Seven-year-old Mia deGrasse of Park Ridge reads to "Scout," during Thursday evening's "Reading with Rover" program at the Niles Public Library. BRIAN O'MAHONEY-Sun-Times Media

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McCracken Middle School students raise money and save lives through “A Leap For Ghana.”
Ruff readers get furry therapy

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

As Claire Chilla read out loud to Charlie at the Niles Public Library, he couldn't look more relaxed and happy.

Charlie, a Great Dane-pointer mix, loved getting his belly rubbed as Chilla read a book to him during the library's Reading with Rover program on Feb. 28.

"I think the program is valuable for helping with reading and expression and letting a child who may not have a pet at home be with an animal in a safe situation," said Debbie Graham, a librarian at the Niles Public Library who coordinates the program.

The program is held through Rainbow Assisted Therapy, which holds various programs like Reading with Rover that are intended to provide children with an attentive and non-judgmental audience.

"She loves coming to this program," said Teresa Chilla, who said they don't have a dog at home, so it's a great way for her daughter to practice reading while also getting canine companionship.

"I enjoy it," said Daniella LoPiccolo, 7, of Niles.

"It's the only way she loves to read," shared Kimberly LoPiccolo, Daniella's mom. With a smile, she said that the dogs are more fun to read to than her mom.

Graham said that a major goal of the program is to help kids who may need some assistance with reading out loud.

"They don't have to be a struggling reader to participate," said Graham. She said the program also helps the kids build confidence while they're reading out loud.

Graham said that the program also helps kids who are shy, because they get the opportunity to read books out loud to people they don't know in a safe environment.

Five dogs and their owners were spread out throughout the meeting room in the children's department. The kids were reading books to the dogs that were all calmly listening to the children.

Barb Balla, Charlie the dog's owner, said she's been participating in programs with Rainbow Assisted Therapy for more than five years. She's a library coordinator for Rainbow.

Balla said the dogs go through a training program and are re-evaluated each year.

Balla said that Charlie also participates in the therapy program at a local hospital.

"The dogs are not judgmental," said Balla.

Rosemary Jelinek, of Chicago, participates in the program with her 3-year-old dog, Scout, who was wagging his tail as he listened to the kids read.

Jelinek said that she also brings Scout to schools so that severely handicapped children have the opportunity to read to him.

Jelinek said the teachers told her that some of the kids don't speak too much, but they are able to read to the dogs.

Each session of Reading with Rover at the Niles Public Library lasts for several weeks, and the kids come to read to the dogs every other week.

After the kids finish reading to the dogs during their 20-minute session, they hand out treats to their four-legged friends who are wagging their tails, waiting anxiously for their treat.

"We don't have a dog at home," said Miriam Espinosa, of Niles.

Espinosa said her son, Noel, 7, really enjoys reading to the dogs at the library.

"It's good for him to read out loud," Espinosa said, who feels the program is an excellent way for her son to practice his reading skills.

"There's not much pressure," said Graham, about the program they've been doing at the library for about five years.

She said that no one corrects the children when they're reading like at school or at home.

Graham said the kids, volunteers and the dogs enjoy the experience.

"It's a de-stressor all around," said Graham.
After Maine scandal, Dist. 219 updates hazing policy

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

Niles Township High School District 219 is polishing its response protocol for student misconduct in light of a neighboring district's struggle with a hazing scandal.

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Dist rict 219 students agree to adhere to the district's code of conduct when they choose to participate in extracurricular group activities, including sports, Robinson said.

"It is specifically mentioned and brought to the kids' attention," he said.

The district lists hazing alongside
name-calling, stalking, and threatening or causing harm as prohibited conduct, among other activities. Bullying on the basis of appearance was also recently added into district policy. Robinson said expectations for behavior are laid out for students their freshman year when the Anti-Defamation League hosts a presentation on bullying for the incoming class.

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Combatting hazing may involve more than educating students about intolerable behavior however. Robinson said teens must be able to trust and feel comfortable speaking with adults who are in positions to help, including teachers, coaches and administrators.

"If students didn't think we'd respond, they wouldn't tell us," Robinson said. "We have to make ourselves available."

Hazing is sometimes covered, he said, though it's at the discretion of the presenters. "There is some discussion about hazing (at the schools) but it's not targeted in that program," Robinson said.

Hazing has been of local concern since a suit was filed in November against Maine Township High School District 207, claiming students were sexually assaulted during hazing rituals.

The scandal erupted after multiple soccer players told Des Plaines police they were hazed in September by teammates who tackled and sodomized them with fingers and sticks.

Six teens were charged with misdemeanor battery and hazing. The District 207 school board fired varsity soccer coach Michael Divincenzo and freshman coach Emilio Rodriguez for failing to act when notified of the incidents.

Both coaches have said they didn't know about the hazing, according to Des Plaines police reports, though police had been told Divincenzo witnessed an assault in July, congratulated the victim and welcomed him to the team.

The allegations have prompted criminal investigations by Illinois' child welfare agency and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

An 80-year-old Niles woman was reportedly the target of an attempted scam involving a caller pretending to be a relative in need of financial assistance.

According to Niles Police, the woman received a phone call on Feb. 15 from a man claiming to be her grandson who said he was in jail in Chicago. A second man then reportedly got on the line, identifying himself as the man's lawyer and requesting bail money.

Police said the woman was told to wire $3,900 to an address in the Philippines, but before doing so she contacted her grandson who told her he had never been arrested.
PARK RIDGE

The earth is moving under Park Ridge — and it's wreaking havoc on the city's system of underground pipes that carry water.

Last year's drought, combined with unusual winter weather, is being blamed for an ongoing series of water-main breaks across the city. On Feb. 23, a main broke on the 1200 block of North Hamlin Avenue, marking the 100th rupture since May 1, 2012, the start of the city's fiscal year. The 101st break followed two days later.

In a normal year, the city averages about 50 to 55 main breaks, meaning there have already been the double the number of ruptures — and two months still to go until the end of the fiscal year.

At the same time, there have been another 30 water-service leaks since last May. That's also double the average yearly number, according to Ron Brubaker, supervisor of Park Ridge's Water and Sewer Division.

Brubaker said last summer's drought and a relatively dry — until lately — winter have caused shifting of the ground, which in turn caused water pipes to shift and move, resulting in the cracks. The frequent freeze and thaw cycles experienced this winter "will also play havoc with the earth moving," Brubaker said.

