL will offer up a tray of mini sandwiches, according to Chris Holzer, of the special events committee at the village of Harwood Heights. Instead of guests visiting the restaurants, the event will be held in the community room at Village Hall to accommodate attendees, Jezierny said, since some of the restaurants have limited seating. The next event will feature a Taste of Mexico, but a date and time are yet to be determined.

"Our main event will take place in August with a village picnic celebration at Union Ridge School grounds," Jezierny said.

Old Warsaw restaurant will provide Polish foods like chopped steak (foreground), stuffed cabbage (on right) and cheese blintzes (top center) for the Taste of Poland in Harwood Heights Village Hall. BULL ORR-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Bozena Zakrzewski, a waitress at Old Warsaw restaurant, holds foods that will be part of the upcoming Taste of Poland in Harwood Heights. BULL ORR-SUN-TIMES MEDIA
Orion celebrates women composers

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
Contributor

It will be all women all the time when the all-female Orion Ensemble presents an entire program by women composers. The concert celebrates Women's History Month, held each March, and includes music from three centuries and four countries, as well as music with four distinct styles.

"This is going to be a program of beautiful music that people just might not have heard before," said Diana Schmück, the ensemble's pianist.

Orion's first-ever program by all women will include music by Felix Mendelssohn's long-overshadowed sister Fanny, who lived from 1805 to 1847. "We'll play her Piano Trio in D Minor, Op. 11," Schmück continued. The work was in the same key as the Trio by her far more famous younger brother, who allowed some of her songs to be published under his name or simply F. Mendelssohn to give her pieces more attention.

The Mendelssohns were a prosperous German banking family, which actually might have been a disadvantage for Fanny. "If she had been less well off, she might have been more well known because of necessity," Schmück declared. "But it was considered a disgrace for a woman to have a public career as a composer."

French Romantic

Additional composers include Louise Farrenc of France, who lived from 1804-1875. "She was an early Romantic composer," Schmück said, "and the only woman hired to teach at the Paris Conservatory in the 19th century."

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"But she taught herself to play the ukelele," Schmück declared, adding that someone eventually spotted her talent and helped her gain admission to the Royal Academy of Music. Tate's piece, she continued, is experimental in feeling, with the variations taking the form of an aubade or morning song, a waltz, a serenade, a tarantella and a fugue.

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The composer's music has been getting considerable play in recent years. The first concert of Northwestern University's Winter Chamber Music Festival in Evanston last January included Garrop's String Quartet No. 4, "Illuminations," played by the Cecilia String Quartet from Canada.

Garrop's musical instruction began at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, followed a master's degree at the University of Chicago and a doctorate from Indiana University.

Women teaching

As a composition teacher herself, she is particularly gratified that there are now many women-composers teaching at the university level. "In the past either all the composition faculty were men or perhaps one woman," she said. "Now at Peabody Conservatory (Baltimore) all the composition teachers are female and the University of Chicago has four women on their composition faculty."

Garrop's music is on a dozen CDs, five with the Chicago-based Cedille label. "And there are two more planned with Cedille," she said happily.

In fact, she finds herself at a point where she is receiving commissions and performance opportunities. "I used to send my CDs around and write letters of introduction," she stated. "Now more people are calling me."

"And I'll be fascinated to hear what the Orion musicians will do with 'Silver Dagger,'" she concluded.

In addition to Schmück, the ensemble includes clarinetist Kathryn Pirtle, violinst Florentina Rammicann, cellist Judy Stone, and violinist Jennifer Marlas.
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High energy dance from Giordano

BY MELISSA WASSERMAN
Contributor

“The audience is going to be worn out when the piece finishes,” said Artistic Director Nan Giordano, artistic director of Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago. “I’ve never seen dance at this speed.”

The Evanston-based company expects to electrify audiences with the world premier of “JOLT” during its spring show at Chicago’s Harris Theater for Music and Dance March 9 and 10.

As part of Giordano’s “Passion & Fire” season, the program will also feature six pieces from the company’s repertoire: Davis Robertson’s “Entropy,” Sherry Zunker’s “The Man That Got Away,” Jon Lehrer’s “Like 100 Men” and “Cesura,” Kiesha Lalama’s “Alegria,” and Christopher Huggins’ “Pyrokinesis.”

Keep moving

“Our rep is very challenging. It’s great stamina that you need to have, but when you leave our show, you’ll feel good,” said Giordano. “You’ll feel energized and you’ll want more. You never end a show where it’s been too long, ever. That’s something I’m really particular about.”

Giordano created the concept and structure of “JOLT,” Artistic Associate Autumn Eckman choreographed the program, and the music was developed by Oak Park’s Evan Divins.

Starting off slow, clinking metal cups and spoons, the dancers ramp up to higher and higher speeds in “JOLT,” an energetic, whimsical look at the effect caffeine has on people throughout a regular day. The dancers push the theme, until by the end of the piece, they’re moving at a breakneck speed.

“It’s just entertaining, it’s fun, there are times where it’s very funny and it’s just light,” said Giordano. “There’s no meaning or anything. It’s just about caffeine. It just gets...
faster and faster and faster
and it's really exciting to
watch. I can't believe all ten
of them are moving exactly
in unison at the speed they
are."

Energy, she explains,
is one of the company's
strengths and she wanted to
make good use of it.

This upcoming show
marks Bivins' first collabora-
tion with Giordano, and he
developed the piece using
unconventional instruments.
Musicians might bang on a
paint bucket, a trash can,
mixing bowls, pots, and pans
with whisks, wooden spoons
and drumsticks. Audiences
will keep guessing what they
are hearing throughout the
piece.

Bang up sound
"There's nothing more fun
than just monkey drumming
on stuff," he said. "It was
just a great experience. I
would go down there in the
studio, which had this amaz-
ing reverb, just naturally
and just beat on things and
improvise. Going in there
and playing the music was
just sheer fun and playtime
for me."

He explains the score
matched the dance and the
dance in turn matched the
score. The whole process
of creating "JOLT," he says,
was a journey as the piece
was continually refined from
the first day until the last to
thoroughly capture the core
theme.

