Petra Espinosa, 7, and Summer Kaye, 8, both of Park Ridge, read through the Girl Scout song. The Girl Scout troops in the surrounding area gathered at Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles to celebrate the organization’s centennial. PAGE 13

OLDIE BUT A GOODIE

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9TH DISTRICT

Primary is a cakewalk for seven-term congresswoman

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

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Niles man charged in fire scare

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

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

Employees at Glenbrook Hospital, 2000 Pfingsten Road, called the Glenview Police Department about 4 a.m. after an explosion was heard in the west parking lot near Landwehr Road and the Glenview Fire Station, stated a police department release. No injuries were reported and the parking lot was not damaged.

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

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

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

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

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

"As always, the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. At no time during this incident were any students or staff in any danger," stated school spokeswoman Karen Geddes, in a release, adding that Wednesday was a late-start day for students.

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

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

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

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

Police are not looking for more suspects.

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Final vote on referendum still out

BY CATHRYN GRAN
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Classroom size, programs and structural improvements hung in the balance as about 40 supporters of two Golf School District 67 referendums waited for results while munched on pizza at a local Morton Grove establishment.

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

The preliminary numbers to increase the district's debt ceiling were 588 against and 591 in favor.

The district serves portions of Morton Grove and Niles.

The district had sought to increase by $2.4 million from 2.07 to 2.65 the amount to be collected through property taxes to fund operations/education and to issue $9 million in bonds to, among other projects, replace the heating/ventilation/air conditioning units, sprinklers and plumbing at Golf Middle School, 9401 Waukegan Road, and Hines School, 9000 Belleforte Ave.

The last time district voters approved a referendum was in 1998. Student Texas Teth said she wanted the referendum to pass because the arts are an important part of school.

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

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

"We have no room to go negative," he said. "We have excellent schools and excellent staff. The kids are thriving."

Silverstein said good schools attract people to the community.

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

Teacher Elise Gould said the students deserve a proper environment.

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

Music is instrumental in life of songwriters group co-founder

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

A musician with a passion for songwriting, Spadoni used to write songs in college but it wasn’t until about six years ago when he surprised his wife with a song he wrote on her birthday that he plunged into the art of songwriting.

“Now I can't seem to stop,” said Spadoni, of Niles, who has completed about 30 songs and has started at least 100 more.

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

The goal of the songwriters group is to create a supportive environment for its members. Talent show attendees can provide comments, compliments and advice regarding lyrics, melody and performance. Spadoni enjoys hearing feedback from others in the group and thinks it's important to learn from others' comments.

“Get a lot of interesting views on your work,” said Francioni, who noted the diversity of the members of the songwriters group.

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

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

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

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

Spadoni said it could take weeks, months or years to complete a song. He has booklets full of songs that are half-finished and he said the Niles songwriters group gives him a place to share them.

Other components of the Facilities Master Plan include an enrollment management system that will integrate admission, student affairs, business and information services.

The Science and Health Careers Building will celebrate the site's natural highlights. Offices and student study spaces will provide views of the lake, while windows in the core and classroom areas will offer access to the surrounding forest. Oakton will seek LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for the facility, which will feature a number of "green" elements.

The building will maximize solar heat gain and mitigate winter winds. A system that uses exhaust air to preheat and cool supply air will reduce heating and cooling loads, and occupancy sensors will regulate lighting.

Daylight harvesting will bring natural light to 75 percent of the classrooms and the building façade will be self-shading.

"This state-of-the-art facility will position the College among the leading providers of science and allied health education in the region," Oakton President Margaret B. Lee said in a news release.

In addition, our Facilities Master Plan will create more than 1,000 new jobs and pump more than $100 million into the local economy.

Other components of the Facilities Master Plan include an enrollment center that will integrate admission, advising and counseling, financial aid, registration and records functions; a student gathering center; classroom upgrades; and a range of infrastructure improvements. The college will fund the plan with more than $200 million in general-obligation bonds, $30 million in reserves and private, state and federal grants.

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OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

For the first time since its Des Plaines campus opened in 1968, Oakton Community College will kick off a major construction project at the site where it breaks ground on a $39-million Science and Health Careers Building at 10 a.m. April 5, according to a news release.

The 93,000-square-foot building, scheduled for completion in 2014, will house the college's clinical and the college's Facilities Master Plan, scheduled for completion in 2014, will house the college's clinical and state-of-the-art science laboratory technology, nursing, physics and physical therapy assistant programs. Located on the northeast side of the existing campus, it will feature sophisticated laboratory equipment, light-filled classrooms, enhanced technology and abundant lab-preparation and storage space.

The Science and Health Careers Building will house the college's facilities management, student affairs, business and information services.

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DISTRICT 71

Culver flies flags to clear air on environmental conditions

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
Contributor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The EPA has established national air-quality standards for each pollutant to protect the public against harmful health effects.

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

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

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

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

An orange flag warns that the air is unhealthy for sensitive groups, and they should avoid being outdoors altogether when the red flag flies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISTRICT 71

Tech specialist added for troubleshooting support

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
Contributor

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

The Board of Education approved the new position Feb. 21.

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

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

Kruppe said while other area districts have between one and five technology personnel, the District 71 technology director is working at capacity.

“Right now we’re just getting by,” said Technology Director John Urbanski.

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

He said problems arise when troubleshooting issues need to be addressed immediately.

As a result, he does “a lot of running around” for tasks like changing ink cartridges in printers and rebooting machines.

Kruppe said Urbanski’s expertise is sometimes required even though district and school staff are well-versed in technology.

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

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

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

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

In the last five years, District 71 purchased additional servers to support its growing number of technology programs, including electronic student information, business, media, and credit-card processing systems.

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

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

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

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

Kruppe asked whether the costs associated with the position are accounted for in the district’s budget.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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DISTRIBUTION 63
Pension, building maintenance costs taunt financial forecast

By Natasha Wasinski

Clay’s salary for this school year rose by 2.5 percent in September. Teachers had a 5 percent pay raise.
Approved student fees for the 2012-13 school year with a $10 increase for transportation
and universal fees for first through eighth grades. Fees for books and materials,
gym, lockers, music, sports and graduation remain the same.
Parents pay a universal fee for curricular enhancement not covered by the budget,
such as field trips, educational assemblies, computers and teacher stipends for after-school programs. These fees
previously had not increased since 2003-04.
• adopted a district travel plan developed in conjunction with Active Transportation
Alliance that identifies solutions for eliminating barriers students face in
traveling to school.
• heard a presentation by Director of Technology Judy
Satkiewicz on the district’s compliance with Internet
safety regulations.
Since December the district has been incorporating its
curriculum into kindergarten through second-grade classes
so that all students receive
Internet safety lessons.
Satkiewicz also said new
security precautions were
implemented in the past five
months to restrict unauthorized
system access, including
“hacking” and other unlawful
activities.
That follows an incident last September in which
malware attacked the district’s computer network and
cause shutdown of network traffic.

“Illinois’ public schools are already more reliant on local property tax than most other states,”

On average state funding in the United States accounts for nearly half a school district’s income, said Bein, compared with Illinois’ 80 percent contribution to school budgets.
This year District 63 is to receive 90 percent of its revenue, or $5.8 million, from Illinois.

Property taxes account for 77 percent of the district’s funds.

Increasing salaries
Bein said school budget cuts cannot be balanced without first addressing employee salary and benefit costs.

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

If current trends continue, salary increases may differ from the CPI rate of 2 percent.

Last year teachers had received a 5 percent pay increase.

Bein said a budget cannot be perpetually balanced when its largest expense annually grows two-times faster than its revenue.

“Eventually your expenses will completely gobble up your revenue,” he said.
Lincoln Middle School Principal Joel Martin has named the new assistant superintendent for human resources in Park Ridge-Niles School District 64.

The District 64 Board of Education on March 12 confirmed Martin's appointment, effective July 1. Martin will replace Sandra Stringer, who is retiring in the summer after 10 years as assistant superintendent.

In his new role, Martin will lead the district's hiring and evaluation of about 750 full- and part-time staff members, including recruitment and orientation, teacher-staffing projections and dismissals, employee records, alignment with mandated regulations, collective negotiations and other related responsibilities.

Martin received his bachelor of science degree from Illinois State University and his master's degree from Governors State University. He is now pursuing his doctoral degree in education from National Lewis University.

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

Among other action at its monthly meeting, the District 71 Board of Education:

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

The performance-based employment agreements are effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Maniscalco's salary for the 2012-2013 school year is $96,820, representing a 3 percent increase from her current earnings. Hired last April, Maniscalco is currently serving her first year as principal of the school.

Kristen Ninni, currently on leave, will resume her post as director of student services this summer. Interim director Stephanie Beane's contract expires June 30. Under the new contract, Ninni will work 260 workdays and earn $96,820 for 2012-2013 school year.

Both Maniscalco and Ninni's salaries will increase annually in an amount equal to the Consumer Price Index that is not less than 3 percent and not more than 5 percent.

- approved increased spending authority to $5,000.

- approved a five-year contract with Comcast for phone and Internet services that includes more bandwidth to support multimedia.

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

"We are very impressed by how quickly Mr. Martin has built successful relationships with teachers and staff members at Lincoln and with employees and administrators across District 64," said District 64 Superintendent Philip Bender. "We believe his commitment to two-way communication with staff and colleagues, strong organizational skills, and knowledge of the upcoming state-mandated changes in performance evaluations for teachers and principals make him an outstanding fit to help guide District 64 into this new era."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NILES FIRE DEPARTMENT

None injured in kitchen fire in Niles apartment

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

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

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

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

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

No one was injured in the blaze, Borkowski said.

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

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

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

BUDGET MEETING

Trustees debate level of pension funding in 2013

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

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

Niles Finance Director Scot Neukirch explained that the budgeted contribution to the fire-pension fund for fiscal year 2013 is 82 percent of the actuarial recommended amount, and the budgeted contribution to the police-pension fund is 84 percent of the actuarial recommendation.

In order to pay the actuarial-recommended amount in both pension funds, an additional $44,000 would have to be added to the budget, Mayor Robert Callero explained.

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

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

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

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

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

A subsequent budget workshop was scheduled to have taken place March 20 at Village Hall.
Members sought for mayor’s committee on long-term planning

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

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

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

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

Applications are now being accepted and can be obtained through the village’s website, www.niles.com, or by calling Chinch Ostman at 847-688-8041.

The new subcommittee will be chaired by Ostman, the village's director of Community Development and staff liaison to the Building and Zoning Committee. The Building and Zoning Committee will hear recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Subcommittee on how to best implement the goals that are outlined in the plan.

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

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

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

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

“We have more standing committees than we ever did before,” responded Callero, who did not share Preston's concern.

Comment on proposed flood-control solutions at open house

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

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

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

“We haven't set priorities yet but we have a good idea what projects improve the situation for the most people,” said Assistant Village Manager Steve Vineziano.

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

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

“The cost-sharing program is an integral part of the plan,” Vineziano said.

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

“We don't have the money to build all the sewers we need to protect everybody,” Vineziano added, adding that it would cost $40 million to fix the sewers in one area of town.

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

GIRL SCOUTS CENTENNIAL

Sue Beaumont, of Park Ridge, came to the local Girl Scouts 100-year birthday celebration at Golf Mill Shopping Center on March 22 wearing her mother’s scout uniform and sash. “And I wore my white gloves,” Beaumont said.

“Because you always have to wear the gloves for a ceremony.” — MICHELLE LAVIGNE SUB-TIMES MEDIA

District 64 may close campuses during lunch to ease fee burden

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

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

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

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

If approved next month the district will lose about $785,000 in revenue it would have collected from the lunch-supervision fees.

Elementary-school principals recommend that the elementary schools be consistent with the closed-campus system at the middle schools. They feel a closed campus is better for safety and security reasons.

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

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

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

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

“There has to be a balance by some kind of revenue increase,” said board member Anthony Borrelli, referring to the loss of $785,000 in revenue.

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

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

NEWS BRIEF

Scout earns Eagle ranking

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

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

Duffey worked to provide funding for a local pet shelter in Niles and hosted a seminar on pet care to the public. He held two car-wash dates and secured more than $900 for the shelter.

The sponsoring organizations are the St. John Brebeuf Holy Name Men's Club and North American Martyrs Council 4338 of the Knights of Columbus.
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LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

More than 600 watches and several hundred pieces of costume jewelry, including necklaces, rings, bracelets, brooches and rosary beads, make up the bulk of the proceeds. More than 40 handguns were also seized and displayed, as were bags of coins and rolls of dollar bills.