"Once the moisture gets back in the ground, these things will calm down a little bit," he said. "We're definitely keeping our fingers crossed, that's for sure."

Director of Public Works Wayne Zingsheim added that without snow providing an insulator at the start of the winter, frost was able to permeate the ground more quickly, contributing to additional ground movement and main breaks.

The need for more repairs has, naturally, meant additional expenses for the city. Zingsheim said the Water and Sewer Division's $50,000 overtime budget has already been exceeded by about $25,000, and money spent on materials is "at least a third or 50 percent higher than we normally would have spent."

"Luckily we had a lot of supplies in stock, which we've gone through," Zingsheim added. "Now we're ordering more materials to keep up with it."

Materials include sand and stone to fill the hole that is dug to repair the pipe.

Park Ridge is not the only community in the area to have bad luck with main breaks over the last year. Just about two months ago Des Plaines had already experienced 165 breaks, Zingsheim said.

"Everyone I talk to is having the same problems," he said.

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about heart health
and the fact that
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risk than other
populations.

Sitafalwalla said his own
family and friends in their
30s have experienced heart
attacks. He recently gave a
lecture called “A Call to Ac-
tion: South Asian Cardiac
Epidemic.” He has created a
South Asian Cardiac Center
at Lutheran General Hospital
to help South Asians seek
proper medical care, lead
healthy lifestyles and elimi-
nate any cultural barriers.

Q: Can you explain
the South Asian Cardiac
Epidemic?
A: Basically, South Asians
are at a (four times more)
increased risk than the general
population. It’s been kind of a
silent epidemic. One fourth of
heart attacks that occur with-
in the South Asian commu-
ity occur under the age of 40.
South Asian women are at a
30 to 50 percent increased
risk of dying from a heart at-
tack compared to the general
population. I’m seeing people
who are my parents’ age in
their 50s and 60s; Just as
they’re about to retire, they’re
dying. It’s a huge issue.

Q: What is the center all
about?
A: We started to create the
center from ground up last
March. What we want to do
is go out to the faith-based
community and South Asian
communities and educate
people on their risk. We have
a South Asian nurse naviga-
tor. Any South Asian that
is admitted to the hospital
gets an extra level of care
and helps to advocate to
the South Asian families and
the patients and makes sure
there is nothing lost in the
potential cultural gap.

Q: Why are people from
South Asia facing these
types of heart issues?
A: The research is limited.
The risk factors associated
with cardiac issues are kind
of mixed. South Asians have
a higher likelihood to have
diabetes. The other issue is
an issue of lifestyle. At least
around 50 percent of South
Asians are vegetarians. Some
don’t eat many fruits and
vegetables, but carbohy-
drates. The key is to keep
the heart attack from ever hap-
pening by screening these
individuals.

Q: What do you like about
giving lectures?
A: I’ve been active in the
community in terms of vol-
unteer service. I’m very com-
fortable doing it. I enjoy in-
teracting with the community
and empowering them with
the knowledge they need to
get something done.

Q: What was the reaction
to your recent lecture on this
topic at Lutheran General?
A: It was fairly well-attend-
ed in light of the snowstorm
and blizzard. The big reac-
tion we had from the public
was pure shock and surprise.
When they see the statistics,
they say, ‘Wow, this is some-
thing bigger.’

Q: How long have you
been with Lutheran General
Hospital?
A: I’ve been a cardiology
fellow here for three years
and did my internal medicine
training for three years. I’ll be
starting as a cardiologist in
July.

Q: Is there interest in look-
ing into other ethnic groups
and their related heart
issues?
A: We’re targeting the
South Asian community,
because they’re at the high-
est risk, but Lutheran Gen-
eral Hospital is taking a lot
of steps in terms of their
outreach (to other ethnic
groups).

Q: When did you know you
wanted to be a cardiologist?
A: I was one of the stereo-
typical ones, who knew at 2.
For me, it’s a dream come
ture. I get to be what I want
to be from a professional
standpoint and serve my
community, which is what I’ve
always wanted.
Students take musical leap for Ghana

BY MIKE ISAACS | misaacs@pioneerlocal.com

Not many junior high school students reunite with their second-grade teacher so she can deliver this message to them: “You literally saved people’s lives.”

During last week’s second annual “A Leap For Ghana” concert at McCracken Middle School, Middleton School teacher Shelley Nizynski used her words carefully; no one knows better than she what money raised by these dedicated kids have paid for.

“Children’s lives were saved because of what you have done,” she said.

Last year, student members of teacher Jen Ciok’s Aiding Children Together club raised about $6,000, allowing Nizynski to bring her compassionate and humanitarian work in Ghana to a new level. The money helped open the first medical clinic there; Nizynski’s father-in-law, Dr. Tom Reese, treated more than 300 patients in the impoverished African country.

“This was the first time most of these people had seen a medical doctor in their lives,” Nizynski said.

That clinic meant the difference between life and death for some patients. A desperate mother came in carrying her infant son with a 104-degree temperature because of malaria. Reese began treating him with critical medicine.

“The next day she returned with her son, fever-free and smiling and on the road to recovery,” Nizynski recounted.

A villager bitten by a poisonous snake was saved because of the clinic.

Nizynski’s nonprofit A Better Life For Kids has also taken care of eight deaf children in Ghana. Children with disabilities there are often stigmatized and abandoned.

“Seeing children who had no hope for the future smiling and wearing a school uniform is one of the best feelings in the world,” she said.

For the second year, A Better Life For Kids will be able to send these students to a boarding school where they have the opportunity to thrive.

The youngest of them became deaf from meningitis and was rejected by her mother. She initially was angry, confused and didn’t want to communicate.

“When I saw her this December,” Nizynski said, “she came...
running up to me, smiling, and is beginning to use sign language now to communicate."

If these stories sound like miracles, they are in a way — not only because of the humanitarian work performed in Ghana, but because of how Nizynski's initial solitary mission has expanded and inspired a community. She made her first visit to the orphanage in Ghana alone, right around the time she started teaching at McCracken. In July, she will visit there for the 11th time.

When she arrives, children will run to greet her, a palpable excitement every time she pulls up, a mutual love reflected from years of humanitarian work.

Since her first visit, Nizynski has created A Better Life For Kids to further her mission. She has inspired friends and family to join her. Last year, she won the Illinois Holocaust Museum's inaugural Power of One Award, which honors one person in the world who makes a difference.