"Certainly the first inspira-
tion was lots and lots of
energy," he said of the music.
It's also a good fit to the
Giordano style — exciting
and visually entertaining.
"It's just supposed to be a
lot of fun," said Bivins. "So I
hope they [the audience] find
that to be true."
discounts for seniors and students. March 11, 3 p.m.: "Youthful Virtuosity." The program includes Borodin: Overture to Prince Igor; and Dvorak: Symphony No. 7 in D minor, as well as a piano concerto performed by the winner of the Emilio Del Rosario Concerto Competition.

The Lincolnwood Chamber will present Frank Martin's Trio for Violin, Cello, Flute and Piano; Beethoven's Irish Lieder for Piano, Soprano; and Brahms' Piano Quartet in A Major, Opus 26.$15 in advance, $10 for seniors; $20/$15 at the door. Free admission for students. Visit www.chicagophilharmonic.org or call (847) 866-6888.

The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on the Northwestern University campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 866-6888. www.chicagophilharmonic.org. Tickets are $20-$75. April 22: "Spectacular Beethoven!" Scott Speck leads the CPO in Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 and the "Fidelio" Overture.

Chroma Chamber Orchestra presents "new dawn" at 7:30 p.m. April 1 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes Poulenc: "Aubade," with Marta Aznavoorian, piano; Milhaud: "La Création du Monde," with a 15-minute pre-performance presentation by art historian Mark Pohlad on "Milhaud, Duchamp and the French Avant-garde;" and Copland: "Appalachian Spring." Pre-concert art exhibit and reception, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Tickets: $37; $32 seniors; $20 students. Call (847) 905-1500 or visit www.musicinst.org.

Evaston Symphony Orchestra performs at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 864-8804. www.evanstonsymphony.org. Tickets in advance are $27; $22 for senior citizens; $20; $15 students.

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At home with the monarchs of American theater

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne were Broadway royalty for decades. They chose a rural location for their "castle," spending every summer at an estate in Genesee Depot, Wis., that they called Ten Chimneys. Some of the most famous actors, writers, artists, directors and designers of the 1920s and beyond spent time in that idyllic setting.

Playwright Jeffrey Hatcher visits Lunt, Fontanne and some of their acting friends in "Ten Chimneys" at Northlight Theatre under BJ Jones' direction.

There were rumors surrounding the sexuality of the Lunts. A more recent rumor is that director Jones inspired Hatcher to write this play.

"I've been to Ten Chimneys a couple of times," Jones said. In 2008, when playwright Hatcher and David Ira Goldstein, artistic director of Arizona Theatre Company, were in town, Jones drove them to Ten Chimneys for the day. "David Ira maintains that it was my idea to write a play about this," Jones said. "I don't quite remember that but I'll take the credit and/or the blame."

Theater idols

The Lunts were ideal subjects because, "They were the poster children for what Broadway was—the glamour, the language, the behavior," Jones said.

The play's structure very roughly follows that of Chekhov's "The Seagull." That's appropriate since the Lunts starred in "The Seagull" on Broadway in 1928, with actors Uta Hagen and Sydney Greenstreet. "Ten Chimneys" imagines the four stars rehearsing at the Lunts' retreat, with some flirtatious behavior occurring.

"The play is actually a celebration of the profession and our lives in the profession," Jones said. Early in the rehearsal process, Jones took the cast on a field trip to Ten Chimneys, including V Craig Heidenreich, who plays Alfred Lunt, and Lia Mortensen, who was cast as Lynn Fontanne.

"You know how you walk into certain people's homes and you can feel the spirit of them?" Heidenreich said, while admitting that the visit had little impact on his preparation for the role. "I had done an enormous amount of research previous to it," he explained.

"What's extraordinary about them is that there was no separation between their public and their private lives," Heidenreich said. "Their private life was sort of played out on the literal stage of Broadway and the metaphorical stage of being 'The Lunts.' It appears that they were most in love, most passionate about each other and firmly connected."

Truly devoted

"There's a lot of gossip over the years that perhaps Alfred was homosexual, perhaps she was," Mortensen added. "But in every single picture you see of them together, their eyes are locked and they're either holding hands or their bodies are leaning towards each other. It's clear that they are devoted."

Heidenreich said, "I feel extraordinarily honored to try to do some sort of reverential embodiment of the Lunts because they're virtually holy figures. But on the other hand, the thing that Jeffrey Hatcher has done is that sort of fun and breathing-taking is that he has written a late 1980s, early 1990s sort of screwball comedy."

"The playwright has taken some license in the story arc of our particular play," Mortensen said, "but the spirit of the Lunts is absolutely accurate."

Northlight Theatre's cast of "Ten Chimneys" toured the real Lunt-Fontanne estate in Wisconsin.

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The cast of Northlight's "Ten Chimneys."

ART GALLERIES
Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. (847) 674-1500. March 9-April 29: “Portraits of Stuffed Animals.” Artwork by Robert Meagher, featuring stuffed animals that have been made into abstract pieces. Open Tuesday-Sunday, 12-4 p.m. Free admission.

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

Custer's Last Stand festival of the arts is accepting applications from artists and craft vendors for the 2012 edition of the fair, slated for June 16-17 in Evanston's Main Street shopping district. For an application, call (847) 328-2204 or visit www.custerfair.com.

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

Evanston Dance Ensemble presents “A Night in Havana,” a dance theater from India, as practiced by Nata Dance Theatre, and contemporary Indian dance, as practiced by Mordine and Company Dance Theater. $30-$38. April 7-8, 8 p.m.: North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. April 14, 8 p.m.: “Pushed to the Edge” featuring Mark Morris Dance Group, a dance theater from India, as practiced by Nata Dance Theatre, and contemporary Western dance, as practiced by Mordine and Company Dance Theater. $30-$38. April 7-8, 8 p.m.: North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. April 14, 8 p.m.: “Pushed to the Edge” featuring Mark Morris Dance Group, a dance theater from India, as practiced by Nata Dance Theatre, and contemporary Western dance, as practiced by Mordine and Company Dance Theater. $30-$38.
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Full schedule is listed at www.talkingpicturesfestival.org.