A number of small jewelry boxes also sat conspicuously empty among the proceeds.

Investigators believe items of greater value, particularly gold jewelry reported stolen in some of the break-ins, were already pawned or sold by the time police obtained a search warrant for the Irving Park Avenue building where the remaining items were found.

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

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

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

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

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**AUTO THEFT**

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

**THEFT**

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

**THEFT**

A 44-year-old Park Ridge man reported that someone spray-painted a derogatory reference to women on the hallway outside of a first-floor unit on the 9100 block of Terrace. It was unknown when the damage was done, police said.

**THEFT**

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

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Decorative ranch

1-story comes with hardwood flooring in living room

7424 W. Lawler Ave., Niles — $217,500

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

Highlights of the kitchen include modern appliances, vinyl flooring and a tile backsplash.

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

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

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

Listing agent: Connie Mieck, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, 847-529-1861, Connie.Mieck@cbexchange.com

ON THE MARKET

A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS

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

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

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DISTRICT 219

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

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

“National board certification is synonymous with great teaching. While our nation is focused on the need for the highest quality teachers, board certification truly is the gold standard,” said Ronald Thorpe, president and CEO of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

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

West student wins at Poetry Out Loud
Niles West High School senior Sam Chao won second place in the suburban school Poetry Out Loud regional competition held Feb. 21 at The Arts Center of Oak Park. Her recitation of “More Lies” by Karrin Gottshall and “The Legend” by Garrett Horning qualified her for the state competition, which will be held on March 29 in Springfield. In 2010, Chao won the 2010 regional competition and also competed at state. The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation have partnered with U.S. state agencies to support Poetry Out Loud, a contest that encourages the nation’s youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage.

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

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

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

Students advance in History Fair

The following Niles West students advanced in the competition: Documentary category: Blanca Galan and Erin Fair, “Literary Renaissance.”

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

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

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

Educators speak at 38th ITBE

Several Niles Township High School District 219 faculty attended and presented at the 38th annual ITBE Convention: Getting the Balance Right on Feb. 24 and 25 in Lisle, IL. ITBE stands for the Illinois Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages — Bilingual Education. District 219 Director of Foreign Language and English Language Learners (ELL) Edmund Murphy and Niles West teacher Liz Kolany presented "RTT and ELL: What Does It Look Like?"

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

Niles North teacher Gevik Anbarchian served as the convention chair and is vice president/incoming president of ITBE. Illinois TESOL Chicago is a professional, nonprofit organization which promotes scholarship and professional interest, disseminates information, supports research and instruction in the teaching of standard English to speakers of other language or dialect and in bilingual education, and cooperates with other groups and organization having similar concerns.

West’s Echo effect wins at ICCHA

On March 3, Niles West’s Echo placed second in the International Championships of High School A Cappella (ICCHA) Great Lakes Semifinal Competition. In addition, Echo Effect received the Best Choreography award and Michael Kim earned the award for Best Arrangement. According to Echo Effect Director Amy Bransel, "This was our best performance ever at an ICCHA Semifinal." Watch the award-winning group in action at the Voices of High School A Cappella National Competition. In addition, Echo Effect members included: Steven Czajkowski, Doug Bako, Michael Kim, Rishi Patel, Steven Cristi, Mas Hoshi, Jimmy Song, Jonah Barquez, Surdeep Chauhan, Keenan Morales, Michael Nisan, Randy Tran, Khalil Sassa and Vinay Patel.

West News named CSPA Crown finalist

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

German day trophies won

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

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

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

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Movie Selector dilemma: What will my wife like?

BY PAUL SASSONE
Columnist

Obviously, I am not doing this right.
I rent movies from Netflix,

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

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

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

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

There are 366 movies in my queue.

I’m not kidding.
366 movies.

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

The root of the problem is that I have been designated Movie Selector for the family. But there’s a catch. I have to select a movie that not only I like, but that is a movie my wife would like to see.

If — when — I don’t order such a film I often hear something like, “Wait a minute, wait a minute. Didn’t we just see a Western last week?”

To me, there are few pleasures as pleasurable as a good Western. But one must be judicious in the ordering of Westerns. One must also include a sprinkling of movies about relationships. I will add Westerns, and gunplay in general. Then, of course, there are the award-winning movies everyone says you simply must see.

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

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

Uneasy lies the head that wears the Movie Selector crown.

Want to feel like a kid again?
Use your imagination

BY CHERYL O’DONOVAN
Van Mom Strikes Again

An aunt of mine is in the hospital with pneumonia, and I pray she’ll make a quick recovery. I think of her with utmost fondness. Certainly as she is today, a teacher, mom and wife. But I also remember our Musketeer days as kids.

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

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

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We concocted nefarious schemes in which our Barbies would be kidnapped and had to be rescued by Joe. We searched around for evil male characters. Desperate, we used a 3-inch-high Paul McCartney plastic doll — he had a Napoleon complex — and (I wish I were making this up) a Right Guard aerosol can. The Right Guard can was my sister shaved her Barbie’s head,

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Dear Fixer: I made an inquiry to Geico about how much it would cost to add my granddaughter to my auto insurance policy. I assumed there would be only an inquiry. But they immediately added her to my policy.

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

They informed me that I owed them an additional $24.48 that was not on the original contract due to their addition of my granddaughter. I told them over the phone that I was not paying this additional amount, but they still sent me a bill.

Can you help?

Verna Hooks

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

We got in touch with Geico's PR folks and they were able to get that $24.48 waived. So you needn't worry about a pesky unpaid bill possibly affecting your credit.

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

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

Approximately an hour later, I received a call asking for my personal information so they could send a $50 reward check. I followed up with an email on March 3; however, to this day I have not seen a reward check.

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

Carl Peszek

Dear Fixer: The Fixer could see why this would, um, bug you. So we asked Orkin spokesperson Susan Robinson to look into it.

This matter apparently had slipped through the cracks, because Robinson said they were quite grateful that you took the time to return their equipment. Their accounting department is overnighting a check to you for your well-deserved reward money.

Safe online shopping

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

* Never use the same password for multiple websites. (That's because if a hacker breaches one website's security, he would then potentially have access to all of your accounts.)
* It's worth creating a separate email account for any website that you do a lot of shopping on.
* Be sure to turn off your computer when you're not using it for long periods of time to reduce the chance of a malicious remote computer hacking in.
* Beware of free downloads. Many carry viruses and spyware.

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

Costly lesson

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

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

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

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

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

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

Added online resource

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

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'Screen Deco' honors the artistic eye

BY J.T. MORAND
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"The Artist" didn't win the Best Picture Oscar just because it was a good story about a silent film actor whose star flamed out when he refused to accept the advent of sound in motion pictures. The black and white film grabbed the attention of the Academy because of the brilliance of the sets, the costumes and the props, which reflected the style and design prevalent in the 1920s and '30s — art deco. While film historian Matthew Hoffman acknowledges "The Artist" as a great film, he says there are better ones that show how art deco influenced Hollywood. He presents the latest Park Ridge Public Library film festival, "Screen Deco," every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. (except May 3) now through the end of May.

The series began March 15 with "Cleopatra" (1963). Tonight, March 22, "Our Dancing Daughters" (1928) will be shown, followed by "Madam Satan" (1930) on March 29, "Grand Hotel" (1932) April 5, "Penthouse" (1933) April 12, "The Kiss" (1929) and "Female" (1933) April 19, "Wonder Bar" (1934) April 26, "The Black Cat" (1934) May 10, "She" (1935) May 17, "Things to Come" (1936) May 24, and "Swing Time" (1936) May 31.

**Designer looks**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Paris style**

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

"Our Dancing Daughters" is one of the first American films to actually show different art deco motifs that people were accustomed to in Europe," he said. "All the things that you think of being art deco dominate that film.

All these films are in black and white. But, Hoffman said the use of art deco almost adds color to them. Art deco was even used in films that depicted a bygone time, such as ancient Egypt in the 1934 film "Cleopatra," starring Claudette Colbert and directed by Cecil B. DeMille. "Cleopatra's throne has a very streamlined look to it," he said. "Despite being removed historically, it incorporates these aspects of art deco.

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

"I think that's going to be part of the appeal as well," he said.
Carol Brendler loves worms and wants to convince kids to love them, too. The author of *Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer* will spread that message to kids ages 5 to 7 during Worms, Glorious Worms from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St.

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

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

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

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

**Scrambled eggs**

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

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

**Make ‘em move**

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

For details, call (847) 965-4220 or visit wwwwebary.org.

**Something to mull over**

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

For details, call (847) 673-7774 or visit skokielibrary.info.
**THE HUNGER GAMES**

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

Fans of the mega-selling trilogy by Suzanne Collins will no doubt be as pleased by its faithfulness to the original as newcomers will be swept along by its compellingly exploitative, teen-slaughtering plot. Especially since there could be no better choice than Jennifer Lawrence to play the grave, brave, yet compassionate huntress heroine Katniss. A sci-fi update on "The Most Dangerous Game," by way of the controversial Japanese thriller "Battle Royale" (which similarly featured teens fighting to the death as televised entertainment), "The Hunger Games" opens with Katniss soothing the fears of her little sister Primrose (Willow Shields). Young Prim is frightened to participate in her first Reaping, an event in which one teenage girl and boy from the 12 districts of the dystopian future North American nation of Panem are selected to fight to the death on national TV in the annual Hunger Games. 

This is the means by which terrorists in horror into a bread-and-circuses entertainment. When Primrose is selected as a Tribute, Katniss volunteers to take her place. Not only because that's the sort of thing a loving big sister should do, but because it makes sense. Katniss has spent a lifetime honing her illegal bow-hunting skills in the nearby forest to feed her mother and sister. There's also something about her (thanks to the same quiet strength Lawrence displayed in her similar, Oscar-nominated turn in "Winter's Bone") that suggests, without a word being spoken, that Katniss is not someone to mess with lightly.

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

Considering that adapter/director Gary Ross is reliable and talented jack-of-all-genres whose hits include 2008's "Seabiscuit," he's setting up the first of three films here. It's not surprising that the first hour is spent contrasting the Steinbeckian poverty of District 12 with the Orwellian nightmare of the totalitarian Capitol. That, in addition to gilding the proceedings with a glittering veneer of show-biz satire, presided over by smarmy, blue-pompadoured emcee Caesar (Stanley Tucci).

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

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

OPENING FRIDAY

THE HUNGER GAMES
Rated: PG-13 for Intense, violent, thematic material and disturbing images — all involving teens
Stars: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth
■ The much-anticipated movie version of "The Hunger Games" does little more than faithfully replicate the mega-best-selling original, yet, this proficient and generally satisfying adaptation gets the job done and then some. Primarily because of the perfect casting of Lawrence as the bow-hunting heroine of a televised competition in which only one of 24 teenage participants can survive. As likely to satisfy fans as it is to sweep along newcomers with its compellingly exploitational, teeen-slaughtering plot.

THE RAID: REDEMPTION
★★ 1/2
Rated: R for strong, bloody violence throughout, and for language
Stars: Iko Uwais, Ananda George, Ray Sahetapy
■ Insane, hyperkinetic, brutal and bloody, "The Raid: Redemption" trumps every other action film in recent memory for pure, nonstop, mainline cinematic mayhem. Writer/director Gareth Evans somehow manages to up the adrenaline ante floor-by-floor as new recruit Uwais fights his way up a 15-story Jakarta apartment building after his invading SWAT team has been wiped out, to capture drug lord Sahetapy — his only means of escape. The fact that it also has a little bit of plot thrown in can be seen as a bonus or a bore, depending on your predilection.

STILL PLAYING

CASA DE MI PADRE
★★★★ 1/2
Rated: R for bloody violence, language, some sexual content and drug use
Stars: Will Ferrell, Gael Garcia Bernal, Diego Luna, Genesis Rodriguez
■ The funniest movie of the year may also turn out to be the strangest. In addition to the most intentionally awful. Ferrell stars as Armando (and speaks Spanish throughout) in this dead-on-target parody of a truly bad 1970s-era Mexican action/melodrama — defending family honor against encroaching drug lords and failing to overcome his passion for the girlfriend (Rodriguez) of his black-sheep brother (Luna). Hilarious.

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

JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME
RATED: R
Rated: R for brief mild language
Stars: Danny DeVito, Zac Efron, Betty White, Ed Helms
■ A young boy who learns how a mysterious old hermit (Helms) turned a natural paradise into a wasteland decides to make a difference in his home town. Chris Renaud and Kyle Balda ("Despicable Me") directed this animated Dr. Seuss adaptation.