But maybe the most important local ripple from her work is her inspiration to the students of McCracken Middle School.

Ciok created Aiding Children Together to teach students to become good citizens, to care and make a difference in the larger world around them.

"It's the vision of our school to inspire students to make the world a better place," Ciok said. "I love doing this and seeing how students respond."

The students responded in amazing ways after the club aligned with A Better Life For Kids after the first year. Through different fundraising events — the concert and an annual walkathon being the major ones now — McCracken students have allowed Nizynski to expand her work every year.

"Tonight, you all came to see a concert," eighth-grader Juliana Tichota told a room filled with parents, families and Aiding Children Together alumni last week. "But the real reason you're here tonight is because we want every child to have a good life, to have food every day, to have a bed to sleep in, clothes to wear and a roof over their heads."

Dressed in olive T-shirts, "A Better Life For Kids" written on the front, nearly a couple dozen children sang and played instruments through a collection of well-known musical numbers. They periodically talked about Ghana and their fundraising mission as an overhead screen displayed information about the country and photos of Nizynski and her family during visits there.

It was abundantly clear that this was not just another school activity for them; students have taken A Better Life For Kids to heart both in and out of McCracken.

Student Nahrin Brndaro surprised Nizynski by handing her a jar filled with nearly $100. She raised the money at an Assyrian school she attends, by making bracelets and other items to sell.

"I felt bad knowing these kids were suffering," Brndaro said. "People should spend money on what they need, not what they want. There's a big difference."

Student Ben Yusen has raised hundreds of dollars on his own for A Better Life For Kids through his Bar Mitzvah project.

Seventh grader Chris Guolee was responsible for contacting Chicago Fire soccer star Patrick Nyarko from Ghana, who chose A Better Life For Kids for a $1,500 donation this year through an award he won.

The McCracken students are well on their way to at least matching last year's donation total. Nizynski knows just how some of the money will be spent.

Her July visit with her husband to Ghana will be dedicated to preventing malaria by installing mosquito nets, educating staff, buying medicine and taking other preventative measures against the disease. Malaria is the number one cause of death in Ghana for babies and for children under age 5.

Ciok and her students have never visited Ghana, but they feel a connection to the children there. There has been talk about a possible McCracken visit in the future, although there are several obstacles: the cost, age restrictions on humanitarian visits, safety and more.

Then again, if there's anything to be learned from the two District 73.5 teachers and the students they have inspired, it's that obstacles can be overcome and miracles can happen.
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The following incidents were listed in the reports of the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

POSSSESSION

Kevin Soballe, 26, of 4849 Lee St., Skokie, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and driving with a suspended license Feb. 23 on the 8800 block of Golf Road following a traffic stop. Police said a glass pipe commonly used for smoking marijuana was found inside Soballe’s vehicle. He has a March 27 court date.

Peter Mansor, 22, of 8235 Harding, Skokie, was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia on Feb. 24 while police were investigating a call of two suspicious people in a parking lot on the 9000 block of Clifton Avenue at 2 a.m. He has a March 13 court date.

DUI

Haider Altameemi, 37, of 9052 Cumberland Ave., Niles, was charged with driving under the influence on the morning of Feb. 24 following a traffic stop on the 8700 block of Ballard Road. He has a March 18 court date.

DISTURBANCE

A 24-year-old Niles man told police he was depositing money in an ATM machine on the 7000 block of Dempster Street on the evening of Feb. 20 when a silver vehicle pulled up. A man in his 20s exited the vehicle and allegedly swore at the victim, telling him to hurry up. Police said the suspect continued to yell at the victim and when the victim said he was calling police the man reportedly responded, “Go ahead. What are they going to do?” He then left the area when the victim took out his cell phone, police said.

BURGLARY

Police said a vacant home on the 7400 block of Main Street was burglarized between Feb. 18 and Feb. 19 and the furnace and air-conditioning unit were stolen. The items were valued at $5,000.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

A radar detector and iPod were stolen Feb. 21 from a vehicle parked in a lot on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue.

THEFT

Two men entered a store on the 9600 block of Milwaukee Avenue on Feb. 22 and allegedly stole an estimated $40 worth of snack chips.

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Thefts dominate Niles crime

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

Niles is booming with a large number of retail stores, but the downside of that is that retail theft is the top crime in the village.

Showing an increase, in 2011, there were a total of 728 offenses, with 597 of those being thefts. In 2012, there were 774 total offenses and 645 thefts. In 2011, there were 245 arrests and 223 of those were for thefts and 2012 saw 249 arrests and 232 thefts.

"We fluctuate on a five percent increase or decrease," said Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki, about the crime rate in Niles over the past five years. "Our major crime is shoplifting due to the large amount of retail in Niles."

Strzelecki said the number of robberies is up from nine robberies in 2011 to 13 robberies in 2012. "We work pretty closely with the loss prevention agencies," said Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene.

Tornabene said that the police also meet with the security department at Golf Mill Shopping Center every month.

"We go over things they can do to prevent thefts and retail thefts," said Tornabene.

Tornabene said they try to get any information on theft suspects and new methods of committing thefts out to the retail community as soon as possible.

"We talk to residents and businesses," said Strzelecki. He said the police department informs the business community and residents about how to burglar-proof their homes and businesses.

Another crime that has become increasingly prevalent over the past few years is financial scams. Many of the victims in these types of scams are senior citizens.

"We're very active in trying to prevent that by education and we do community outreach," said Tornabene.

Tornabene said they talk to various groups, such as the Polish Women's Association and seniors at local nursing homes about ways to avoid becoming victims of various financial scams.

One of the most recent scams is called the Green Dot scam, where the victim is contacted over the phone and told they won a prize, like a large amount of cash or a vehicle. The caller then tells the person to go to a local retailer, buy a pre-paid credit card loaded with as much as $1,000. The scam artist then tells the victim to provide them with the ID number of the card.

Tornabene said the department also holds beat meetings in certain neighborhoods. Residents can discuss any concerns that they have and officers provide residents with crime prevention tips. For example, around the holiday season, officers talk about how to avoid becoming victims of theft and car burglaries near shopping malls.

The crime statistics also reveal that there were 78 burglary offenses and 13 aggravated battery offenses, compared to 66 burglary offenses and eight aggravated battery offenses in 2012.

As for drug arrests, in 2011 there were 58 drug arrests and in 2012 there were 89 drug arrests in Niles.