ORGANIZATIONS

International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 43 will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 16 in the South Conference Room at Saint Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge Ave., Evanston. The program will feature teaching magic effects. Guest fee $5, which can be applied to membership. Visit www.ring43.org.

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

SINGLES

ComboSingles open to singles 21-plus. For information about the group and upcoming events, call (867) 757-1299 or (847) 331-1066, or visit www.combosingles.com. March 11, 8 p.m.: “Let’s Get Green” singles party at Rivers Casino, Des Plaines. March 12, 7 p.m.: “Thunderbird Singles,” featuring Donny Osmond, a recorded version of the 1999 production, will be broadcast to local movie theaters, including Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Cent, Niles; and Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston, at 7 p.m. March 26. Presented in a sing-along version with subtitles for audiences to join in, the event also features an introduction and question-and-answer session with Osmond live from Salt Lake City. Tickets available at participating theater box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com.

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For the week of March 14 - March 20

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to reassess important relationships, both personal and professional, to see where problems might exist and how they can be overcome. Keep communication lines open.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can. A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem needs your attention now, before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the gaps that have opened.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your always-sharp intuition to alert you to potential problems with someone's attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you still need to do some snipping off of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 20) With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with agreeing to take on a possibly troublesome, but potentially well-rewarded, situation.

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 18) Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward that promised career change.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of offering comfort as well as guidance. You would do well in the healing arts.

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Horoscopes

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Memorial Service Saturday, March 3, 10:00am at the Scottish Home 2800 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside, IL 60546. Interment Mount Calvary Cemetery, Beloit, WI. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Scottish Home in Bernita's name would be appreciated. Arrangements by: Kuratko-NoMek Funeral Home, 2447 S. DesPlaines Ave., North Riverside. Info: (708) 447-2500 or www.kuratko.nomek.com.

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Jack is survived by his love of 31 years, Jane I. Ames, his sons Jon and Jeff and a grandson Michael. Also surviving are brothers and sisters, Mary Lu Schwab (Richard, deceased), Dick (Marie), Tom (Colette), Sally Price (Mal) and Bill (Frank Dain).

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NOTICE OF SALE IN THE COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Pursuant to a Judgment made in the matter of the estate of the said defendants, the undersigned, the Plaintiff, will on the 20th day of March, 2012, at 12:00 noon, in the hallway outside Room 303 of the Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate

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The public hearing will be held on the petition for the appointment of a receiver in the case of the estate of the aforesaid defendants.

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Project Shoestring:
How to become a fashion designer

BY BETH ENGELMAN
Mommy on a Shoestring

uf wiedershein "Proj-ect Runway," there's a new kid in town and this one focuses on fashion designs from Chicago's up-and-coming talent. The event, "Launch - Driving Fashion Forward," is part fashion show, part competition as eight students from Columbia College will showcase their designs in hopes of winning $5,000. Knowing many of us might harbor a secret desire to be a fashion designer (especially on those days when nothing seems to fit), I asked Melissa Gamble, who was previously the Director of Fashion Arts & Events for Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and is now a lecturer at Columbia College, to give us tips on how to make a fashionista's dream come true, even on a shoestring budget.

Education
"Being a fashion designer requires much more than just raw talent," says Gamble. "Although TV shows such as 'Project Runway' have made the industry more accessible to the general public, they're also misleading as they don't show how hard it is to actually run a fashion business." According to Gamble, designers spend most of their time building their business, which includes working with buyers, manufacturers and sales reps while also sourcing materials, creating marketing plans and dealing with finances. Getting a solid education will not only give you a leg up when building your career, it might be the determining factor between success and failure.

Technique
Designers don't have to know how to sew or draw but it certainly helps when executing their vision. If you don't know how to sew, now is the time to learn as understanding how to work with different fabrics, add details and change up seams is only going to enhance your designs going forward. Besides, being able to sew your own designs will make it easier in the long run, especially when working with manufacturers. Of course there are exceptions, especially when it comes to celebrity designers who often lend their creative vision or name to a fashion line but rarely get involved in the nitty-gritty of production. In these cases,

Hands-on experience
When it comes to fashion design, few things are as valuable as hands-on experience. Not only will you learn the ins and outs of the business, but also you're likely to make good contacts and cultivate meaningful relationships. Hands-on learning can take many forms including working at a boutique, fabric store or design house. You might have to start off answering phones and running errands, but the experience and connections are likely to be invaluable.

Gamble also suggests joining organizations such as the Chicago Fashion Foundation (www.chicagofashionfoundation.org), which offers opportunities to take classes, attend special events and meet others who share a passion for fashion.

Say yes!
Fashion designer Miriam Cecilia Carlson knows the importance of saying yes. The up-and-coming designer was chosen to be one of six designers-in-residence at the Chicago Fashion Incubator (www.chicagofashionincubator.org) and was also a finalist for the "Oscar Design Challenge," hosted by the Academy Awards. The young designer attributes much of her success to the fact that she was open to every opportunity that came her way, even pushing herself to meet tight deadlines on the fly. "Once you're more established you can learn how to say no and manage your time more efficiently, but in the beginning you need to seize every opportunity because you never know where it might lead you."

To learn more about Miriam Cecilia Carlson and to see a glimpse of her fashion line, watch our video at www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy
Dinner: Honoring local citizens who make a difference, April 21 at White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant, 6859 Milwaukee Ave. Tickets, $50, available through the Niles Chamber.

Civic
The village of Niles was informed of a grant opportunity for homeowners with a minimum of $10,000 worth of damage remaining from the 2008 federally declared flood. To be eligible, the following requirements must be met: Home must have been damaged by the 2008 flood. To be eligible, the homeowner must have applied for FEMA disaster assistance in March 2009. To be the owner; homeowner of record at the time of the disaster and continue to be the owner; homeowner must have a minimum of $10,000 worth of damage. If all of the requirements above are met, contact the Assistant Village Manager at (847) 588-8007 before March 20.