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

SEEKING JUSTICE
Rated: R for violence, language and brief sexuality
Stars: Nicolas Cage, Guy Pearce, January Jones
■ After his wife is assaulted, a husband (Cage) makes a deal with a vigilante group to punish her attacker — then learns they expect a favor in return.

21 JUMP STREET
RATED: R
Rated: R for crude and sexual content, pervasive language, drug material, teen drinking and some violence
Stars: Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum
■ This at-times-inspired parody of the late-'80s TV show that launched Johnny Depp is considerably better than you might expect — despite being rude, politically incorrect and insanely violent. The directors of the similarly crazed animated comedy "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs" make the most of the surprising chemistry between Hill and Tatum as mismatched undercover partners sent back to high school to track down drug dealers.
SHOWTIMES

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A Separation (PG-13) Fri 4:45-7:10-9:40; Sat-Thu 12:20-4:45-7:10
The Iron Lady (PG-13) Fri 5:15-7:30-9:50; Sat-Thu 12:45-3:5-7:30-9:50
21 Jump Street (R) Fri 4:50-7:15-9:50; Sat-Thu 12:10-4:45-7:15-9:50
John Carter (PG-13) Fri 4:20-7-9:45; Sat-Thu 1:30-4:20-7-9:45
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"After the Revolution," presented by Next Theatre April 5-May 13 at the Noyes Cultural Art Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays; 1 p.m. (April 3 only) and 7:30 p.m. (April 3 only) on Sundays. Tickets: $29-$34, with discounts available for groups, students and seniors. Optional dinner available, with three courses for $20 including beverages, taxes and tip. Call (847) 445-0899 or visit www.nexttheatre.org.

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

"Encore: After the Theatre and Other Stories," April 21-May 20 at Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: $25; $15 for previews, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays; $22 seniors; $15 students. Call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolotheatre.com.

"Hungrer," at 7:30 p.m. March 22, 24 and 26; and 2 p.m. March 24 and 26. Call (847) 866-8049 or visit www.piventheatre.org.

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"The Light in the Piazza" will be presented by The Ubique Cabaret Theatre through April 29 at the No Exit Cafe, 6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $29-$34, with discounts available for groups, students and seniors. Optional dinner available, with three courses for $20 including beverages, taxes and tip. Call (800) 395-4849 or visit www.theo-u.org.

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

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

"The Real Televangelist: How to Live and How to Die," through March 31 at 354 W. Lawrence, Chicago. Genesis Ensemble, a Chicago theater and performance company, has taken over three empty storefronts in Jefferson Park to lead an interactive tour of art and performance inspired by Maria Kalman's book, "The Principles of Uncertainty." Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturdays. Space is limited to 12 people per tour. Tickets should be booked in advance at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/224711. For information, visit wwwBạntien.com.

"Ten Chimneys," through April 15 at Northlight Theatre, located at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9227 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. For decades, Broadway legends Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne entertained the most influential artists of their time—from Noel Coward to Cole Porter. In this new play, the arrival of a young Uta Hagen for an on-stage tercentenary sparks an offstage romantic triangle. Performances are at 7 p.m. (April 3 only) and 7:30 p.m. (April 3 only); Wednesdays: 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (April 4 and 11); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays: at 8 p.m.; Saturdays: at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sundays: at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (no show April 8 and 7 p.m. April 1 and 15). Tickets: $25-$50. Young Adult tickets (25 and under) are $10. Call (847) 763-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

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

CLASSICAL
Bach Week Festival, featuring the Bach Week Festival Orchestra, Artistic Director and soloists, with Richard Webster, music director and organist, 7:30 p.m. April 27 at Northwestern University's Alice Millar Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston; and 7:30 p.m. May 4 and 3 p.m. May 6 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets are $20-$75. April 22: "Speak-tacular Beethoven!" Scott Speck leads the CPO in Beethoven's Symphony no. 7 and "The Fidelio" Overture. CPO principal tuba Rex Martin performs Vaughan-Williams' Tuba Concerto, and guest soloist Robert Harford performs Camille St. Saëns' Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso.

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 Pohlman on "Milhaud, Duchamp and the French Avant-garde," and Copland: "Appalachian Spring." Pre-concert art exhibition and reception,
**POETRY READING**

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

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**Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra**, conducted by Russell Vinick, performs at Northside College Prep High School, 5501 N. Kedzie. Tickets are $18; $12 for students. Call (312) 409-5670 or visit www.oakton.edu.whm. April 1, 3:30 p.m.: "Italian Gala," with guest soloist Henry Criz. The program includes Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 4 "Italian"; Bach: Violin Concerto No. 1 in A minor; Wieniawski: Violin Concerto No. 2 in A Major (with piano soloist Yefim Bronfman); and "An Alpine Symphony" by Strauss. Tickets: $26; $12 for students. Call (847) 467-4000 or visit www.oakton.edu.whm.

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**Evanston Symphony Orchestra** performs at 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The program includes Beethoven's Choral Fantasy; Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 2 in A Major (with piano soloist Yefim Bronfman); and "An Alpine Symphony" by Strauss. Tickets: $26; $12 for students. Call (847) 467-4000 or visit www.evanstonsymphony.org. Tickets in advance are $27; $22 for senior citizens. Tickets at the door are $30; $25 for seniors. Tickets are $5 for students, subject to availability, at the box office with ID. Admission is free for children 12 and younger. May 13: "Dufour Plays Mozart," with guest soloist Matthieu Dufour, principal flute of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The program includes works by Bach: Toccata & Fugue in D Minor; Mozart: Flute Concerto #2 in D Major; and Brahms: Piano Quintet in G Minor. May 19, 7:30 p.m.: "Mirth & Melancholy," with the Music of the Baroque Orchestra, Jane Glover, conductor. May 20, 7:30 p.m.: "Friends," with the Music of the Baroque Orchestra, Jane Glover, conductor. The program includes works by Vanhal, Haydn, Dittersdorf and Mozart.

**Music Institute of Chicago**
Fine balance in Piccolo’s ‘Cherry Orchard’

BY TOM WITOM
Contributor

Piccolo Theatre’s production of Anton Chekhov’s classic, “The Cherry Orchard,” may be the Evanston theater company’s most ambitious undertaking yet. A 13-member cast, directed by Zachary Davis, handily uses its limited performance space to maximum effect.

The 1904 drama mixes tragedy with the comedic, and Davis strikes the right balance. The timeless story, which opens in rural Russia on a fine spring day, features characters locked in struggles to remember — and to forget. As part of the backdrop, at the turn of the 20th century a new and restless middle class is emerging, and in the wake of serfdom’s abolition, the aristocracy has fallen on dire straits.

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

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

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

Liubov finds comfort in her infantile 51-year-old brother Gayev (David W.M. Keich),
but she's unwilling to face reality and sell her family home. Liubov can't escape her debts, nor can she go back in time to her idyllic childhood state. But that doesn't prevent her from recklessly spending even as she crosses her fingers in hopes that "something will come up" to resolve her financial bind.

Davis and his cast make good use of Chekhov's pithy dialogue and colorful characters, including the idealistic tutor Trofimov (Scott Patrick Sawa), an "eternal student" who defends academics for seeking truth, decries the poor conditions in which peasants live and rails against so-called intellectuals full of empty talk, to heighten interest and increase the drama of the situation.

Meanwhile, Yepikhodov (Nathan Thompson), a clerk at the estate, provides comic relief with his clumsy posturing and hopeless approach to love and romance. A hopeless love triangle involving Yepikhodov, Yasha and maid Dunyasha (Nicole Keating) provides another source of amusement. Also getting laughs is Semyonov-Pishehik (Andrew Koppelman), as a local nobleman with a reputation as a pest who is forever trying to borrow money.

Credit Joshua D. Allard, JAG Design, Eric Brandon and Harrison Adams for fine behind-the-scenes work on costumes, set, lighting and sound.

Glenn Proud and Amy Gorelow appear in a tense scene of Piccolo Theatre's production of "The Cherry Orchard."
### Aria Competition
Admission is free. April 21, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra presents "From Russia," featuring works by Wagner, Mahler and Beethoven. $6; $4 for students.

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No matter how dedicated an aficionado of theater you are, chances are good that you've never seen a fully-staged production of Tennessee Williams' "Camino Real," a poetic allegory that had audiences bolting for the exits during its 1960 Broadway debut. Since then, the play has seldom been attempted by professional companies.

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

Grand failure "Colleges and theaters that tend to be more experimental try it every once in awhile," said Matt DeCaro of Western Springs, a Chicago theater veteran playing the character who serves as the exploriational villain of the piece, Camino Real bass-son Gotman. It was such a grand failure when it was first produced that people keep trying to find a way to make it a success."

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

"He had never written a non-linear piece before," said Barbara Robertson of Glenview, a Goodman veteran who plays the protagonist Rosita. She spends much of the play in silence, ways it's a big poem, but there's a lot of truth in this show."

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

William's dream In his American stage debut, Beito, currently the artistic director of Barcelo International Theatre, has made the playwright's personal investment in "Camino Real" more explicit by identifying Williams with the Don Quixote character, also known as The Dreamer, who opens and closes the show with a monologue. And he conceives of all the other characters in the show as facets of Williams' persona. In literal productions, The Dreamer falls asleep after his opening statements. In Beito's adaptation, he wakes after the play's end. "Everything between is a kind of dream landscape. We are his hallucinations, the products of his imagination."

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

auditions & opportunities Auditions for "Legally Blonde" will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. April 2-3 at the Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. To obtain an audition packet, e-mail rhorwitz@skokieparks.org or pick one up at the Devonshire front desk. Production dates are June 15-24. For more information, call (847) 677-6300, ext. 4213.

Custer's Last Stand festival of the arts is accepting applications from arts and crafts vendors for the 2012 fair, slated for June 16-17 in Evanston's Main Street Station shopping district. For an application, call (847) 328-2204 or visit www.custerfair.com. Skokie Art Guild is accepting artists for its 51st annual Art Fair, to be held July 14-15 on the Village Green, 5211 Oakton, Skokie. Fine art, prizes and awards available. For information, visit www.skokieartguild.org or call (847) 677-8153.

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

The Northwest Symphony Orchestra will host a benefit from 2-5 p.m. March 24 at the San Filippo Estate's "Place de la Musique" in Barrington Hills. Attendees can view the collection of restored antique music machines, an 8,000-pipe theatre organ, chandeliers, art glass and other functional mechanical antiques. Also, theatre organist Jelan Eddington will present a 60-minute performance on the 1927 Wurlitzer organ. Tickets are $50 and can be ordered at www.northwestsymphony.org.

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

BOOKS & POETRY
"Fathers and Daughters In a Changing World," a free seminar examining the role of women in Jewish literature, will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, through May 9, at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Presented by the Oakton Library, the series of readings, lectures and group discussions will be led by Benjamin Goluboff, associate professor of English. Copies of the books may be borrowed from the Skokie campus library. Selections include April 18: American Pastoral by Philip Roth. May 9: Bee Season by Myla Goldberg. To register, contact the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at (847) 982-9888 (press 3).

CHILD'S PLAY Chicago Children's Theatre presents "The Houdini Box" through March 25 at The North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 N. Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The musical is based on children's author and illustrator Brian Selznick's novel about a mischievous boy who receives a mysterious box that just might contain the secrets of Harry Houdini's success. Performances are at 10:35 a.m. Friday; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. $15 for discounted upper balcony seating, regular tickets are $28-$41 for adults, $18-$31 for children up to 18 years old. Visit www.chicagohou- diniplayers.org or call (847) 673-6300.

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

COMEDY
Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. April 7, 7:30 p.m. DC Pierson, part of the sketch group Derrick Comedy, in "DC Pierson is Bad at Girls." $20. For tickets, visit www.gorillatango.com or call (773) 598-6549.
PLAY REVIEW

An illuminating look at theater royalty

BY CATEY SULLIVAN
Contributor

If you liked Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull," you'll love Jeffrey Hatcher's "Ten Chimneys." And if you're familiar with the titles of Wisconsin Foundation (now a museum) where Alfred Lunt and Lynne Fontanne held court during their Broadway heyday, you're certainly apt to find Northlight's latest a fascinating look at the stage intersection of human drama and scripted drama. Whether this smart, well-acted, and quite funny piece will appeal to non-theater geeks is debatable. What's not in question is the sparkling wit instilled in Hatcher's piece, or the archly marvelous work of the fine ensemble directed by E.J. Jones.