"We fluctuate with a five percent increase or decrease," shared Strzelecki, about the crime statistics for the village from year to year.

Niles man charged with hate crime

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NILES

An argument over street parking ended with a felony hate crime charge for a 55-year-old Niles man who stands accused of using a Hispanic ethnic slur against his neighbor and the man’s adult daughter, Niles police said.

Michael Green, of 7908 Octavia Ave., was also charged with aggravated assault and disorderly conduct in the alleged Feb. 22 incident which occurred at 7:30 a.m. outside his home.

According to police, a 45-year-old neighbor of Green’s reported that Green became verbally abusive after the neighbor parked his car on the street. When the neighbor’s daughter exited their residence, Green allegedly made derogatory statements of a sexual nature to the 21-year-old woman and used the Hispanic slur to refer to her and her father. Green also allegedly threatened to place a bomb inside his neighbor’s vehicle, police reported.

Police said the neighbor reported that over the last two years Green has frequently made "racially-motivated comments" to his family, including statements that he should not be living on the block because of his ethnic background.

Green reportedly admitted to police that he may have provoked the incident and that he did use derogatory language and slurs against the residents. He denied stating that he was going to place a bomb in the man’s vehicle, police said.

Green’s next court date is scheduled for March 11.
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How Illinois lawmakers voted in Congress for the week ending March 1, 2013

Major roll call votes in the Senate

**DEFENSE SECRETARY HAGEL**

Senators voted, 58-41, to confirm the appointment of Chuck Hagel, a Vietnam combat veteran and former GOP senator from Nebraska, as secretary of defense. A “yes” vote was to confirm Hagel. 66, over opposition based, in part, on his views on U.S. policies for dealing with Israel, Iran and Iraq.

Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Mark Kirk: No

**TREASURY SECRETARY LEW**

Senators voted, 71-26, to confirm Jacob Lew, 57, as secretary of the Treasury. He had been President Barack Obama’s White House staff chief and budget director. Foes criticized Lew, in part, over his employment at Citibank at the start of the 2008 financial collapse. A “yes” vote was to confirm Lew.

Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Mark Kirk: No

**SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAGEL**

Senators voted, 94-2, to confirm Hagel, 66, over opposition based, in part, on his views on U.S. policies for dealing with Israel, Iran and Iraq.

Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Mark Kirk: No

**REPUBLICAN SEQUESTER PLAN**

Senators rejected, 38-62, a GOP bill (%16) to retain $85 billion in fiscal 2013 spending reductions but change them from blind, across-the-board cuts to ones determined by President Obama. A “yes” vote was to cede to Obama the power to decide how and where to make the cuts.

Sen. Richard Durbin: No; Sen. Mark Kirk: Yes

**DEMOCRATIC SEQUESTER PLAN**

Senators failed, 51-49, to reach 60 votes for advancing a Democratic bill to reshape an $85 billion deficit reduction package due to start March 1. A “yes” vote backed a balanced approach in which half of the $85 billion in savings would be achieved through tax increases on corporations and the wealthy and the other half through targeted rather than across-the-board spending cuts. (S 388).

Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Mark Kirk: No

**Major roll call votes in the House**

**1. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

Members voted, 286-138, to renew the Violence Against Women Act through fiscal 2018. A “yes” vote was to send President Obama a bill (S 47) adding protections for battered illegal immigrants, gays and lesbians as well as victims of rape and domestic violence on Indian lands and college campuses.

Tammy Duckworth, D-8th: Y; Y

Jan Schakowsky, D-9th: N; N

Bobby Rush, D-1st: Y; N

Jan Schakowsky, D-9th: N; N

**2. GOP ANTI-VIOLENCE**

Members voted, 166-257, to defeat a GOP version of the Violence Against Women Act (S 47, above) that differed by providing fewer protections for victims on Indian reservations and college campuses or for gays, lesbians and battered illegal immigrants. A “yes” vote backed the Republican plan.

Rodney Davis, R-13th: Y; Y

Bill Foster, D-11th: Y; N

**Key votes ahead**

In the week of March 4, the House planned to debate a continuing resolution to fund the government from March 27 through Sept. 30, while the Senate schedule was to be announced.

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What it means to you

Alderman blames CDOT for unspent ‘menu’ money in 2012

An angry Northwest Side alderman last week blamed engineering slowdowns in Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s administration for the $616,365 in “menu” money he left on the table in 2012.

Ald. John Arena (45th) said it’s unfair for Emanuel to prohibit aldermen from carrying over unallocated money from their $1.32 million-a-year neighborhood improvement allowance when the Chicago Department of Transportation lacks the manpower to move projects out the door.

“I don’t think it’s fair to blame aldermen and say we’re leaving money on the table for projects important to residents of our ward when we’ve done everything we need to do,” Arena said.

“I can do is identify the projects and ask them to engineer them. I’ve already done that. It’s sitting on an engineer’s desk in CDOT. If CDOT needs more people to engineer these projects, they should hire them.”

Chicago Sun-Times, May 2013

Illinois House Republicans OK with new cost-shift on pensions

The top Illinois House Republican and the Democrats’ pension point person proposed yet another solution last week to the state’s public retirement system debacle, one that signals the GOP’s first concession toward shifting teachers’ pension costs to local school districts.

Minority Leader Tom Cross of Oswego and Rep. Elaine Nekritz, a Northbrook Democrat, suggested moving the state out of funding retirement for schoolteachers and university employees, maintaining defined-benefit accounts supplemented by a 401(k)-style, defined-contribution system.

Chicago Sun-Times, May 2013

US lurches toward austerity with crude, unattractive budget cuts

President Barack Obama emerged Friday from a unsuccessful, last-minute meeting with congressional leaders declaring there was no progress on blocking what he called “dumb and arbitrary” cuts that would begin carving $85 billion of government spending by day’s end.

Obama and congressional Republicans are deeply at odds over how to tackle the country’s $16.6 trillion debt, and they have been battling over that issue since the opposition party regained a majority in the House of Representatives more than two years ago. The crude, across-the-board budget reductions were structured to be so unattractive that both sides would be forced to find a better deal. They haven’t.

The cuts are just the first of a series of budget crises that will confront Congress and the White House in the coming weeks.

Next is a possible government shutdown. The annual ritual of passing agency spending bills collapsed entirely last year, and Congress must act by March 27 to prevent the partial shutdown.