Maine Township is again accepting nominations for the Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen's Award. The award recognizes a Maine Township resident who has shown support, service, and dedication to the township. The winner will be recognized at the Maine Township Annual Town Meeting on April 10 and will receive a plaque and monetary award. Deadline to submit a nomination is March 22. Nomination forms are available on the Maine Township website, www.mainetownship.com, or at the front desk of Maine Township Hall, 300 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Forms should be mailed to Township Trustee Susan Muylan Key at the Town Hall address or faxed to (847) 297-1335.

A representative from the Niles Township Clerk’s Office will be available 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and evenings by appointment on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to accommodate residents with passport applications, voter registrations and temporary handicapped parking placards. To schedule an appointment at Niles Township in Skokie, call (847) 677-9300.

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, 300 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Meetings address issues within the unincorporated area of the township and all residents are invited. Reports from the Cook County Sheriff’s Police, North Maine Fire Department, and the township’s Code Enforcement Department are shared, and residents are invited to ask questions and report any concerns or problems in their neighborhood.

Classes
The Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, offers a variety of classes for the adults in the horticulture, garden design, nature studies and botanical arts by Garden staff and other experts. For information or to register, visit www.chicagobotanic.org/school or call (847) 835-8261.

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc., is now offering “Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy,” dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton Grove. The fee is $50. Contact Dorida King at dhking4@yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

Clubs
The Park Ridge Catholic Women’s Club will meet at 12:15 p.m. March 12 at the Park Ridge South Recreation Center, 833 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. The meeting will be a celebration of the feast days of St. Joseph and St. Patrick. The program features a presentation by the Galena Dance Troupe. Members are asked to bring a non-meat dish or dessert to serve six or more. A contribution to charity. Tea and coffee will be served.

The Sweet Singers of Congregation Efrayim 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 the village of Niles. Those who enjoy singing are welcome to join. Call the Efrayim 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 jamesbond5462@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 Hemmellier, (773) 774-9671.

The Knights of Columbus (North American Martyrs Council, Niles), provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920.

Niles Chapter Toastmasters meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

Community
Lubavitch Chabad and Free of Niles invites the community to join in the celebration of its 25th annual Purim party March 8 at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, starting with the traditional Megillah reading at 5:15 p.m. Live entertainment by Circus Boy Bobby Hunt will begin at 6:30 and live music will be provided by disc jockey Gena G. throughout the evening.

The Two As Nice Moms Kids/Baby Resale will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 24 at First United Methodist Church, 418 Touhy Ave., Park Ridge. Find gently used baby and children’s clothing, baby equipment, toys, books, coats, swimsuits and more. Admission is $1.
Don't stop now

BY VERONICA HINKE
Contributor

So you've tripped on your New Year's resolution to lose weight. Yep, we've all been there. But getting back on track can be simply a matter of resetting your focus.

Dr. Monte Meldman, a Deerfield-based psychiatrist specializing in addictions, believes people can control weight by harnessing their bad memories of being well, fat. “Even if you’ve relapsed or slipped, you can get back on track by remembering what you don’t want: a fat face; a fat chin; clothes that crawl,” Meldman said.

Thought control is a main theme running through the new book by Lake Forest resident Gigi Verrey, Okay, So I Got Fat. (Wilson House Publishing 2012).

Think healthy

Verrey says focusing thoughts — with better organization, smarter choices at the grocery store and by following a few simple rules — can help people follow a healthier lifestyle. “Keep organized,” she encouraged. “No matter how tired you are, get over to that grocery store and get the work done.”

Don’t let self-defeating beliefs redlight well-intentioned plans. “That negative sort of mindset, if you will, actually starts as early as during the holidays. People put so much emphasis on losing weight, but forget the importance of healthy eating in general,” Verrey said.

Slip-ups need not be fatal setbacks. “At a party last night, I was reminded that it’s okay to enjoy yourself. If it’s great brie, you’re probably not going to say no to it. Just know that tomorrow you’re going to do your best to get back on track,” she said. “You could start feeling marvelous within a day if you lay off bread for a few days.”

Verrey needed to do just that after she and her husband, Rob, gained a combined 50 pounds short after they married.

“After trying what seemed like an endless list of diets, I devised my own set of rules for the foods we consumed and life grew easier. I felt confident I could follow these rules; so the next step was experimenting with recipes and getting my grocery groove on. The result of this work, what I call ‘The Routine,’ helped all of us feel healthy and have more energy. We dropped pounds as we pursued our busy schedules. In no time at all, we were feeling great. Feeling thin, fit and alive was (and still is) a huge motivator I am living proof that it works,” she said.

Herbs help

Verrey, who taught herself about nutrition by reading everything from blogs to American Medical Association journals, often uses herbs for natural flavors in healthier dishes. She grows herbs year-round, potting them indoors off season. Cilantro, tarragon, chives and others star as flavorings in many of the original recipes in her book.

Verrey’s “Basic Dressing” is at the heart of many of those recipes. It’s her ever-reliable mix of extra virgin olive oil, fresh lemon juice, minced garlic and sea salt.

Verrey says her Thai Chicken tastes so authentic “you’d need a Thai chef to tell the difference.” She recommends serving it cold the day after over chopped cabbage.

Verrey has plans for a follow-up book, in which foods will be organized by season. She also plans to continue cooking demonstrations, including an upcoming event currently in the works at Sunset Foods in Long Grove. Meanwhile, Verrey looks forward to logging more thoughts from readers through her blog, which can be found online at www.GigiVerrey.com.