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

The storied atmosphere among such close-knit artists was an intoxicating mix of creativity, passion, sex and smarts, eggs and eccentricities. Today, Ten Chimneys is a new course titled Single and Still Dating. Open to all ages and skill levels, the course is for men and women ages 17 and under. Call (847) 823-7596 or kropton, call (847) 692-6616 or dance experience needed.

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WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

The Actors Gymnasium presents the Classic Film Series starting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted, at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Admission is $5. For information, visit www.northwestchicagofilmthisorg. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. March 23, 1 p.m.: "The Guard." March 29, 10:30 a.m.: "50/50." March 29, 1 p.m.: "North by Northwest." March 30, 1 p.m.: "Tootsie." April 6, 1 p.m.: "Liebelei" (1933). April 7, 7 p.m.: Special Saturday presentation of "The Ten Commandments" (1956). April 11, 1 p.m.: "Angel." April 15, 7:30 p.m.: Special Sunday presentation commemorating the Titanic centennial: "A Night to Remember" (1958). April 24: "Lubitsch." (1933). April 24, 1 p.m.: "The Blue Bird" (1934). April 25, 7:30 p.m.: Special Sunday presentation commemorating the Titanic centennial: "A Night to Remember" (1958). April 30, 7:30 p.m.: Special Sunday presentation commemorating the Titanic centennial: "A Night to Remember" (1958).

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Salon Series panel discussion will be held on March 25 at 1 p.m. and will feature a historian from The Lunt-Fontanne Foundation; reservations required at (847) 679-9501, ext. 3555, or specalevents@northlight.org.
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BY PAUL HAACK

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SUMMER CAMP fosters healthy habits

BY MARCY MARRO
For Sun-Times Media

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In addition to exercise and fitness, summer camps can help promote healthy eating. At the North Suburban YMCA in Northbrook, parents are encouraged to pack healthy meals and snacks for their children. Donald Langley, director of programs and innovation, explained that they try to build health lifestyles by starting them at a young age.

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

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

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

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**AGE**: UPS: 6-14

- **WEEK 1**: Jun 11th-Jun 15th
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**AGES**: 6-14

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- **WEEK 3**: Jul 23rd-Jul 27th
- **WEEK 4**: Jul 30th-Aug 3rd
- **WEEK 5**: Aug 6th-Aug 10th
- **WEEK 6**: Aug 13th-Aug 17th

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**AGES**: 6-14

- **WEEK 1**: Jul 9th-Jul 13th
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**AGE GROUPS**: 6-14

- **WEEK 1**: Jun 11th-Jun 15th

**CAMP DATES**

- **WEEK #1**: Jun 11th-Jun 15th
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**CAMP SPECIALS**

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Lee, Mildred Anna

(Millie) 79 died in Tulsa, OK Wednesday, March 7, 2012. Long time resident of Park Ridge, Millie was born in Chicago and lived in the area most of her life until a move to Tulsa in 1997. A graduate of Hyde Park High School and Wilson Jr. College, Millie maintained a lifestyle of volunteerism and community service. In addition to her work as an active member of the Jewish community, Millie was also a member of the Jewish Family Services, the Jewish Community Center, and the Jewish Vocational Services. She was a member of the North Shore Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Community Center of the North Shore. Millie was a dear friend to many and will be missed by her family and friends.

Lee was the beloved mother of Daniel, Andrew, and Sarah. She is survived by her brother, Robert Lee, and her sister, Elizabeth. Millie will be missed by her many nieces and nephews, and her extended family and friends.

Visitation was held Sunday, March 18, at Ryan-Panke Funeral Home, 2140 W. Emerson Blvd, Park Ridge.

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Schoenfeld, Clara

90, beloved wife of the late Jonas; loving mother of Gita (Marvin Swartz) Schoenfeld and Marilyn (Mark) Davenport; cherished bubbe of Laura, Sam, Miles and Zack. (Mark) Davenport; of Gita (Marvin Swartz) Schonfeld and Marilyn Schonfeld, Clara Blvd, Chicago Il 60648. Northwestern University Settlement; 1400 Augusta Grandpa. Clara was a resident of Chicago for 55 years and a member of Beth Shalom Congregation B’nai Emunah. A native of Russia, she was a vibrant and courageous woman who survived the Holocaust and went on to lead a fulfilling life.

Services have been held in lieu of flowers. Donations may be made to the Jewish Family Services, 1937 Cornwallis Road, Durham, NC 27705. For Info: Shalom Memorial Funeral Home 847-255-3520.

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Zdunek, Evelyn D.

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

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

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

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Revamp Your Online Image
By NicoleWilliams.com staff

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

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

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

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

Do Your Own PR
The trick to maintaining a positive online image is to increase the favorable content out there. Create a professional Web site or publish your resume online (leaving out your street address, Social Security number and other personal information). You can also create a blog that focuses on your industry or hobbies. Be sure to keep them updated and you'll impress anyone who Googles your name.

Use Technology Wisely
Take advantage of new online job-searching technologies by uploading your resume to Monster.com so that employees can find you using precision searches. Monster’s new precision search technology means candidate searches will no longer return hundreds of “so-so” options. They’ll come back with several great options most tailored to what the employer is looking for - making sure your resume will meet its perfect match and not get lost in the crowd.

Bring In the Authorities
If you come across a Web site that contains images or inappropriate information about you that you want deleted, contact the site’s Webmaster and request that the information be removed. If that doesn't work, consider using ReputationDefender.com, a paid service that trolls the Web for information about you and destroys harmful content.
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- The sale is subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Notice of Sale.
- The purchaser must pay the amount bid, plus all costs associated with the sale, including attorney fees and expenses.
- The purchaser must take possession of the property within [specified time].

The sale is subject to the terms of the Notice of Sale and the applicable laws. All bidders are required to register before the sale and to comply with all guidelines established by the court.

For more information, please contact the court clerk at [phone number].
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 12, 2012, the Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on Thursday, April 18, 2012, at the hour of 11 a.m. in the office of the Sheriff, located at 111 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash or deposit, the following described real estate:

6315 LOMBARD AVENUE Skokie, IL 60077

The mortgagee is a two and one-half-story residential building with basement and partial attic, constructed of wood frame, brick, and stucco, and having a roof of composition shingles. The building is located on a lot of approximately 7,000 square feet, and is improved with a single family residence, a garage, and a driveway. The property is subject to a mortgagee's right to foreclose, subject to a recorded mortgagee's right to foreclose, and subject to a lien for taxes and special assessments.

The property is located at 6315 LOMBARD AVENUE, Skokie, IL 60077, and is subject to the following encumbrances:

1. A mortgagee's right to foreclose, secured by a mortgage recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, on March 31, 2011, in the amount of $254,250.53, held by MidAmerica Bank, N.A.

2. A lien for taxes and special assessments, secured by a certificate of assessment recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, on March 31, 2011, in the amount of $15,738.76, held by Park Place Securities, Inc.

The property will be sold subject to the above encumbrances, and the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will evidence the sale.

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NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 5, 2012, in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of selling the real estate described above pursuant to the Judgment and Sentence. The subject property is located at 8620 N. Waukegan Road, Unit #261910, Morton Grove, Lake County, Illinois 60053.

The above mentioned property is subject to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Cause No. 11 CH 27311, entitled "Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff vs. GMAC Mortgage, LLC, Defendant(s)."

The notice of sale is given pursuant to the judgment of foreclosure and sale. The sale will be held at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on April 27, 2012, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. on April 27, 2012, and shall be conducted at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, Suite 781A, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Village of Skokie

Pursuant to the order of possession issued on March 22, 2012, the Village of Skokie will hold a public auction on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at 9621 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, Illinois 60077.

The sale will be conducted in accordance with the Illinois Homeowner’s Protection Act, 765 ILCS 605/19 (g)(1)(i) and 765 ILCS 605/19(g)(i) and the Village of Skokie’s Coal in a Fair Debt Collection Practice Act, 765 ILCS 605/19(g)(i) and 765 ILCS 605/19(g)(i).

All bidders are required to submit a deposit of $500.00 to cover the cost of the property. A fully executed sales contract will be required of all bidders. A list of the properties available for sale may be obtained by contacting the Village of Skokie at 9621 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, Illinois 60077.

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Beth Engelman learns the jargon that’s on a car’s window sticker, called a Monroney Label, for Mommy on a Shoestring.

**WEBSITES:**
- www.cata.info — Chicago Auto Trade Association
- www.DriveChicago.com
- www.iihs.org — Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
- www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy

**CAR BUYING TIPS FOR BEGINNERS**

**BY BETH ENGELMAN**

**Mommy on a Shoestring**

Last time I bought a car I was pregnant and married and had no problem relegating the “big decision making” to my husband. Sure, I test drove the cars and asked the important questions such as, “How do I pre-set the radio?” But for the most part, it was my husband who researched the models, chose the dealer and negotiated the price. Ironically, my car has lasted longer than my marriage and as I start to think about replacing my “red chariot,” I’m overwhelmed with the process.

How can I get the best car for the best price and what exactly does that mean anyway? To help me through these issues I asked David Sloan and Paul Brian of the Chicago Auto Trade Association (www.cata.info) to walk us through the car-buying process and help us understand what it all means.

**Research**

“Before you even consider going to a dealer, it’s a good idea to do your research,” says Brian. “You want to balance what you want, what you need and what you can afford.” Although there are multiple websites to check out, Brian and Sloan recommend visiting www.DriveChicago.com (which is owned and operated by CATA) because it allows you to research and compare any new or used vehicle on the market. “Be sure to look at overall costs, not just price,” cautions Brian. “Look at the length of the warranty and what’s covered. Don’t buy certain things that are cute and stylish but don’t really pay off until later into an ownership cycle. For example, hybrids are a great idea if most of your driving is city-based, but if your daily commute is highway and moderately long distance, you’d probably be better off looking at a high mpg gasoline or diesel-powered car.” Another tip? Review safety ratings which you can find on the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety website (www.iihs.org).

**Get to know the dealer**

It may seem counterintuitive but a dealer is one of your best advocates when buying a car. Sure, a dealer wants to sell you a car, but he also wants to make you happy so you’ll remain a client for years to come. Talk to your dealer about ways she can help, such as finding credit easier than perhaps you’d be able to get on your own or working with other dealers to trade inventory so you can get the exact car you want.

Sloan also suggests checking out the service department because chances are you’ll be spending time there for regular tune-ups, oil changes and the like.

**Purchase or lease?**

Deciding on whether to purchase or lease a car is highly personal. Brian recommends that you first work the numbers with your dealer to see which option is a better fit. However, if you do decide to lease, keep in mind a few things. At the end of the lease you’ll have no equity (other than a file filled with lease receipts), you still have to pay tax on the total amount of the car, even though you’re only going to keep it for the length of the lease and if you do decide to purchase your leased car, you need to pay the tax again.

**Buy new or previously owned?**

If you do decide to buy a car, you’re faced with the option of buying new or previously owned. Obviously, a previously owned vehicle is usually less expensive and often comes with a warranty extension that helps mitigate the risk of buying something “used.” However, the weak economy and large supply of new cars makes buying a new car more attractive as dealers are able to offer better deals and incentives.

Finally Paul Brian, who also hosts the radio show “Drive Chicago” on WLS AM890, has some advice for moms, especially those of us who are overwhelmed with the alphabet soup-like jargon that comes with choosing a car (MSRP, MPG, APR, etc). “Pick a car that makes you look great in that LBD,” says Brian. “And if your salesperson doesn’t know what that is, tell him girls have their own jargon too!”
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Center of Concern

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

- Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays - Income tax preparation, by appointment.
- Monday, March 26 - Employment counseling, by appointment.
- Saturday, March 24 - Legal counseling, by appointment.
- Saturday, March 31 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

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

Preparation of simple wills and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also is available by appointment. All services are offered at the Center of Concern offices at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, #310, in Park Ridge. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 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 homeowner property-tax exemption.

Chamber

Niles Chamber of Commerce & Industry, (847) 268-8180. Niles Chamber Women in Business Luncheon:

Civic

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

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

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

Classes

The Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, offers a variety of classes for the adults in the horticulture, garden design, nature studies and botanical arts by Garden staff and other experts. For information or to register, visit www.chicagobotanic.org/school or call (847) 835-5861.

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc., is now offering "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy," dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton Grove. The fee is $60. Contact Dorida King at dhking4yahoo.com or call (773) 736-8621.

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712 meet at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Post at 7680 Caldwell Ave. (next to Tam Tennis in Niles on Howard Street). The Post is open also on Fridays 7 p.m. until closing. All veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan Korea and World War II are welcome. Call Bernard Beverley, (847) 966-5679, e-mail jamesbond54762@yahoo.com or call (847) 470-9890.