Then, in April, Congress will confront a renewed standoff on increasing the government’s borrowing limit — the same issue that, two years ago, spawned the law forcing the current spending cuts in the first place.

The Associated Press, March 7, 2013
A pension solution

There is no momentum in Springfield to push pension reform over the finish line.

A pension bill introduced by Rep. Elaine Nekritz, a Democrat, and House Minority Leader Tom Cross, a Republican, is by far the most carefully crafted pension-cutting plan and, more important, promises to reduce costs by enough to be considered a real solution. Other plans may be kinder to public workers, but they don’t generate enough savings to save the state and its five public retirement systems.

This plan calls for raising retirement ages, eliminating cost-of-living increases after the first $25,000 of a pension and raising contribution amounts. But it’s done in a targeted and fair way.

The bill includes a modified plan to shift the cost of paying for teacher pensions from the state to school districts, where it belongs. The shift would be phased in for pensions for new hires only, which should quiet some critics.

Today is the day to rally around the Nekritz/Cross plan. If the courts say yes, Illinois has solved its most vexing financial problem once and for all.

Leaving was Benedict’s final lesson

As a Catholic, the death of a pope was a monumental event in the life of the church and the personal life of individual Catholics — bigger than first confession, first communion or confirmation, the big three sacraments.

I still remember where I was when I first heard the news of the death of the last three popes. I was painting a house in Bloomington when Paul VI died in 1978, walking down Beacon Street in Boston when John Paul I died less than two months later, and driving down I-57 on the way home from Kentucky when John Paul II died.

I distinctly remember when John Paul II was elected pope in 1978. I knew nothing about the man Karol Wojtyla, other than he was Polish, but I knew — everyone knew instinctively — that this was something different.

And he surely was. If there were only three great men who shaped the 20th century, they were Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt and John Paul II.

Now with the retirement last week of Pope Benedict XVI, there is the same feeling, that this is something different.

Different because we Catholics never had a retirement before, at least not in our lifetimes. The papacy was always a life sentence.

But no more. So this is really different. But we only know half of the difference now. What will the other part be?

I’ve been thinking about that a lot lately, along with, I’m sure, the 1.18 billion other Catholics. Will the next pope bring real change and opportunity or more of the same?

In a way, with his resignation, Benedict has already brought about change, or at least is reflecting the change that has been ongoing in the church.

Believe it or not, over the last 20 years, the church hierarchy has been handing over responsibility to the people. It has to, with fewer and fewer priests.

Catholics in the pews have had a hard time grappling with that concept. And so have many pastors. But Benedict’s resignation shows that the office of the papacy doesn’t belong to one man. It belongs to the church.

We Catholics need to understand that we’re more responsible for the health of the church than just one man.

Perhaps that is Benedict’s greatest and most enduring lesson for the faithful.
We're all in Congress together

There are many things that divide Americans.

But congressional districts shouldn't be one of them.

Yet here we have, once again, candidates for a congressional seat complaining about outsiders.

The congressional race in question is in the 2nd District. This seat had been held by Jesse Jackson Jr., the latest Illinois politician to go from lawmaker to lawbreaker. He has trod the by now well-worn path of resignation and plea bargain.

Several of the 347 people who wanted to be the congressperson from the 2nd District were complaining all over television and in the papers that outsiders were meddling in the race, that a PAC backed by the mayor of New York City was airing commercials attacking their position, primarily on gun control.

The unstated assumption here is that only people who live in the 2nd District have any right to comment on who is elected to represent that district.

Everyone else is an outsider. Keep out.

This is self-serving baloney.

The 2nd Congressional District — all congressional districts — are not independent countries. They are part of the United States of America. Each district is a component of the Congress of the United States of America.

And the last time I checked, Congress made laws for the entire country, not just each individual congressional district.

So, if a member of Congress is going to vote on laws that affect my safety, my taxes, my health, my civil rights — which he or she is — then I have every right to be interested in that congressional district, in that congressional race, in the beliefs and policies of any and all candidates.

When it comes to Congress, there are no outsiders in the United States. We all have a vital interest in who serves in Congress. That includes you, me and even the mayor of New York City.

And while the candidates screamed loud and long about outside meddling, I can't remember any of them claiming these ads misstated their position or record on gun control.

Shouldn't they be proud of their positions? Perhaps even beholden to the mayor of New York City for making sure their views were well publicized?

Seems kind of ungrateful.

We all have a vital interest in who serves in Congress.
Question of the Week

“Spring training has begun. Who’s going to do better this year, Cubs or Sox?”

Brian Couty
Niles

“The White Sox. Their pitching is stronger and they have more veteran players.”

Steve Lombardi
Chicago

“White Sox will have a better season. They have a better pitching staff.”

Daniel Sargeant
Park Ridge

“Probably the White Sox. The Cubs seem to have been struggling the last couple years.”

Garrison Shubert
Park Ridge

“ Sox because they have more advanced players and they have old players and they’re still good.”

People Poll

LAST WEEK’S QUESTION
Do you support the federal government sequester spending cuts?
RESPONSES
1) Yes, it’s time to cut: 39%
2) No, it will hurt vital services: 52%
3) I can’t decide who’s telling the truth: 9%

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION
Is Springfield complying with court order on concealed firearms?
RESPONSES
1) Yes. They are being thorough.
2) No. The amendments equal a ban.
3) I don’t know.

To respond to this week’s People Poll question, visit niles.suntimes.com
Six candidates vie for four District 64 seats

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

Six candidates are vying for four open seats on the Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education this April. With the exception of one, all candidates are newcomers.

Terry Cameron

Background: Resident of Park Ridge for five years; senior vice president at Emdeon, a revenue and payment cycle management business; member of the District 64 Strategic Planning Committee.

Number of children in District 64: Three

Why he's running: The experience (of serving on the Strategic Planning Committee) taught me a great deal about school governance and the importance of making sure our schools are setting challenging goals for each of our children.

School finance knowledge: I have a strong knowledge of private-sector finance and business management.

Biggest issue facing District 64: Curriculum, from new technological methods of learning to results-based teacher evaluations which are planned for implementation over the next couple years; infrastructure; and funding, (including) ensuring continuous financial transparency and challenging program effectiveness to be sure our children are getting the best education possible for the dollars being spent.

What the current school board could improve upon: There is an opportunity to bring additional ideas and perspectives that can improve communication with parents and the public at large.