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Lake Forest author says focus on healthful eating to help manage weight

Okay, So I Got Fat is Verrey’s new cookbook. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-SUN TIMES MEDIA
Dash Moore discusses her book, *GI Jews: How World War II Changed a Generation*. Moore, professor of history and director of the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at the 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 and attitudes of their comrades in arms. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County recently established a Battery Recycling Program for rechargeable and alkaline batteries, partnered with Interstate Batteries in Skokie, providing recycling at no cost to SWANCC communities. Common household batteries are no longer accepted at Illinois EPA-sponsored household chemical waste events and facilities due to their benign nature and high recycling costs. Batteries accepted in SWANCC’s program: Alkaline (AA, AAA, C, D and 9V) and rechargeable (NiCd, NiMh, lithium ion, lithium polymer). Before dropping off rechargeable batteries, residents need to tape the contacts 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) 968-8000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Donations are accepted 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Donations are accepted 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Only donated gently used clothing, broken or obsolete electronics can be accepted. Purchase help adults with developmental disabilities. Avenues Thrift Shop offers great prices and specials 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 7701 W. Touhy Ave., features upscale clothing, outerwear, collectibles and fine furniture. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 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. Avenues to Independence is a nonprofit organization based at 515 Bushey 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.

**Fundraisers**

Our Lady of Ransom Church, 8626 W. Normal Ave., Niles, will host its annual St. Joseph’s Table on March 18. Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 p.m.; a spaghetti dinner with a variety of treats will be served from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Suggested donation is $5. Call (847) 879-3550.

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Health
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is hosting a weekly community lecture series titled “Taking Care,” focusing on Women’s Health during March. All lectures will be held at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital’s West End Grille, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge, at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Free valet parking is available and refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend however registration is required. Call (800) 323-8622 and mention class code 8652 or visit www.advocatehealth.com. Lunch click on “I need a class or support group” and type in the class code. March 13: “Total Hip Arthroplasty for Women,” presented by Dr. Wayne Goldstein, chair of Orthopedics; March 20: “Your Pregnancy: How It Affects You and Your Child Forever,” presented by Dr. James Keller, chair Obstetrics/Gynecology; March 27: “Pelvic Pain: Finding the Answers,” presented by Dr. John White, chair of Surgery, and Dr. Lisa Laurent, radiologist.

 Advocate Medical Group is now providing immediate care and occupational health services at the Advocate Medical Group Patient Center, 7255 N. Caldwell Ave. Advocates will provide services at Advocate Lutheran General. Anyone who visits Advocate Lutheran General will receive a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds going specifically to benefit the Medicare-certified Fresenius Medical Care Niles, 9371 N. Milwaukee Ave., has started a new night-time program for dialysis patients. The new service allows patients to receive treatments in the clinic at night, for eight hours, while sleeping or resting, usually three times a week. In addition to having their days free for other activities, patients often report having more energy and better dialysis results. Medicare-certified Fresenius Medical Care Niles is now accepting new dialysis patients. Call (847) 581-0334. "Bullies and Those They Bully" will be presented from 7-9 p.m. March 14 at Maine Township Town Hall. Hosted by MaineStay Youth and Family Services, the social service department of Maine Township, the program provides two CEUs for counselors and social workers.

Library
Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary.org. Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise.

The Niles Public Library is hosting multiple workshops for teens and their families concerning the ACT, college, and career planning. Registration is required.

In coordination with the College Nannies & Tutors, teens are invited to take a free practice ACT test at 12:45 p.m. March 17; bring a calculator and pencil . On

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**Tile:** Stone, Ceramic & Glass Tile; Mosaics and Medallions

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United proves to be friendly where refund is involved

Dear Fixer: I am having a problem getting United Airlines to refund my money for a billing mistake. They charged me for a ticket that was supposed to be free.

I had a credit of $423.62 from a previously canceled flight to Columbus, Ohio. I needed to call and make a new reservation with their agent over the phone, and I was assured that I would need to pay a $150 charge fee for my $208.60 ticket to New York. That left a refund of $70.

The agent told me I needed to give him my credit card to process the refund.

Instead, he charged me for the entire price of the $208.60 ticket, plus a $25 handling fee. When I called United to complain, I was told there was no one I could speak to and that I had to send an email to their complaint department.

I have yet to hear back, and now I have a charge of $228 on my American Express card.

Merle D'Alba

Dear Merle: In the midst of this, United did send you a voucher for the $70 difference, but still, we could see why you didn’t feel like paying twice for that $203 trip to New York.

We took your problem to a real human being at United — a wonderfully helpful woman named Sharon Robat — and she was able to unravel the transaction. She apologized for the hassle and is putting through a credit for $203.60 to your MasterCard, which was the card used in the original, canceled transaction, and another credit for the $25 reservation fee to your AMEX card.

Dear Fixer: I inadvertently sent Sam’s Club two separate $40 checks for the renewal of my membership, which was to expire Nov. 5. I mailed the first check on Oct. 20. I went on a trip the next day, and when I returned, I was sick with the flu for 10 days before I could check a box. This, to me, is unacceptable, as I’ve been waiting since the beginning of December for a simple refund for a simple mistake.

Edwina Jackson

Dear Edwin: You told us that second check in the mail because you feared your membership was about to expire. Too bad the refund process wasn’t as quick.

Not to worry, though. After The Fixer got in touch with the PR folks at Walmart and the store, but since the win- dow for returning items was only 14 days, they couldn’t help.

We’ve heard similarly sad stories from people who have stopped far in advance for holiday or birthday presents, only to discover after the return period that something was wrong. It’s okay to be an early bird — but make sure you check things out in time.

Decisions, decisions

Close to 800 communities in Illinois, including many suburbs, are planning reference- dums on March 20 asking residents whether they want their municipalities to negotiate power prices with competitors to ComEd and Ameren.

What does that mean for consumers? According to the Citizens Utility Board, here’s what you should know:

- Even if your community opts for community aggregation, you still have the right to “opt out” of the new provider.
- No matter who you go with, you’ll still get service from your “diminution roads, Dimaginist approves, because ComEd and Ameren will still deliver any power that’s supplied.
- If you want to switch suppliers, you should read all the fine print to make sure there is no exit fee for leaving that company.

There’s lots more great information at CitizensUtilityBoard.org.