Community

Resurrection College Prep High School presents an International Fest from 2-5 p.m. March 25 at Resurrection, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. The event will feature performances, food and cultural exhibits that represent the cultural heritage of Resurrection students. All are welcome. Advance tickets are $3; general admission at the door will be $5; senior admission is $4, and children ages 12 and under admission is $4. Tickets are available at

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www.reshs.org or by calling (773) 775-6616, ext. 312. Food tickets will be sold at the event.

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell Ave. in Niles, will hold their Spring Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 3 and 4 in the Community Center. The Bake Shop features sweet tsoureki bread and koulourakia. Also, for the Pascha celebration there will be lambathes, dyed red eggs sold by the dozen, and Easter gift baskets. The famous home-made Greek pastries, such as baklava, diples, kataifi, galaktoboureko, kourambietes and melamakaronia will also be available for holiday entertaining. A Lenten Lunch will be served both days and shoppers can stop in the Coffee Shop to sit and enjoy a pastry and coffee. There is no admission charge. 

Our Lady of Ransom's Center. The Bake Shop will hold their Spring Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 28. For more information, call (847) 647-8880.

The Twice As Nice Moms Society of the St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell Ave., Niles. There will be a variety of items available: clothing, glassware, toys, tools, household items, jewelry, small appliances, exercise equipment, small furniture, lamps, bedding, books and more. There is also a "Treasure Room" that will have items that are new or slightly used. The sale benefits the parish as a whole. A pre-sale will be held from 6-9 p.m. March 29; $3 admission fee. A Bag Sale will be featured from 9 a.m. noon March 31 at $3 per bag. Call Ruth at (847) 823-2550.

The Twice As Nice Moms Kids/Baby Resale will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 24 at First United Methodist Church, 418 Touhy Ave., Park Ridge. Find gently used baby and children's clothing, baby equipment, toys, books, coats, swimsuits and more. Admission is $1. Check out www.twiceasnicemoms.com. Donations will also be accepted for the Bear Necessities Pediatric Foundation, dedicated to eliminate pediatric cancer.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie; information: (847) 967-4800; reservations: (847) 967-4889, www.ihmuseum.org. Museum admission prices: General Admission, $12; seniors (65+), $8; students (ages 12-22), $5; children (ages 5-11), $6. Reservations required for programs.

Through June 17: Special Exhibition — Ours to Fight for: American Jews in the Second World War. Through their artifacts, letters, and photographs, the "Greatest Generation" tell the stories of what the war was like for all its participants, and for Jews in particular. Ours to Fight for brings to life the actions and feelings of these young men and women. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended. March 25, 1:30-3 p.m.: Providing unique insights into the life of Jewish soldiers, Deborah Dash Moore discusses her book, GI Jews: How World War II Changed a Generation. Moore, professor of history and director of the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at University of Michigan, relates how more than half a million Jews in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II not only battled the Axis enemy, but also fought the prejudiced attitudes of their comrades in arms. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County recently established a Battery Recycling Program for rechargeable and alkaline batteries, partnered with Interstate Batteries in Skokie to provide recycling at no cost to SWANCC communities. Common household batteries are no longer accepted. Additional drop-off sites are posted at swancc.org/recycling/batteryclecycling.html.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County has established a location for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Under the new Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), only the following items will be accepted: Computers - PCs and laptops, scanners, computer monitors, mobile phones, peripherals - mice, keyboards, zip drives, MP3 players, televisions, PDAs - printers, VHS players, fax machines, DVD players, video game consoles, and DVR/ cable boxes. Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted. Visit swancc.org.

Any women interested in joining the Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Threshold Singers can contact Kathy Huber at (847) 685-9900. Practices are held on two Thursdays each month starting at 6:45 p.m. in Park Ridge. Threshold Singers are trained to sing in groups of two and three at the bedside of those who are sick and dying. The songs are generally traditional or simple rounds, chants, lullabies and hymns that can be chosen to comfort and encourage. Singers go through patient care volunteer training, but there are no auditions; only requirements are a love of music and a desire to serve others. Avenues Thrift Shoppe offers great prices and specials on gently used clothing for infants, children and adults.

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Fundraisers
The Stand Up for Epilepsy fundraiser will take place March 30 at the Snuggery in Edison Park, 7633 N. Olmsted Ave., Chicago. The evening of stand-up comedy will feature Patti Vasquez, Pat McGann and Tom Tomasulo. Doors open at 7 and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 and may be purchased at epilepsychicago.org. Proceeds will benefit the many programs and services provided by the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago.

Like New Auto Spa, Inc., 1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fund-raising program that benefits Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Anyone who visits Like New to have their car washed or detailed pays a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds going specifically to benefit the Older Adult Services program of the hospital. Call Aimée Madden, Lutheran General Development Office, (847) 723-8518; Steve Radakovic at Like New Auto Spa, (847) 823-9274; or visit www.likeneuautospa.com. The fundraising program is featured on the home page with a link to a more detailed flyer containing the discount and donation matrix. This offer is not valid with an outside wash only, or any other promotion/program.

Health
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is hosting a weekly community lecture series titled "Taking Care," focusing on Women's Health during March. All lectures will be held at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's West End Grille, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge, at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Free valet parking is available and refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend however registration is required. Call (847) 572-8622 and mention the code March 27: "Pelvic Pain: Finding the Answer," presented by Dr. John Madden, radiologist. Advocate Medical Group provides specialized occupational therapy services and learning instruction programs to children with physical, emotional, and learning difficulties. Contact: Ingrid Kenron at (847) 793-1631 or (847) 966-1505. A local dialysis clinic, Fresenius Medical Care Niles, 9371 N. Milwaukee Ave., has started a new night-time program for dialysis patients. The new service allows patients to receive treatments in the clinic at night, for eight hours, while sleeping or resting, usually three times a week. In addition to having their days free for other activities, patients often report having more energy and better dialysis results. Medicare-certified Fresenius Medical Care Niles is now accepting new dialysis patients. Call (847) 583-0334.

Senior Advocate of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood-pressure screenings 10 a.m.-noon on the first Wednesday of every month at the hospital's Patient Resource Center, 8820 W. Dempster St., Niles (across from the hospital). No appointment is necessary. Call (847) 723-7277.
Striking new menus at bowling alleys

BY VERONICA HINKE
Contributor

When a bowler’s elbow flips up away from his body during a swing, that’s called a “chicken wing.” Chicken wings top the menu at most bowling alleys too. But more and more, wings and onion rings aren’t the only food options. Chef-inspired menus at bowling alleys are becoming almost as common as those inevitable gutter balls.

“People tend to think of bowling alleys as only pins, pitchers and pizzas, but lately old-fashioned lanes are turning into more family-friendly environments with a wider selection of menu items,” said Jason Orawiec, owner of Fatman Bowl in Libertyville.

Light and fresh

The Grayslake resident tests out new ideas for his menu based on trends. “Best sellers” on Fridays, especially during Lent, are his Blackened Fish Tacos. They’re made with homemade jalapeno coleslaw and accented with freshly made chipotle-lime mayonnaise.

Another Fatman favorite is a red pepper-stuffed portobello mushroom sandwich. “It’s healthier than a burger,” Orawiec said.

Barbecue sauce, chili and soups like Tomato Basil and Chicken Enchilada are also homemade at Fatman.

Plenty of homemade items are on the menu at eSkape in Buffalo Grove. A popular item, especially right now, is their pot roast, which is rich with the flavors of garlic and pepper. “The gravy is more on the bearnaise side,” said General Manager Bill Feldgreber. The Buffalo Grove resident enjoys that pot roast at least once a week. “It’s so tender it melts in your mouth,” he said.

Cesar Gutierrez, culinary director for Pinstripes, has developed unlikely recipes for his bowling alley. Things like Grilled Maple Glazed Salmon. The fish is served over quinoa and accented with homemade red pepper sauce and mint vinaigrette. “The mint is there, but doesn’t overpower,” Gutierrez said.

Like much of the rest of his menu, the meal is healthier than what you would expect at a bowling alley. “It’s very light; it’s a nice, healthy dish,” he said. “You eat it and you feel good.”

Waffle Day

Gutierrez planned the menu for a March 25 event, “Waffle Day,” which will be held at Pinstripes in Northbrook and South Barrington, Sweet Apple Cinnamon; Balsamic and Berries; and Bananas Foster and Nutella waffles will be on the menu. Chef Brad Godinez’s menu at Viper Alley in Lincolnshire includes modern choices like marinated skirt steak with roasted smashed potatoes and other foods that are becoming more expected in places where bowling is an option.

But the restaurant’s nod to history is its “furnace oven,” in which pizzas like their buffalo chicken with homemade barbecue sauce are baked. The pizza oven is enclosed in a brick and steel structure from the original Shades, a former rock ’n’ roll roadhouse that stood for many years where Viper Alley is today. “The oven looks like a 1960s furnace,” Godinez said. But it works just fine. “It’s like a 1968 Cadillac with new parts.”

GRILLED MAPLE GLAZED SALMON

(Adapted from Pinstripes in Northbrook)

1 7-ounce salmon fillet
Herb rub (using mix of favorite herbs), to taste
Salt and pepper, 1 pinch
2 ½ ounces red mixed quinoa
½ ounce olive oil
2 ounces vegetable broth
⅛ of peeled avocado
1 ½ ounces cucumber, cut into diamond shapes
1 ½ ounces grape tomatoes, halved
1 tablespoon mint dressing
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1 pinch salt and pepper
1 ounce maple glaze (recipe follows)
1 ounce red pepper coulis (recipe follows)
Season salmon with herb rub, salt, and pepper.
Grill salmon. Keep warm.
In hot sauté pan, heat the quinoa, olive oil and vegetable broth. In mixing bowl, toss avocado, cucumber, tomatoes, mint dressing and olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.
Brush top of the salmon with glaze. Drizzle plate with red pepper coulis in zigzag form. Top with the quinoa and then the salmon. Place the cucumber salad next to the salmon.

At Pinstripes, Chef Cesar Gutierrez serves Grilled Maple Glazed Salmon with quinoa and fresh vegetables.

Red Pepper Sauce (Coulis)

½ pound canned, roasted red peppers, no liquid
1 tablespoon paprika
¼ tablespoon cayenne pepper
1 ½ teaspoons salt and pepper
1 cup vegetable oil

In blender, puree roasted red peppers. Add paprika and cayenne. Season with salt and pepper, while continuing to blend, drizzle oil into mixture until sauce is emulsified.

Mint Vinaigrette

½ cup pesto
¼ cup fresh mint (lightly pressed)
2 ounces mint jelly
Lime zest and juice, to taste

In blender, combine pesto and fresh mint. Blend on slow speed for eight seconds. Add mint jelly and lime zest and juice. Blend together until incorporated. The consistency should be slightly thicker than the oil.

Blanched Quinoa

1 cup quinoa
3 cups water
1 ounce carrots, finely diced
1 ounce celery, finely diced

In medium sauce pot, combine quinoa and water. Bring water to boil and simmer for 15-20 minutes. Cook until mix looks translucent and germ has spiraled out from each grain. Add carrots and celery to hot quinoa.
crafts. Each child will have the opportunity to take a photo with the Easter Bunny and receive a special gift. Tickets are $10 per child and $5 per adult and are required in advance. Tickets are available on Sunday from 1:30-3 p.m. or at www.resreshs.org. Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise.

The Niles Public Library is hosting multiple programs and events for tweens and teens for spring break, March 25 through 30 - March 25, 2-4 p.m. Play Brain Buster Trivia with friends; compete with others to answer questions on various topics from pop culture to sports history, with top teams winning prizes. March 27, 2:30-3:30 p.m.: Jerry Zimmerman a.k.a. Mr. Freeze, scientist at the world famous Fermi Lab, will present how scientists chill the universe with a special cryogenics tour, with top teams winning prizes. March 27, 2:30-3:30 p.m.: Jerry Zimmerman a.k.a. Mr. Freeze, scientist at the world famous Fermi Lab, will present how scientists chill the universe with a special cryogenics tour, with top teams winning prizes.

The Niles Public Library is open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. all year round.

Weekly, counselors from the Chicago Chapter of SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, will be at the library to help small business owners and anyone considering starting a small business. SCORE counselors are successful executives and business owners who can help with a wide variety of business issues. These experienced businesspeople offer private one-hour sessions of business coaching. SCORE is a nonprofit association of volunteers. Weekly sessions are held on alternating Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Sessions are free but an appointment is required. To set up an appointment online, visit the counseling display and select “SCORE.” If there are questions, call (312) 353-7724 or e-mail info@scorechicago.org.