Vicki Lee

Background: Resident of Park Ridge since 1999; former career in sales and management in telecommunications; current stay-at-home mom; member of the Carpenter School Parent-Teacher Organization.

Number of children in District 64: Two

Why she's running: Last year, when I was vice president of the PTO at Carpenter, we were in the process of getting a fourth principal in five years and working towards getting air conditioning at the school. We were able to make so much progress financially and organizationally that I thought perhaps I could make more positive changes in the entire district.

School finance knowledge: I would need to learn more about the district finances to understand it better. However, I think the success we made at Carpenter by looking into each item on the balance sheet is a great place to start. If we look at each item and see how the district is spending the money, perhaps there are ways to consolidate or save.

Biggest issues facing District 64: To balance the needs of the future with the resources we have at our disposal, I know there are many needs within the schools and some are very expensive. I also know that teacher salaries and benefits take up most of the taxpayers' money. Therefore, I would like to be involved to find some better solutions.

What the current school board could improve upon: I think there needs to be a better plan of what will be on the agenda and some type of detail to provide to the district. For example, moving the after-school program from Jefferson definitely could have been handled better and understanding the line items of the student fees. I think the area of teacher stipends also needs to be addressed. We need to understand how the program works, how the teachers are selected, the cost of these stipends and if there are ways to lower the expenses.

Dathan Paterno

Background: Park Ridge native; licensed clinic psychologist and owner of Park Ridge Psychological Services.

Number of children in District 64: Three

Why he's running: Since the economic downturn, I have noticed a growing contentiousness between taxpayers and the district. Some claim that voters who reject tax increases or question the criteria for teacher raises are "anti-teacher," while others see the district as blindly pro-union with no regard for students or taxpayers. I would seek solutions that would not leave one major group feeling cheated.

School finance knowledge: I have very little experience in school district finance, although I am fully aware of the need to fast-track my education in this sphere. As a business owner, I understand the basics, which require a healthy dose of common sense. Just as a person, family, or business cannot afford to spend more than they take in, a school district should not spend more than it can afford.

Biggest issues facing District 64: School safety and transparency in making financial decisions.

What the current school board could improve upon: I believe our school board needs to clarify its role in the education of our youth. While I believe that mental health services are well-meaning, I don't believe that schools are an appropriate venue for screening for or treating psychological disorders. Also, it is critical that all extracurricular events, surveys, and learning opportunities be "opt-in" rather than "opt-out." Because I believe that parents are the primary educators of our children, district policies must take every opportunity to secure parental approval.

Candidates [Pages 22, 23]
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Candidates
Continued from page 21

Rick Van Roeyen

Background: High school special education teacher.
Number of children in District 64: Two
Why he's running: My family and I are happy to have been involved with school activities, sporting events and camps that have been available in the Park Ridge community. I know I can be of help to my neighbors and the children of this district as a member of the school board.

School finance knowledge: As part of my educational preparation to sit for what was once called the Principal's Exam I successfully completed graduate-level courses in school law and school finance.

Biggest issue facing District 64: Various legislative actions taken at the state level can have an impact on our ability to plan for the financial future of the district. Academically, creatively addressing common core standards and working toward improved coordination of ISAT preparation and achievement are issues to be addressed by the district, especially if these contribute to improved achievement on the high school PSAE and earlier recognition of post-secondary and career goals.

What the current school board could improve upon: I believe I would enjoy working with board members to enhance the learning experiences of students who attend District 64. I appreciate the contributions that board members have made to date and feel that I have a unique perspective on education that can be of value to the team moving forward.

Ben Seib

Background: Resident of Park Ridge since 2011; vice president of finance at Cancer Treatment Centers of America corporate office.
Number of children in District 64: None
Why he's running: While I saw an opportunity to run for an alderman seat in Park Ridge, the reality is that 70 percent of our property taxes go to school districts. I decided District 64 is the perfect opportunity to lead within our community, bound by the precious common interest that is our children's education, and produce better transparency, accountability and value for our hard-earned money.

School finance knowledge: I'll admit that I am new to this subject, though I have dedicated myself since the petition deadline to coming up the learning curve quickly. My MBA from the University of Chicago included three concentrations in analytic finance, finance and accounting.

Biggest issues facing District 64: Transparency and accountability. Not only should meetings be conducted openly as a matter of principle, any of the information used to make material decisions needs to be made available to the public in a reliable, timely and organized fashion, too. I also do not think parents around District 64 are getting clear accountability and commitments when they raise their issues to the board or administration.

What the current school board could improve upon: As a step toward greater transparency I would propose we develop a simple set of service standards for posting information to the public in advance of meetings. I would also like to see a public log created to track the issues brought forth by members of the community along with the person responsible for next steps and the targeted versus actual completion dates for those steps.
Scott Zimmerman

Background: Resident of Park Ridge for 10 years; chief information officer at CenterPoint properties and member of the company’s investment committee; appointed to the school board in 2009 and elected in 2011.

Number of children in District 64: Three as of next fall

Why he’s running: Simply a desire to serve our school children, ensure they receive the best education possible and to give back to my community. Also, as a homeowner and tax payer, I want to make certain that money is spent wisely and effectively on education.

School finance knowledge: Since being appointed to the Board of Education in 2009 I have spent a substantial amount of my time learning school district finance. ... I would say that I am quite comfortable with the material and have a solid understanding of the topics.

Biggest issues facing District 64: Aging/neglected facilities; implementing new, 21st Century curriculum; and fiscal responsibility and transparency.

What the current school board could improve upon: I think we could do a better job of synthesizing varying perspectives into a clear set of directions that clearly articulate our wishes. By removing such ambiguity I believe the administration will be more efficient and effective.

Martha Disclafani of Niles graduated with a bachelor's degree from North Central College.

Kristen M. Greif of Niles received a doctor of physical therapy degree from Bradley University.

Megan T. Meyer, of Niles, graduated with a bachelor's degree from Bradley.

The following Niles students have earned their degrees from Illinois State University: Jennifer M. Ghisolf, bachelor's degree in education; Anthony M. Glorioso and Eddy B. Ymeri, bachelors degrees; and Maura T. Kapolnek, master of science degree.

Estefania Rosas of Niles has been named to the spring 2012 dean's list at Eastern Illinois University.

Desiree N. Morris of Niles received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University.