Shredding date set

A lot of you have been asking about that big free shredding event at the United Center. The Fixer got the date — it’s Saturday, June 23. It will run from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. in Parking Lot E. Each participant may bring up to 10 boxes of documents, which will be shredded into tiny bits on site.

They’ll also accept old or broken electronic items for free recycling, including TVs, computer monitors, PCs, laptops, servers, data storage devices, printers, fax and copy machines, cell phones, VRs and DVD players and video game consoles. For more information, check out chicagoareabads.com.

Chief financial

The Top Fixer, sometimes the early bird does not get the worm.

Sometimes the early bird gets the rotten piece of computer equipment.

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Costly lesson

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Spring Break Youth Basketball Camp — 9 a.m. to noon
Mondays through Thursdays, March 26 to 30 at Feldman.
Work on dribbling, shooting, footwork, offensive and defensive techniques.
L'il Shooters Youth Soccer — Learn basic soccer skills including footwork, dribbling and passing. Ages 5-8 years old. Next session April 10 to May 15 at Dee Park.

Religion
St. Isaac Jogues Church, 8149 Golf Road, hosts a St. Joseph Table March 11, beginning with Mass at noon followed by blessing of the table and serving of food from 1:30-4:30 p.m. There is no charge but donations are appreciated to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Ministry to help those in need. Call (847) 966-1180.

Reunions
Resurrection College Prep High School will celebrate an All-School Reunion on April 21, beginning at 6 p.m. at the school, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Classes that are celebrating a milestone year will be honored in a special way during the evening. Resurrection Alumnae Coordinator Stefanie Thorpe is seeking graduates who are available to reach out to friends and help promote the event to their former classmates. Contact Resurrection Alumnae Coordinator Stefanie Thorpe at sthorpe@reshs.org or (773) 775-6616, Ext. 127.
The St. Columbkille Alumnae Association will sponsor its annual reunion luncheon March 25 at the Fountain Bleu, 2300 S. Mannheim Road, Des Plaines. Cocktail service will begin at noon and lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Cost is $35. Proceeds will go toward the retirement fund of the Sisters of Providence, St. Mary of the Woods, Ind. Call Charlene Swintek, president of the St. Columbkille Alumnae Board, at (847) 427-1981.

Maine Seniors
The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month. Most activities are at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. Contact the MaineStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or go to www.mainetownship.com.
Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 use for seniors. Donate phones at Maine Town Hall.

Senior Center
The Niles Senior Center offers membership to Niles residents age 55 and older and their spouses. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420 for an application. Visit www.vniles.com, click on Departments and then Senior. Registration required for most programs.
A workshop for persons who are losing their vision will take place at 11:30 a.m. March 21. The program will deal with "Maintaining Your Lifestyle" — dining with confidence; communicating

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The voting will be conducted at the following polling places for each of the aforesaid election precincts selected by the Cook County Clerk.

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Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Democratic Primary Election

Delegate To The National Nominating Convention - 9th Congressional District
Delegate A La Convención Nacional - 9° Distrito Congresional
Vote for not more than Eight
Vote por no más de Ocho
21 Gail Morse (Obama)
22 Michael A. Alvarez (Obama)
23 Sabey Abraham (Obama)
24 Sarah Feigenholtz (Obama)
25 Shankar Iyer (Obama)
26 William R. Daley (Obama)
27 Jesse Ruiz (Obama)
28 Sarah Jarita (Obama)

Delegate To The National Nominating Convention - 29th Congressional District
Delegate A La Convención Nacional - 29° Distrito Congresional
Vote for not more than Six
Vote por no más de Seis
21 John Cameron (Obama)
22 Dan Montgomery (Obama)
23 Lakshmi Leishman (Obama)
24 Debra Shore (Obama)
25 Josie Morita (Obama)
26 Modesto Valle (Obama)
27 Lou Lang (Obama)
28 Heather Steams (Obama)
29 Tom Tunney (Obama)

State Senator, 10th District
Senador Estatal, 10to Distrito
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
51 John G. Mulroe

State Senator, 28th District
Senador Estatal, 28to Distrito
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
51 Daniel W. Kotlow

State Representative, 19th District
Representante Estatal, 19to Distrito
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
61 Robert F. Martwick, Jr.
62 Sandra Stoppa

State Representative, 20th District
Representante Estatal, 20to Distrito
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
61 Bruce Randazzo

State Representative, 55th District
Representante Estatal, 55to Distrito
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
61 Martin J. Moylan

Recorder of Deeds
Registrador de la Propiedad
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
01 Anita Alvarez

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Registrador de la Corte Suprema
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
02 Dorothy A. Brown

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioners
Comisiones del Distrito de Reclusión de Agua Metropolitan
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
51 Michael Cabanag

Judge of the Appellate Court
Jueces de la Corte Suprema
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
91 Mary Jane Theis

Register of Official Documents
Registrador de los Documentos Oficiales
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
91 Michael Cabanag

State's Attorney
Abogado Fiscal del Estado
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
01 Michael Cabanag

Fire Service Commissioner
Comisionado del Servicio de Bomberos
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
01 Michael Cabanag

President of The United States
Presidente de los Estados Unidos
Vote for One / Vote por Uno
1 Barack Obama

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Para autoridades vea el boletín impreso
### Delegate To The National Nominating Convention - 9th Congressional District
**Representante Estatal, 28to. Oto.**
*Vote for One / Vote por Uno*
\[Vote for not more than Three\]

1. Richard W. Porter (Romney)
2. Daniel B. Peterson (Romney)
3. Katherine Dold White (Romney)
4. Judy Kooner (Perry)
5. Justin Kuhlthau (Paul)
6. Tony Cimbalo (Paul)
7. Mike Rothman (Paul)
8. Robert Provenzano (Gingrich)
9. Carol A. Teschky (Gingrich)
10. Gary K. Warner (Gingrich)
11. Kyle Frank (Roemer)
12. Stephanie Weiland (Roemer)
13. Phil Collins (Roemer)
14. Penny Paul (Sanford)
15. Charlotta Rose-Eggenmann (Sanford)
16. Joseph R. Hiedrich (Sanford)