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

Maine Township

The vocal magic of "Mr. Sound Effects" joins the expanded variety of exhibits, programming, and entertainment that will be featured at Maine Township’s Senior Expo “Serving our community since 1951” from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 20 at the Golf Mill Shopping Center. Other highlights of the day include the Legacy Girls, who will return with their signature performance, an Andrews Sisters musical revue, at 1 p.m. as well as bingo preceding the Expo from 9-10 a.m., sponsored by Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano; a Zumba Gold demonstration from 11:15-12 p.m. by certified instructor Diane Garvey, who is a member of the Maine Streamers class; and two raffles, one at 10:45 a.m. and the second at 12:15 p.m. Displays will include senior housing, health, financial services, and other providers of products and services that benefit older Americans. Call (847) 297-2510 or visit www.mainetownship.com. Potential exhibitors should call the Expo Office at (847) 698-5025.

Maine Township’s FISH (Friends Indeed Serve and Help) is in need of volunteer drivers to provide residents free transportation to medical facilities in and near Maine Township. Volunteers may choose how much time they wish to devote. Requirements include a current driver’s license and proof of auto insurance. The program requires residents in need to be mobile, or be able to use a cane or walker. FISH also asks that appointments be set three or more days in advance. To become a volunteer driver call Ed Oken at (847) 696-0761. To schedule a ride or for information call FISH coordinator Gloria Stepek at (847) 297-2510, Ext. 283.

Parks

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

Niles

Niles Park District New 3’s Preschool is offered at Niles Park District is for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2011, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year preschool. Classes are held from 12:30-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center. Session run up to May 17. Call (847) 967-6633.

Niles Public District is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginning and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St.
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Lessons will focus on the fundamentals of technique, music theory and good practice habits. Call (847) 967-6633 to reserve a lesson time.

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

Residents Advisory Committee – The District is in the process of assembling a group of residents to offer their input to better serve future community programs and activities. Interested parties should contact the Director, Bret Fahnstrom at (847) 297-3000, ext. 26, or email bret@gmpd.org.

High School Spring Basketball League (Frosty-Soph) tryouts at Feldman, 1-3 p.m. March 24; teams will be drafted. Must bring high school ID.

Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 7 at 10 a.m. at Dee Park.

Crickets classes and clinics begin in April at Dee Park. Learn the basics of fundamentals of this very popular sport. Aged 7-17.

Spring Break Youth Basketball Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, March 26 to 30 at Feldman. Work on dribbling, shooting, footwork, offensive and defensive techniques.

L'il Shooters Youth Soccer – Learn basic soccer skills including footwork, dribbling and passing. Aged 5-8 years old. Next session April 10 to May 15 at Dee Park.

The Painting Studio meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays or 7-9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Feldman.

Over the Rainbow allows young children to have fun learning the colors of the rainbow through stories and songs at Dee Park on Fridays. Aged 3-5 years.

Before & After School Child Care is available for children attending Mark Twain, Apollo or Stevenson schools in District 63. For details, call (847) 967-6633.

Zumba is a Latin-inspired workout to get in shape. Ongoing classes are held at 7:15 p.m. Mondays or Tuesdays at Feldman (see weeks).

Ballet & Tap – Ages 3 years to adult. Ongoing classes year round. Dee and Feldman Parks.

The Painting Studio offers classes for adults: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and 7-9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Feldman.

Tiny Tots Open Gym – Parents may drop in and supervise their 1-5 year-old any Wednesday or Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m. for a variety of gym games at Dee Park.

There are still spots available for second-semester preschool (for 4-year-olds). Offered are morning (five days per week) and afternoon classes (Mondays through Thursdays). All classes are at Dee Park.

Tae Kwon Do is a popular martial arts classes for children (ages 7-15) and adults. Offered are Grandmasters, Wednesdays and Saturdays all year round.

Various rooms/gyms are available for rental for parties, meetings or ongoing activities. Call (847) 297-3059.

The Golf Maine Park District offers a selection of ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale to the public from a Lights for Learning kiosk. Bulbs can be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles; or Dee Park, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000.

The Golf Maine Park District offers the community an opportunity to recycle paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied by Abitibi

Bowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, glossy paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books.

All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go to www.paperretriever.com.

Religion
Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, will offer its 7th annual Pre-School Program of Judaic Arts and Play, for children ages 2 and older. Children will enjoy Judaic arts and crafts, stories, games, singing, and snacks with their parents and/or grandparents. Siblings are welcome. Under 2 are free. The 2011-12 classes will be held two Sundays per month from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Schedule is subject to change. Tuition per semester is $60 and $75, respectively, for members enrolling one or two children; and $85 and $100, respectively, for nonmembers enrolling one or two children. Call the temple office at (847) 676-1566.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 8201 N. Karlov Ave., Skokie, will hold Adult Christian Education classes following 10 a.m. Sunday services. Classes will be held on a variety of topics. A Fellowship Hour follows the 10 a.m. service each week with "Brunch." The chapel in the Parish Ministry will serve breakfast and socialize the first Sunday of each month. Call the church at (847) 673-1434.

Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, holds a Christian education hour at 9 a.m. each Sunday, with worship service at 10:15 a.m. During the hour, Sunday school is in church parsonage; children from preschool-sixth grade welcome. Childcare services are available during worship. Call (847) 823-6984.

St. John Brebeuf Adoration Chapel in the Parish Ministry, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Park Ridge, is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for spiritual devotion, prayers and meditation. Call (847) 966-8145.

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Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle 8K
Sexy burger ad’s success story is music to Park Ridge producer’s ears

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A steamy new commercial showing Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue cover-model Kate Upton having a hot night out with a charbroiled burger has become an Internet sensation, with viewership of an extended version of a TV spot approaching the 3 million mark on YouTube.com.

Park Ridge native Rob Kleiner jokes that it’s the background music he arranged and co-produced that is the commercial’s real draw.

“TMZ declares my Carl’s Jr./Hardee’s commercial ‘the greatest commercial of all time,’” Kleiner posted on his Facebook page shortly after the ad’s debut late last month. “I’m sure it’s because of my music.”

The commercial, which advertises the Southwest Patty Melt sold by Carl’s Jr. and Hardee’s restaurants, features a provocatively dressed Upton at a drive-in movie, seductively biting into a patty melt and rolling around on her convertible.

The “sex-sells” nature of the ad has generated numerous headlines and, ultimately, some objections from those who feel it is too racy for prime-time TV.

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Kleiner, a professional musician and songwriter, co-produced the background music, a remake of the 1959 Marilyn Monroe song, “Some Like it Hot,” with Chris Watson. Kleiner said he was approached by the singer, Mzella, to do the music for the piece. Many different versions of the song were recorded in Kleiner’s Los Angeles studio until executives found a version they liked for the commercial, he said.

“It turned out pretty cool, I think,” Kleiner said. When he first saw the completed piece the songwriter acknowledged that he was happy to have been part of it. “It also made me really hungry for that cheeseburger,” he added.

Kleiner has been writing and producing music full-time since he relocated from Park Ridge to Los Angeles not long after the song, “What Part of Forever,” which he co-wrote for pop-music artist Cee Lo Green, appeared on the “Twilight Saga”’s “Eclipse” soundtrack in 2010.

“When you write a song, the two best things that can happen are a big artist can record it or it gets used in a TV commercial or a film,” said the songwriter, who has seen all three occur in his career.

Kleiner said record label executives and producers have been “eager to meet me and get to know me” since he arrived on the L.A. music scene.

“When you move to L.A. and you’ve written a Cee Lo song, people want to write music with you,” he said.

His latest project involves work on 2011 “American Idol” contestant Haley Reinhart’s debut album, which is scheduled to release in May.
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Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, offers Introduction to Judaism and beginning adult Hebrew classes on Sundays and monthly Yiddish. Members and nonmembers are welcome. Call (847) 675-4141, or go to www.ehnt.org.

Reunions
St. Mary Alumnae Association of St. Mary High School, formerly at 2044 W. Gresham Ave., Chicago, is sponsoring an all-class Reunion Luncheon to benefit the Sisters of Charity BVM Retirement Program. The event will be held April 29 at the Carlisle, 435 E. Butterfield Road, Lombard; reception begins at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at 12:30 p.m. Call (773) 620-2026.

Resurrection College Prep High School will celebrate an all-year reunion May 4 in the Athletic Fund, 4351, or go to www.reschs.org, click on Departments and then Senior. Registration is required for most programs.

The St. Columbkille Alumnae Association will sponsor its annual reunion luncheon March 25 at the Fountain Blue, 2300 S. Mannheim Road, Des Plaines. Cocktail service will begin at noon and lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Cost is $35. Proceeds go toward the retirement fund of the Sisters of Providence, St. Mary of the Woods, Ind. Call Charlene Swintek, president of the St. Columbkille Alumnae Board, at (847) 427-1981.

The Roosevelt High School Athletic Fund is holding an all-year reunion May 4 in the school cafeteria, 3436 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago. There will be a buffet dinner and musical entertainment. Cost is $60 per person. Call Arnie Kamem, class of 1950, at (847) 432-2773; visit www.rooseveltschicago.org.

St. John Brebeuf is looking for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni. Alumni should contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266, or e-mail lryder@sjbschool.org, and submit their name, year graduated, address, phone number, maiden name (if applicable) and e-mail address, and may share a story or tell how St. John Brebeuf made an impact on their life.

MAINE SENIORS
The Maine Township Mainesreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the Mainesreamers 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 Mainesreamers, (847) 297-2510, or go to www.maintownship.com.

Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff’s Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 use. 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.niles.com, click on Departments and then Senior. Registration is required for most programs.

Beginning Conversational Spanish will be taught from 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays, April 4 to May 9. Lisa Basset of Oakton Community College will lead the class. Cost is $30, members; $35, non-members. Registration deadline is March 26.

Yoga in Chairs will be conducted from 10:45-11:45 a.m. Thursdays, April 5 to 26. The class will provide a way to increase flexibility, strength and balance. Cost is $24, members; $29, non-members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Niles Senior Center Issues in the News meets at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays.

An Effective Communications group for persons with hearing loss meets from 11 a.m.-noon monthly. Learn about the latest equipment and devices. Contact Trudi, (847) 588-8461.

Registration is required for the following spring program sessions; there is no cost for members of the Niles Senior Center; non-members pay a $12 fee for each group.

Social Card Play of Bridge, Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m.; Drop-in Art, Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon; Sudoku Club, Mondays, 11 a.m.-noon; Choral Group, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.; Social Mahjong, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Social Bridge, Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m.; Line Dance, Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m.; Social Bunco, third Tuesday of the month, 1-3 p.m.; Computer Interest Group, every other week.

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

The Niles Senior Center offers a wide variety of support groups. Cost per group is $10, members; $15, nonmembers. Weight Management meets the first Thursday of the month, 1-2 p.m. Cancer Survivor Group meets the third Thursday of the month, 1-2 p.m.

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Classes winter term, running to June 25 - Level 4 Advanced, meets 9-10 a.m. Mondays; includes weight training with under 3-pound weights, standing and sitting exercises. Level 1 Beginners/ Pain Management meets 10-30-11:30 a.m. Mondays;

includes gentle stretching, mostly chair exercises. Cost for each session is $10, members; $15, nonmembers. Contact Sue Friedman.

The Sudoku Club meets from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Admission is free for members; $12 for six months for nonmembers.

Seniors

Mother’s-More Than a Cafe, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., invites adults 55 and older to experience professionally taught, free-to-moderate-priced programs such as lifelong learning programs, fitness classes, free blood-pressure checks and health screenings, free consumer seminars, special-interest workshops, special events and day trips. Call (773) 747-8604 for more information, except where noted.