Fourth-year St. Louis College of Pharmacy student and varsity athlete Kelly Plach of Niles earned the Daktronics-NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete Award for the second time. Plach, a starting middle blocker for the St. Louis College of Pharmacy Eutectics, qualified for the award as a varsity athlete competing for a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics institution.
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**Calendar**

**Toddler 0-3 Kids 4-12 Family PAM Teens 13+ Adults 18+ Seniors 65+**

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

**CENTER OF CONCERN**

**Schedule**

**65+**

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

- **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays** - Low-cost income tax preparation (by appointment only).
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- **Tuesday, March 19** - Medicare counseling, by appointment (sponsored by the federally-funded Senior Health Insurance Program).
- **Saturdays, March 9 and 23** - Legal counseling, by appointment.
- **Monday, March 11** - Alzheimer's caregivers support group, 10 a.m.
- **Wednesdays, March 13 and 27** - Grief and loss support group (call first).
- **Saturday, March 23** - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).
- **Thursday, March 28** - "Successful Aging: Resources and Programs for Older Adults," workshop, Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines; 9 a.m. (registration and continental breakfast); 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (program). Free; call (847) 823-0453 or (847) 827-5551 to register.

**Blarney Bash**

**18+ 65+**

This event from 6:30-11 p.m. March 9 at Galvin's Public House, 5901 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, will benefit the Center of Concern. Cost is $30 per person and includes corned beef dinner, entertainment by the Finbar Fagan Band, Shannon Rovers, Mulane Healy Godley Irish Step-dancers, complimentary flights of Irish beer from 7-8:30 and raffle prizes. Contact Dawn at the Center of Concern, (847) 823-0453, Ext. 1003.

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**13+ 18+ 65+**

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**CLASSES**

**21st Star Chapter DAR**

The 21st Star Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet March 13 at the Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. The meeting will start promptly at 11:30 a.m., and attendees are invited to arrive early and bring items for the annual silent auction. Lunch will be served at noon with a program to follow. Hostesses for the day are Carol Gale, Ann Michael and Barbara Hale, chairman. Chairman of the Flag of the U.S. Committee Millie Anderson will present "Historic Banners of the United States of America." Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. DAR recognizes "Patriots" not only as soldiers, but anyone who contributed to the cause of American freedom. Contact Second Vice Regent, Dorothy Wilson at (847) 328-6946.

**St. Joseph Table**

**18+ 65+**

Clerk Gary K. Warner will host Passport Day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. March 9 at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications. Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at travel.state.gov. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778. The Clerk's Office is at (847) 297-2510 or www.mainetownship.com.

**Class in genealogy**

**18+ 65+**

A Genealogy Workshop, sponsored by the 21st Star Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 16 on the third floor of the Park Ridge Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. Attendees will have the opportunity to work with one of the members of the lineage research team and receive assistance with application papers. This workshop is for women who are interested in joining the DAR. Bring along all records and information. Call Dorothy Wilson at (847) 328-6946.

**COMMUNITY**

**Healthy families**

**18+**

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and Advocate Children's Hospital are a teaming up for lectures to further educate parents on some of their most common concerns: ADHD, IEPs and asthma. All lectures are held Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's West End Conference Center, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge, March 12: IEPs; Positive Parent/School Partnerships, presented by Marjorie Getz, PhD, Developmental Pediatrics & Education. March 19: The Air We Breathe - Kids, Asthma and the Environment, presented by Dr. Kimberly Watts, pediatric pulmonologist. To register, visit www.advocatehealth.com/luth/aclassorsupportgroup or call (800) 323-8622, class code B6G2.
Manicure and Mammogram

During March at Holy Family Medical Center's Women's Imaging Center, 100 N. River Road, Des Plaines, women who schedule their mammograms for any Monday in March will be treated to a relaxing spa-like atmosphere with a free mini-manicure. Local Park Ridge salon, Carmen Nicole's, will be on site to provide the free mini-manicures. The "M is For Me" campaign will be available to women who schedule an appointment for Mondays, March 11, 18, or 25. Call (847) 813-3273.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Find at least six differences in details between panels

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Puzzle Answers

See page 24 for this week's Super Crossword and Sudoku puzzles.
Looking for fun? Check out our Top Five picks for the weekend’s best bets.

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The contest will be available from Friday, March 1, 2013 to Friday, April 5, 2013. No submissions will be accepted after 5 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2013. Only submissions made through www.pioneerlocal.com/mothersday will be considered.

The winners will be featured on page 1 of the Mother's Day section that will run in your local Pioneer Press on Thursday, April 25, 2013. Honorable mentions will also be featured on sequential pages.
In second grade, Randy Jaacks started working with his dad at his small shop where he learned all of the hard work that it took to make fences.

That shop, Bob Jaacks Rustic Wood Fencing and Decks, has been serving customers since 1960 at 9116 Milwaukee Ave. in Niles.

The store features wood fencing made out of high-quality western red cedar, explained Randy Jaacks, who now runs the store.

“We carry nothing but the best,” said Jaacks, who explained that the wood comes from British Columbia.

“We have different styles and we also custom-build,” said Jaacks.

In addition to wood fences, the company also provides vinyl, aluminum and iron fences.

“Our strongpoint is our design and formulating a nice plan for a backyard,” said Jaacks.

Most of the fences the company installs are on residential properties, but they do some commercial work as well.

“We try to provide the best service we possibly can,” said Jaacks.

The company started out in 1960 as a hands-on family business with a few employees and it has grown into a company that has 30 employees.

“We all worked back there and built fences and we grew from there,” said Jaacks.

Since 1980, the company has also been installing decks and they have continued to be very popular among its customers.

“We’re one of the bigger deck guys in the Chicago area,” said Jaacks.

A true family business, his wife Gina and sister Jeri also work at the shop. Randy Jaacks’ father Bob, who started the business, passed away five years ago.

Customer service is one of the qualities that makes the business a success, explained Jaacks.

When customers visit the store’s yard display, employees show the customers many sizes, styles and colors of custom products they offer.

In addition to fences and decks, the company also has western red cedar gazebos in various designs and styles.

The company can also build western red cedar screen rooms, which provide an outdoor living space, while providing protection from bugs or the weather.

The unique store also provides wooden garden arbors that enhance the landscaping of a backyard and cedar sheds that are very durable.

Jaacks said some jobs take one day, while others may take a few days. He said that their employees are very knowledgeable and helpful in order to meet the needs of their customers.
The 78-year-old owner of a north suburban cemetery monument business has been charged for allegedly hiding income from the IRS in Swiss bank accounts.