### Alternate Delegate To The National Nominating Convention 9th Congressional District
**Representante Estatal, 29to. Oto.**
*Vote for One / Vote por Uno*
\[Vote for not more than Three\]

1. Dan Haider (Romney)
2. William J. Cieplig (Romney)
3. Adam Robinson (Romney)
4. Peter Pigott (Paul)
5. Peter Wood (Paul)
6. John Skradut (Paul)
7. Sean O'Leary (Gingrich)
8. Chris Provenzano (Gingrich)
9. Nathan A. Uery (Gingrich)
10. Lisa A. Smith (Sanford)
11. Steven S. Poli (Sanford)
12. Frank J. Bixi, III (Sanford)

### Delegate To The National Nominating Convention - 10th Congressional District
**Representante Estatal, 55to. Oto.**
*Vote for One / Vote por Uno*
\[Vote for not more than Three\]

1. Jim O'Donnell
2. Gayle A. Smolinski
3. Michael P. McAuliffe
4. Horwood Heights
5. Norridge
6. Park Ridge
7. River Forest
8. West Chicago
9. West Dundee

### Delegate To The National Nominating Convention - 11th Congressional District
**Representante Estatal, 68to. Oto.**
*Vote for One / Vote por Uno*

1. Harold Noon (Conlon)
2. Richard W. Porter (Romney)
3. No Candidate
4. No Candidate

### Delegate To The National Nominating Convention - 12th Congressional District
**Representante Estatal, 76to. Oto.**
*Vote for One / Vote por Uno*

1. No Candidate
2. No Candidate
3. No Candidate
4. No Candidate

### Delegate To The National Nominating Convention - 13th Congressional District
**Representante Estatal, 90to. Oto.**
*Vote for One / Vote por Uno*

1. No Candidate
2. No Candidate
3. No Candidate
4. No Candidate

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### OFFICIAL NOTICE OF REFERENDA/QUESTIONS OF PUBLIC POLICY

**To the Voters of the Village of Harwood Heights**

A los vecinos de la Ciudad de Harwood Heights.

*Shall the Village of Harwood Heights have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?*

- Pueblo de Harwood Heights tiene la autoridad para hacer los arreglos para el suministro de electricidad para sus clientes residenciales y comerciales pequeños que no hayan optado por excluirse de este programa?

**Yes / Si**

**No / No**

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**To the Voters of the Village of Norridge**

A los vecinos de la Ciudad de Norridge.

*Shall the Village of Norridge have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?*

- Pueblo de Norridge tiene la autoridad para hacer los arreglos para el suministro de electricidad para sus clientes residenciales y comerciales pequeños que no hayan optado por excluirse de este programa?

**Yes / Si**

**No / No**

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**To the Voters of the City of Park Ridge**

A los vecinos de la Ciudad de Park Ridge.

*Shall the City of Park Ridge have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?*

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**Yes / Si**

**No / No**

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with friends and family; and finding local resources.

Persons who have hearing loss can try out an amplified phone from 10 a.m. to noon March 13. These phones are free to those who qualify for the state program.

An appointment is required. The Illinois Senior Men's Club will host a St. Joe's/3 St. Pat's Party from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 16. This year's menu will feature corned beef, cabbage, and potato soup. The afternoon of March 16 will feature a St. Joe's/St. Pat's party from 11:30 a.m. to noon. The cost is $15, free for members. Registration is required.

Support

A "Memory Box" workshop will explore emotions related to the loss of a loved one while constructing a memory box. The program will be given from 10 a.m. to noon March 24 at Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care, 1550 Bishop Court, Mount Prospect. Participants are encouraged to bring photos and personal effects to place in the box. The materials will be supplied. Registration fee is $15.

La Leche League, a breastfeeding support group, will meet at 10 a.m. March 16 at Health AIDS, Happy Families, 8267 W Golf Road in Itasca (Four Flags Shopping Center). Expected and nursing mothers are invited to attend this series of meetings, continuing April 20, May 18, June 15. No registration is necessary. Babies are always welcome. Visit lll.org.

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

Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care Center (2050 Clare Court, Glenview) grief support groups meet for eight weeks and are offered at no charge to the general public. The schedule for winter includes: Hope & Healing: Adult Loss; Thursdays, up to March 28, 6:30-8 p.m.; First Light: Spouse/Partner Loss, Wednesdays, up to March 28, 6:30-8 p.m.; Families with Children, Wednesdays, up to March 28, 6:30-8 p.m.; Families with Children, Wednesdays, up to March 28, 8:30-9 p.m.; (847) 556-1777 to register. Registration deadline is four business days before the start date of each group. Visit www.carecenter.org/groupsupport.
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New Trier diver Jordan Sacks made it look simple this season en route to winning his first state title. But the North Stars Boys Diver of the Year said the journey was more difficult than it appeared.

“It wasn’t easy at all,” the University of Virginia recruit said. “People don’t understand. The judges like to keep the meet close with the scoring, and there’s so much pressure out there.”

Sacks scored 444.25 points to beat out Loyola’s Michael Nash, who totaled 419.75. Nash, who was hoping to become Loyola’s first state diving champ, led Sacks after Friday’s dives.

“It was really exciting because it could have come down to one dive,” Sacks said. “You always were refocusing for the next dive.”

Sacks and Nash, also a senior, dive together at NASA swim club at Northwestern, and Sacks said it was fun competing against his friend at Evanston.

“What happened was completely satisfying. I can’t even explain it. I also had no idea we would be considered one of the best teams ever. I did expect us to be pretty great.”

Max Grodecki

Max Grodecki made waves at the state meet last month by winning four state championships. Without hesitation, the New Trier senior insisted that’s what he expected.

What he didn’t anticipate was the Trevians going down as one of the best teams of all time in Illinois. New Trier won four individual events and all three relays to total 250 points and easily outdistance Naperville North, which scored 130.