Chess Club for checkmate champs and new players who wish to learn the rules and basic strategies. Sessions are Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Jazzercise - Jazzercise is a fitness program that combines aerobic exercises with elements of jazz dance. A series of dance routines is set to popular music while incorporating yoga, Pilates, cardio-kickboxing, and other fitness styles. The classes move incrementally through different intensity levels, so anyone is welcome to join. Classes are held at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and the cost is $5.35. Line Dancing is also offered at 11:15 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Class costs $3.25. A variety of exercise classes fit for every level is available. Try the gentle-moderate exercise class, 11:15 a.m. on Mondays and 10 a.m. on Tuesdays that features a combination of seated and standing exercises for a complete cardiovascular workout. The moderate-high energy class is at 11 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, giving more of a challenge with cardio, strengthening, stretching, and toning routines. Each class costs $3.25. Computer Classes - All classes are four weeks and meet once a week for two hours. Begin with level one and advance through to level four. Classes are regularly forming and are offered every month. Trained AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are preparing 2011 tax returns until April 9. Bring your 2010 tax return and 2011 income statements. Call (888) 600-2560 to schedule an appointment. Classic Looney Tunes Cartoons will be featured by media historian Mike Delaney at 1 p.m. March 22. He will focus on the classic Warner Brothers cartoons created between 1930 and 1969 and the quirky artists who worked in the famous TermiteTerrace on the studio lot. Suggested donation is $8. Annette Isaacs presents a glimpse of her native country in “Culinaria Germany: The Delicious Dish on German Food” at 12:30 p.m. March 29. Suggested donation is $10 (includes German sweet treats). A dinner theater program will feature the Norridge Those Were the Days Radio Players at 4:30 p.m. March 30, returning to the golden age of radio programming. Meal cost is $10/donation. Suggested donation for entertainment is $8.

Golf Mill Shopping Center is hosting “Feats of Fitness,” a mall-walking program Mondays through Saturdays, to enable seniors to walk within an enclosed environment.

The program is sponsored by Bethanny Terrace, Golf Mill Shopping Center, Maine Township MaineStreamers and Partners in Healthcare (North Shore Physicians Group). Health screenings and blood pressure screenings will be offered throughout the year every month on the second Wednesday. Call the Golf Mill management office at (847) 600-1070.

CIE SeniorLife is accepting applications for its Robinson Residence, 7550 N. Kostner Ave., in Skokie. Robinson offers a residential community composed of 24 affordable units in a one-story building, in a warm, friendly setting designed to serve seniors, 62-years-old and older, who may need a helping hand. Staff is available on-site, 24 hours a day, in case of emergency.

Application for assistance is available through CJE. Applicants should qualify for subsidized housing under the provisions of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Section 8 program.

Additional support services are available through CJE. Applicants should qualify for subsidized housing under the provisions of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A variety of support services is available to residents, including meals, transportation, and health and wellness services.

Support

“Education and Support for You, Your Family, and Your Child with Mental Health Issues,” sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban, will take place from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, April 25 to May 30, at the Maryville Scott Nolan Center, 555 Wilson Lane, Des Plaines. This is a six-week course for parents of children and adolescents dealing with mental health issues. Trained family members discuss getting an accurate diagnosis, latest research, therapies, problem-solving, crisis preparation, dealing with the school and juvenile justice systems, and transitioning from adolescence to adulthood. Diagnoses discussed include bipolar disorder, depression,
ADD/ADHD, anxiety disorders, OCD, ODD, and others. To register, call (847) 716-2252.
Meet others to practice conversational Spanish at the Golf Mill Shopping Center Food Court at 3 p.m. Saturdays, March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Look for "Meetup" sign on table near Subway.
Call (847) 850-7556.
A "Memory Box" workshop will explore emotions related to the loss of a loved one while constructing a memory box. The program will be given from 10 a.m. to noon on March 24 at Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care, 1550 Bishop Court, Mount Prospect.
Participants are encouraged to bring photos and/or small objects from their loved ones for the memory box. Other materials will be supplied. Registration fee is $15.
La Leche League, a breastfeeding support group, will meet at 10 a.m. on March 16 at Healthy Babies, Happy Families, 8267 W Golf Road in Niles (Four Flags Shopping Center). Expecting and nursing mothers are invited to attend this series of meetings, beginning April 20, May 18, June 15. No registration is necessary. Babies are always welcome. Visit illi.org.
Hospice CareCenter (2050 Claire Court, Glenview) grief support groups meet for eight weeks and are offered to anyone at no charge to the general public. The schedule for winter includes: Hope & Healing: Adult Loss, Thursdays, up to 6:30-8 p.m.; First Lighthearted Meetings, Wednesdays, up to 8:30-10 p.m.; Families with Children, Wednesdays, up to March 28, 6:30-8 p.m.; and monthly meetings and Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit http://sites.google.com/site/southhomenorthchicago.org or e-mail chicagomomsclub@gmail.com.
One Hope United, formerly the Lutheran General Hospital Family Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie, Handicap accessible and parking available.
To pre-register for the programs, call Thom Dennis, (847) 982-4364 or e-mail dennis@northshore.org.
Tops Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international weight-loss network of support groups, holds a local meeting every Monday at 7:30 a.m. at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level. The building is handicap accessible. Tops has helped individuals live healthier lives since 1948 with a combination of sensible eating, regular exercise, and ongoing support to help members achieve and maintain their weight-loss goals.
Weight No More, a friendly weight loss support group, welcomes new members. Discussions include weight loss tips, recipes, and helpful ideas to help participants reach their goals. Fees are $5 monthly to defray the room rental costs and small fines for weight gain. Meetings take place from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Fridays at the Howard Leisure Center, 6675 Howard St., Niles (elevator accessible). Call (847) 679-6225.
The Lutheran General Hospital Stroke Club for stroke survivors and their caregivers meets from 3-4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month (except January and July) at the Outpatient Therapy Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines; use south entrance. Contact Meg Potterfield, (847) 723-4765.
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) meetings at its Northwest office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines. The minimum age for the monthly meetings or eight-session groups is 18-years-old. If possible, call the LOSS office, (312) 655-7783, for an intake interview before the first meeting or visit www.catholiccharities.net/loss. Groups meet 7 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month and also on the second Wednesday of each month.
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week. The 24 hour help line number is (773) 205-3637. For additional information, call (773) 203-3600.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban, invites the public to attend its Family Support Group for families of individuals with a mental illness. Program is free and meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Nies Center, 1775 Ballard Road, north of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Free parking. Call (847) 716-4756.

The local TOPS Club chapter meets at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level (handicap accessible). TOPS meetings are open to women, men and teens. Cost is nominal. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Call (847) 966-4371; to find another chapter, visit www.topsm 보면. Call TOPS Headquarters at 1-800-932-8677.

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance-Greater Chicago has free support groups for people with mood disorders and support groups for their families. Meetings take place 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at Evanston Hospital, 2650 Ridge, Evanston, in Rooms G592 and G594, Call Elaine at (847) 673-4597.

An Alzheimer’s Caregivers support group, cosponsored by Advocate Medical Group and the Alzheimer’s Association, is offered monthly at the Nies Pavilion on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. Meetings are 1-3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the lower-level conference room of Nies Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Meetings are free and no registration is required. Contact Sandy Guarise, (847) 332-2500.

The Neptune Society, the largest independent cremation company in the nation based in Des Plaines, is bringing comforting teddy bears to Chicago area children who are hurt, frightened or alone. The Neptune Society Teddy Bear Program names a teddy bear in honor of every person whose death is cared for by Neptune on the one-year anniversary of their death. The teddy bears are then donated to organizations such as Rainbow Hospice in Park Ridge and local fire departments to be given to a child in need.

The Les Turner ALS Foundation Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of every month at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. For directions, call (847) 679-0951. Those attending are asked to call Claire Owen, director of patient services, (847) 679-3311 or covens@lesernal.org.

Grandparents As Caregivers, a program sponsored by Children’s Home + Aid, will offer grandparents an opportunity to meet other grandparents, share concerns and talk about interesting topics that will help them care for their grandchildren. Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Free child care is available with 24-hour notice. Meetings are monthly. Call Linda, (847) 640-9590.

The Stroke Club of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital meets 3-4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Outpatient Therapy Center, Church and Potter avenues, Des Plaines. Call Megan Potterfield, (847) 723-5690.

Holding On to Hope—Rainbow Hospice is a monthly day time group for widowed people grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets 1-2:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St. Registration is required. Admission is $5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Rainbow Hospice’s Life Transitions Group is an ongoing support group for anyone who, as a general guideline, has been widowed for one to four years, meeting 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. The fee is $5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Good Mourning Program meets 6:45-8:30 p.m. every third Monday of the month at Lutheran General Care Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines. The program is a support group for children, teens and families who have lost a loved one through death. Preliminary interview is required before registration. To register, call Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Support, (847) 692-8884.

Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Thursday of the month at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Room 1043, Park Ridge. The focus is to assist patients with Crohn’s disease or ulcerative colitis, their families, significant others and friends in coping more effectively with the illness. Call (847) 827-0404.

Resurrection Medical Center sponsors a variety of free cancer-support groups for both patients and their family members. All support groups are free and meet in the Cancer Conference Room (ground floor, Entrance C). Contact Carol Flanagan, (773) 792-5116.

The Cancer Support Group for cancer patients, families and friends meets monthly 7-8:30 p.m. every last Wednesday. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Family Support Group for people with leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin’s Disease and their families meets every first Wednesday of the month.

The Butterfly Club is a support group for children ages 3 to 18 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every third Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required. For information, call Rainbow Hospice’s Life Transitions Group at (847) 692-8884. The Cancer Support Group meets every second Wednesday of the month.

The Teen Cancer Support Group is for teens ages 13 to 18 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every third Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required. Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Saturday of each month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Suite C. Call (773) 594-7856.

Alzheimer’s Support Group meets the second Sunday of the month in the Health Management Classroom. The session is free. Call Health Management, (773) 792-5022.
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Today  
Baseball hosts Prospect, 4:30 p.m.  
Lacrosse at Sandburg, 7 p.m.  
Volleyball at Maine West, 5 p.m.

Friday  
Volleyball at Marist Invite, 5 p.m.

Saturday  
Volleyball at Marist Invite, 9 a.m.

Tuesday  
Baseball hosts Guerin, 4:30 p.m.

**NILES NORTH**

Today  
Softball at St. Viator, 4 p.m.

Friday  
Boys volleyball at Marist Invite, 5 p.m.

Saturday  
Baseball hosts Schurz (OH), 10 a.m.

Boys gymnastics at Rolling Meadows, 4:30 p.m.

Boys track vs. Bolingbrook at Lewis Univ., 4 p.m.

Boys volleyball at Marist Invite, 8 a.m.

Girls soccer at Evanston, 11 a.m.

Softball at Regina (DH), 10 a.m.

Monday  
Baseball on Florida Trip, TBD

**Wednesday**  
Boys volleyball hosts Notre Dame, 6 p.m.

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**Cone could be next shortstop sensation**

**BY DAN SHALIN**

Niles North star shortstop Adam Warda has moved on to Southern Illinois University after a monster 2011 season, when he hit .485 with nine home runs and 48 RBIs, and finished second behind Glenbrook South's Luke Harrison in voting for Central Suburban League Player of the Year.

Vikings head coach Ed Toledo said it will take multiple players to fill Warda's shoes.

"You can't really replace Warda. He had a third of our RBIs, and you can't replace him with one player, or person," said Toledo, whose team finished 15-22 last season. "But we have some kids who played as sophomores last year, and we feel they are going to step up and have good seasons."

The team's three-man junior nucleus includes third baseman/pitcher Matt McTague, catcher Gabe Dwyer and outfielder/pitcher Elliot Mark.

McTague expects to be the team's No. 1 starter, and when he's not pitching, start third base.

"He had a good American Legion season for us last summer, and cemented his place in the field and on the mound. Ever since then, we feel he could be the No. 1 guy (pitching)," Toledo said. "He's added strength and has gotten quicker — he's a good starting player and hitter. On the mound, he's stronger and his velocity has improved. He'll be fine as long as he doesn't try to do too much."

Seniors David Schoenberg and James Puller look to be the team's other top starters.

Junior Sammy Schwartz, senior Mo Raja, and juniors Jessie Green and Dan Ammer also should get work on the hill.

"The most important thing is consistency," Toledo said about the staff. "We don't have a flamethrower — McTague is the closest to that — but the other guys can pitch well enough to win. If they work on doing what they're capable of doing, they are going to be OK."

Dwyer returns behind the plate, while Duarte is back at first base. Duarte is playing, but not yet 100 percent after having knee surgery in December. Ammer will share duties at first base, and he and Duarte also will DH.

Schoenberg gets the nod at second base, while sophomore Ari Cone takes over at shortstop, long a strength at Niles North. Before Warda,

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**Pitchers will determine how much Demons improve**

**BY DAN SHALIN**

Maine East may have finished 4-23 last year, but head coach Ron Clark said the 2012 squad is poised for a breakout season this spring.

The Blue Demons had a young group in 2011, and Clark said that many of his players, though talented, needed more seasoning than their CSL counterparts because "most did not grow up playing travel baseball."

"I really believe that and am excited about this group," Clark said. "There is not any team I'd rather coach in our conference. This team is ready to take off. They've put in the time and work. Hopefully, we'll see the results of the hard work and effort."

"Our biggest challenge is not who we are playing, but ourselves," Clark said. "We have to work through some issues. In close games, we have to find ways to win those games instead of coming close and being happy. It will be critical to get off to a good start, for our confidence and buy-in."

And Clark thinks his team is capable of taking the next step in the CSL North this spring.

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"Pitching appears to be a strength. Senior right-hander Cory Evans and senior twins Andrew and Tyler Glowacki are expected to be the main starters. Junior AJ Plis and Greg Davis -- the lone lefty on the staff -- and senior George Zakharia also will pitch."

"He's a versatile kid who can play either spot in the middle infield," Clark said. "He's an excellent bunter with a lot of speed. He's the middle infield," Clark said. "He's an excellent bunter with a lot of speed. He's a heck of a player. We expect a lot from him in terms of leadership and performance."

The Glowacki brothers also are middle infielders, and Clark said both have improved offensively.

"Senior Steve Khatchadourian is an imposing figure (6-foot-2, 245 pounds) at first base, and he's improved defensively."

"Seniors David Schoenberg, Mark, Schoenberg, McTague, Duarte, Ammer, Dwyer and Fox, who could move up into the heart of the order as the season progresses."

Niles North will take a spring break trip to Orlando, Fla., where the Vikings will play four varsity games against teams from Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.
Thrashers moved to Winnipeg

The four major North American leagues have a tradition of moving teams from one city to another. When the NHL's Atlanta Thrashers moved to Winnipeg before the 2011-12 season and became the Jets - 16 years after the original Jets moved to Phoenix - season tickets sold out in just 17 minutes, which was only four days after the move was announced. What made this even more surprising is that, with a metropolitan population of only about 750,000, Winnipeg is the second smallest market among the four major North American sports. The smallest? Green Bay of the NFL.

BY MATT HARNESS

Word already out about sensation Tirovolas

Teams will find out about her and double-team her.

Or worse.

Tirovolas constantly fought off as many as four Trevians and never got enough free space to take one good shot Saturday.

Regardless, Clish expects Tirovolas to be trouble for most teams this spring.

"She has very good ball-handling skills, the best I've coached in nine years here," he said. "She can shoot right or left and is smart with the ball. She knows how to play.

"She's someone I've been waiting on for a long time."

Niles West started the season with a 4-1 defeat to Deerfield and a 5-3 loss to Glenbrook North before falling to New Trier.

But Clish saw improvement over the weekend against the Trevians, a team that could challenge for the state title.

"We are always looking up," said the coach, whose club dropped to 0-1 in the CSL South. "We are positive."

"I've known about Molly for a while," Clish said of the three-sport athlete who played varsity soccer since her freshman year. "She's knowledgeable about whichever sport she plays. She reads the game very well."

Clish promised the Wolves are pledged to working on defense in practice.

"Every day we are walking through situations until they understand what has to be done," he said.

Niles West, which was scheduled to play Maine South on Tuesday, hosts Leyden today (Thursday) and Oak Park-River Forest on Saturday.
Niles West twins take firsts at indoor meet

BY ROB VALENTIN
Contributor

Despite the graduation of superstar sprinter Kel- lian Gordon, the future looks sunny for the Niles West girls track and field team.

Twins Sunshine and Sunbright Simon come into their junior year ready to make their mark on the Wolves' program.

"In all honesty, each year you have certain girls that you'd love to keep but you lose to graduation," Niles West head coach Mark Medland said. "That's just part of it. Having those kinds of girls help the younger girls learn and improve. I have high hopes for Sunshine and her sister Sunbright."

The duo looked impressive at the CSL South indoor meet on March 15 at Glenbrook South. Sunshine won the 55 high hurdles (8.8) and was third in the triple jump (34-feet-0) while sister Sunbright captured the 200 (27.9) and took fifth in the 50 (7.0). The two also teamed up on the 1,600 relay team that took second (2:21).

"The 55 was great," Sunshine said. "I was trying to get in the 8's. I really like the hurdles. I'm going to keep working hard and try to get to state this year. (Sunbright) pushes me a lot and it helps me get better."

"We push each other all the time," Sunbright added. "And if we're not running the same race we cheer each other on. It helps a lot."

Niles West also returns a pair of state qualifiers in juniors Jasmine Townsend and Sydney Helwig.

Townsend was the sectional champion in the shot put last season and has thrown over 38 feet this season, qualifying her for the Prep Top Times Saturday at Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington. She won the conference title with a throw of 36-8.

Helwig placed 15th in the 100 high hurdles Downstate last season in 15.42. She skipped the CSL meet with a bruise on her foot but should be ready for outdoors.

Kelly Sanks placed first in pole vault at the CSL meet at 8-6 and the points she can accumulate in meets should come in handy.

"My (personal record) is 8-9 and I really want to get over 9, maybe 9-6 this year," Sanks said. "Hopefully I can make state."

Lily Chatman, who is a returning outdoor conference champion in the high jump, and won that event at the CSL meet clearing 4-10, can add some points as well.

Freshman Christine Mujica gives the Wolves some scoring potential in the 3,200. She handled her first big meet well, taking fourth at conference with a time of 12:17.4.

"Each time she goes out there she improves," Medland said. "That's kind of what we're looking for. With these freshmen, there's no telling how much faster they'll get."

Another girl to look out for is sophomore Rosario Sievers, a foreign-exchange student who could make some noise in the three jumping events.
Cross-country runners anchor Wolves track

BY MATT HARNESS
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Distance runners Neal Omar and Marc-Daniel Julien look to pick up the pace this spring.

Niles West coach Chris Vivone expects the senior pair to lead the Wolves in the 800 and 1,600-meter runs once the team heads outside. Omar and Julien both finished in the top five at Loyola Regional during the cross country season.

Vivone also will count on Senior Blake Helton in those events.

"That's our strength right now," Vivone said.

Jordan Nianick showed Friday at the CSL South indoor meet that he can contribute, too, by winning the long jump in 20-feet-1 3/4.

He was the only winner for the Wolves, who finished fifth with 51 points.

A senior, Nianick is in his first season with the team after playing baseball for three years.

"He's a hard-working guy who really is into the long jump and trying to get better," Vivone said. "Very technical."

Senior sprinters Mike Wright and Jeremiah Jordan went 2-3 in the 50-yard dash at the conference meet. Wright finished in 6.65, and Jordan followed in 5.70.

"They are our leaders in the sprints, and I think they looked pretty good in that race," the coach said. "We will be counting on those two once we get outside."

Bobby Tran set a personal best in the shot put by throwing 46-10 to take fourth place.

"We're progressing," said Vivone. "Very technical."}

The Vikings (94 points) finished third at Glenbrook North behind Deerfield (129.5) and Highland Park (117.5).

But the results of Friday's CSL North indoor meet indicate an eighth straight title hardly is guaranteed.

"We're progressing," said Vivone. "Very technical."
Boehm brought it every game

BY MATT HARNES
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By virtue of being a big man — and a varsity player for four seasons — Connor Boehm got the Shaquille O'Neal treatment this season.

Still, the New Trier senior managed to make a difference despite all the attention he received every time he touched the ball.

The 6-foot-7 Dartmouth-bound forward averaged a team-best 19.4 points and 9.3 rebounds a game, leading the Trevians (29-6) to a top seed at the Glenbrook South Sectional. The Trevians won their second regional championship in four years, before losing to Evanston in a sectional semifinal.

"Every team knew, to be successful they had to limit his offensive input, and he did a great job of responding to that," New Trier coach Scott Fricke said of the all-CSL South selection and second team all-state pick.

Boehm played on varsity as a freshman, but Fricke barely recognizes the player who will graduate this spring after he helped New Trier post a 70-37 record in his four seasons.

"He was a tough kid," Fricke said. "Fundamentally, he needed improvement. When he caught the ball in the post (as a frosh), he traveled. His outside shot wasn't effective. But he improved all aspects of his game." Boehm especially showed his utility this season. Despite drawing defenders from all angles, he was able to make New Trier's offense work. Along with his scoring production, Boehm finished the season with 51 assists in 29 games and was one of the team's deadliest threats from the outside.

"He was great at getting his teammates shots," Fricke said. "He did a really good job of passing out of the post. That really was one of the keys to our season."

New Trier won't soon forget Boehm, who ended his career with 1,525 points.

"He really became a complete player," Fricke said. "He was able to beat you inside, outside — and was improved on defense. The kid won a lot of games and was part of a winning program."

New Trier's Connor Boehm, who scored 1,525 points during his four-year varsity career, saw the Trevians go 70-37 and win two regionals during that span. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-FORE SUN-TIMES MEDIA

NORTH STARS BOYS BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM

MALACHI NIX
Niles North senior forward

A constant source of excitement who never hides his love for the game, Nix has been a big part of Niles North's emergence. Behind the team's leading scorer, the Vikings won back-to-back regional titles for the first time. The point guard averaged 19.5 points, 3.2 assists and 2.1 steals a game.

AUSTIN ANGEL
Evanston senior guard

The versatile ball-handler did a little bit of everything for the Trevians. A two-year starter after transferring from Boylan, the 6-foot-4 wing averaged 12 points, 4 rebounds and 4 assists for the 23-6 club that earned the top seed at the Glenbrook South Sectional.

JOSH IRVING
Evanston senior guard

One of the most fearless shooters around, Irving served as a key contributor during the Wildkits' run to the program's first sectional title since 2008. The 6-foot-7 forward became one of the most dominant players in the area, averaging 19.4 points and 9.3 rebounds a game. He will play at Dartmouth next season.

CONNOR BOEHM
New Trier senior forward

A long-time focus of CSL defenses, Boehm was a four-year player for the Trevians. The 6-foot-7 forward became one of the most dominant players in the area, averaging 19.4 points and 9.3 rebounds a game. He will play at Dartmouth next season.

LEONARD GARRON
Evanston senior forward

There weren't too many rebounds or loose balls that Gar- ron didn't chase and recover. The 6-foot-4 senior provided the muscle during the team's run through the playoffs. Garrron, who will play football at Southern Illinois next season, averaged 8.4 points and 5.9 rebounds a game.

— Selected by Pioneer Press sports staff
Niles West's Kevin Ross drives the ball for a double during the Wolves' season opener with Wheeling. (CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN TIMES MEDIA)

Ross heads long list of Wolves talent

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

A new part of the job for Niles West baseball coach Garry Gustafson is spending time fielding calls from major league baseball scouts.

Such distractions have become commonplace, since the Wolves feature one of the country's best players in senior shortstop Kevin Ross.

Ross, who hit .486 with 80 RBIs, 35 runs and 16 steals last season, already has signed to play at the University of Michigan. Hearing his name early during June's MLB Entry Draft could force the right-hander to decide between college and the professional ranks.

Gustafson said he doesn't worry about Ross losing his focus because an arsenal of radar guns are pointed at him.

"He's used to that. He's been through it the past year and a half," Gustafson said regarding Ross, who transferred from Mather after his sophomore season. "He has no problem going out and playing, if those guys are there or not. He plays the game the right way. We're obviously looking for a big year out of Ross. He's a tremendous defensive player, and his bat speed and the type of hitter he is ... he's one of the top hitters in the country."

Ross will anchor an experienced infield that also includes junior Kyle Colletta and senior third baseman Jason Meger, both third-year starters. Senior Max Markoff returns at first base.

"Our infield is as strong as anybody," Gustafson said. "We have Colletta and Ross up the middle, and a third-year varsity third baseman in Meger. As far as swinging the bat and doing all the little things, the infield is as good as there is in the Central Suburban League. It's as strong as it can be when those guys are not pitching."

Each of the infielders could pitch, so their backups will have opportunities to play. Junior Matt Tan can handle second base, senior Evan Athanasio can play several positions, including shortstop, juniors Jack Arcus and Nick Clark can fill in at third base, and senior Trevor Taihami, along with seniors Kolby Rosenberg and Jordan Griffith should be the everyday center-fielder after Rosenberg or Stojanoff, and Markoff, a lefty. Ross also can pitch and could be used as a closer.

The batting order, through 7, looks to be: Ostraga, Colletta, Ross, Meger, either Rosenberg or Stojanoff, Markoff.

Gustafson believes the team will compete for the top spot in the CSL North. "We feel like we can play as well as anybody and contend for the conference," the coach said. "But Glenbrook South, New Trier, Maine South, and Glenbrook North on the other side (North), are all good. It will be a dogfight from start to finish. But our goal is to be contending the last week of the season. That's all we can hope for."
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