“New Trier’s Reed Malone (left) congratulates Max Grodecki after the Trevians won the 400 freestyle relay — a day after breaking the national record — at the IHSA state finals at Evanston. JIOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA
Wolves still learning to believe in system

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

Niles West boys basketball coach Bob Williams has a history of masterminding post-season upsets.

In 2001, his Schaumburg team defeated heavily favored Thornwood and Eddy Curry in the state title game.

Eleven years later, one of his teams almost caught everyone's attention again.

Niles West (7-19) almost pulled it off.

Williams' No. 15-seeded Wolves nearly stunned No. 1 New Trier in the Class 4A Niles West Regional semifinal on Feb. 28.

The Wolves executed their slow-it-down game plan near-perfectly most of the way, staying within striking distance of the Trevians, who came out flat. Niles West had multiple chances to tie or go ahead in the late going, but saw its season end with the 39-35 defeat.

"We had the New Trier kids out of their game; we had the style of game the way we wanted it — the game plan was executed the way we wanted," Williams said. "Everything we wanted to have happen, did, except for the fact that we didn't win the game."

Trailing 34-32 with 1:06 left in regulation, the Wolves missed a potential game-tying three-pointer. Later, down 35-33 in the final minute, they committed a couple turnovers.

"Our kids do play hard and are great kids. But we do some things that indicate maybe we don't believe in ourselves or believe in our system," Williams said. "That's why you end up on the short end. New Trier kids, you could see the confidence in them. Down the stretch, they executed any of the things they wished to execute."

Trevians senior Austin Anderson stole the ball with 21 seconds left, and New Trier got key free throws from guards Alex Biser, Mohammad Hosseini and senior guard David Braglei and senior center Connor Boehm in the final minute.

Boehm, who's headed to Dartmouth, finished with 17 points and seven rebounds after collecting just 10 points on layups through three quarters. Angel (6 points) also had a quiet night.

"When you hold a team under 40 points, you kind of kept everybody in check," Williams said. "New Trier scored 94 points (against Waubonsie) a week (earlier). We're very happy with our defensive effort."

Offensively, senior center Alex Biser led Niles West with 12 points; he also played solid defense on Boehm. Williams said, "New Trier scored 94 points (against Waubonsie) a week (earlier). We're very happy with our defensive effort."

"If we continue on the same mental path, we'll be the same type of team (next season) — good, but not good enough," he said. "But if we follow through on things that we've learned and continue to play better and be more confident, then we'll step up and be a better team."
Dons' seniors end their careers on home floor

BY GARY LARSEN
Contributor

Joe Ferrici felt like he let his team down, but no loss ever comes down to a single player.

Notre Dame's season ended with a 51-48 loss to Evanston in the IHSA Class 4A Notre Dame Regional title game on Friday, and the Dons' senior was just one of the players responsible for a 13-for-25 team performance from the free-throw line.

"I think we were 10-for-22 (in a 52-45 win over Glenbrook South on Feb. 27), and you're not going to win many close games when you're shooting free throws like that," said Notre Dame coach Tom Les.

As the No. 4 seed in the Glenbrook South Sectional, Notre Dame (20-9) faced a team in No. 5 Evanston (19-10) that came ready to play on the Dons' home floor.

Notre Dame trailed 12-7 after a quarter and 20-15 at halftime, courtesy of a hard-nosed and physical effort by the Wildkits.

"That's a style we like to play, and they just came out and wanted it a little more than we did," Ferrici said. "We didn't come out as strong as we like to, and they outplayed us."

Ferrici and junior Matt Mooney scored 17 points apiece to lead the Dons in scoring. Ferrici scored nine points and Mooney added 12 in the second half.

The Dons' lone lead of the game came near the end of the third quarter at 33-32, on a three-pointer from junior Justin Halloran. Evanston's Josh Irving answered with a basket at the buzzer to give the Wildkits a 34-33 advantage heading into the final eight minutes.

"It was a good game. They came into our place and played awfully hard," Les said. "I thought they had momentum early and played harder than us, and in the second half we picked it up. To their credit, we made a couple plays and took a lead, but they came right back and made big plays coming right back at us."

Evanston went on an 8-0 scoring run to start the fourth quarter, but Notre Dame fought back to within a point at 49-48 on a Mooney drive with only 16 seconds left in regulation. An Evanston free throw followed, and Mooney got a great look at a 15-footer in the game's waning moments — but his shot wouldn't fall.

"We were right there a couple times but couldn't get stops," Ferrici said. "We couldn't finish the deal."

Les and his program will bid farewell to four seniors from a team that put 20 wins in the books this season.

"Joe Ferrici had a really good year for us, Greg Leifel and Jimmy Cravens did a good job, and Joey Solita had a couple games where he contributed on a big-time basis," Les said. "Ferrici stepped up and he had a really good senior year."

Added Ferrici: "It's about learning from your mistakes, and in our locker room, we feel like we gave away six or seven games. We weren't projected to be much, but I thought we had a good year."
Niles North senior guard Avery Wells, one of the game's unsung heroes, "(Dillard) makes it fun out there for everybody. He's not selfish. He's not looking to go out there and score 100 points. He just really facilitates the offense well."

The Vikings (20-8), who were edged out by Glenbrook North for the CSL North crown, won back-to-back regional titles for the first time in the program's history. They were to play Maine South during Wednesday's Glenbrook South Sectional semifinals.

"It feels great because this was going to be a rebuilding year," said Niles North head coach Glenn Olson, whose team last all-star Abdel Nader (NND) from last year's sectional champs. "But we haven't just made a great (late-season) run here, we've had a great season."

For No. 2 seed GBN, that meant having the services of 6-foot-6 forward Andrew McAuliffe, a top-rated junior who had missed a chunk of the season with a knee injury. However, Niles North had its own recent addition, junior Lorenzo Dillard, who has managed to grab plenty of headlines in just six high school games.

He added to his collection during Friday's regional title game.

The 6-foot-1 guard scored a game-high 21 points, including the game-winning free throw with 7.5 seconds left, Dillard hit three of four free throws. But we did when it mattered."
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