Peter Troost, of Skokie, was charged late Tuesday with federal tax evasion for allegedly hiding money from the IRS in a Swiss bank account from 2007 through 2009, according to felony information filed late Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Chicago.

Troost is the owner of a strip mall in the 9800 block of Gross Point Road in Skokie and Troost Memorials, a business in the mall that designs and sells cemetery monuments and gravestones, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

Troost allegedly had an account with Switzerland-based global financial services firm UBS, which in 2009 admitted it helped U.S. citizens hide accounts from the IRS, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

UBS entered a deferred prosecution agreement and gave the U.S. government the identities and account information for certain U.S. customers doing cross-border banking, the U.S. Attorney's office said. Troost is the first person charged in Chicago in connection with the ongoing investigation.

The criminal information claimed Troost had at least one offshore account with UBS, which managed the account from the island of Jersey in the English Channel.

Troost should have paid $212,503 in federal income tax in 2007, but evaded payment of at least $193,641 with the help of the UBS account, according to the information. He also earned interest on the account, but said on his tax returns that he did not have a foreign account or collect interest.

Taxpayers must report foreign financial accounts if the total value of the account is more than $10,000 during any time of the year, the U.S. Attorney's office said.

Tax evasion carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a $250,000 fine, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. If convicted, Troost must pay the cost of prosecution and is liable for all back taxes, interest and penalties.

Troost also owns a strip mall in the 1800 block of Arlington Heights Road in Arlington Heights. The U.S. Attorney's office points out that he is not involved with the Peter Troost Monument Company of Hillside.
FEATURED HOME  By Wrapports News Service

6807 N. Milwaukee Ave.,
Unit 508, Niles

Condo size: 1,550 square feet
Lot size: NA
Year built: 2003
Bedrooms: 2
Bathrooms: 2
Garage: One-car attached
Tax: $3,151.84 (2011)
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School District 71, Niles Township
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8516 W Normal Ave: Timothy Peterson to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp for $227,500 on Jan. 14
9266 N Caliero Drive: Thuy Nguyen to Johnon Gordon Trust for $277,500 on Jan. 15
9041 W Heathwood Circle: June Hahn to Kae Kuk for $145,000 on Jan. 14

MORTON GROVE
9118 Belleforte Ave: Amy Byrnes and Matthew Byrnes to Kathryn Schultz Trust and Schultz Trust for $239,500 on Jan. 15

PARK RIDGE
403 Grand Blvd: Jeanne M Papuga to Jeanne Marie Papuga Trust for $350,000 on Jan. 15
1000 W Crescent Ave: John Hyslop to Gerald Michalski and Linda Pass for $265,000 on Jan. 18
430 Talcott Place: Michael Shannon and Jenson Shannon to Kevin Patrick McKervey for $367,500 on Jan. 17
1445 W Touhy Ave: Jessica A English to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp for $464,500 on Jan. 15

SKOKIE
5152 Harvard Terrace: Romeo Baltazar and Jerelyn Delacruz Ng to Peter Gar- mash and Marina Garmash for $237,000 on Jan. 15
4940 Chase Ave: Marycyl Solis to Chris Schirmer and Arlene Schirmer for $340,000 on Jan. 14
8041 Kolmar Ave: Ann Marie Pappas and Christine for $240,500 on Jan. 14

NORRIDGE
7114 W Agatine Ave: Matthew Tomich and Margaret Tomal to Gene Karpenski and Christine for $240,500 on Jan. 14
7733 W Montrose Ave: Timothy Egan to Mary Ann Kowios Trust for $235,000 on Jan. 15

DES PLAINES
8908 Steven Drive: John Barzitidis to Dennis Manalo for $51,000 on Jan. 15
2277 Cedar St: Michael Velanti to Denise Wimbrow Trust for $150,000 on Jan. 15
901 Acres Lane: Sadeqs A Shaban to Rosemary Patterson Trust for $290,000 on Jan. 15

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6858 N Northwest Highway: Francine Bianchini to Mary Ann Kowios Trust for $75,000 on Jan. 15
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Tired of the gloomy weather? Brighten your home and your spirits with fresh flowers.

Not only are flowers a good reminder of warmer weather, but they're also a simple and inexpensive way to add a pop of color or a touch of elegance to any room. Best of all, you don't need a green thumb to arrange flowers as long as you follow these easy tips.

**EXPRESS YOURSELF**

"When creating an arrangement, choose flowers that appeal to your taste and aesthetic," said Diane Mondella, floral expert at Mariano's Fresh Market in Arlington Heights (www.marianos.com). "Keep things simple by creating a monobotanical bouquet, which means using only one type of flower," she added.

This approach works particularly well with alstroemeria, also known as a Peruvian lily.

To get the most out of your bouquet, keep the stems short and place them in a pretty vase or container. When grouping different flowers together, choose colors that complement each other or group flowers in varying shades of the same color.

**THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX (VASE)**

"Get creative by swapping your vase with more interesting containers," Mondella said.

Mason jars, recycled cans and vintage tins add rustic charm while champagne flutes and pretty carafes create a festive feel. For a kid-centric arrangement, Mondella recommends adding flowers to the back of a toy dump truck (with floral foam and moss) or surrounding a square vase with wooden blocks or Legos.

**ADD AN ELEMENT OF SURPRISE**

When it comes to creating arrangements, Mondella likes to add interest and color with fruits and vegetables. "At Mariano’s, we often pair citrus-colored flowers with citrus fruit such as lemons or oranges," she said.

For an artful arrangement, try pairing peonies with purple carrots and artichokes. Simply attach wooden skewers to the vegetables and secure them in your arrangement with floral foam. You can also add natural elements to the inside of a glass vase by using palm leaves or curly willow.

**TRIED-AND-TRUE TIPS TO HELP FLOWERS LAST LONGER**

We asked our favorite floral experts to share their best tips:

- Don’t have flower food? Try adding a teaspoon of sugar or ¼ cup of 7UP to the vase water.
- Change vase water every two or three days.
- Tulips love copper, so place a penny (pre-1980) to vase water before adding blooms.
- Remove all leaves that fall below the water line.
- Add a few drops of bleach to vase water to keep the water bacteria-free.
- Roses need warm water.
- When placed in water, tulips not only thrive, but they grow.
- Woody stems (such as roses) need to be cut on an angle.
Tap. Tap. It’s maple harvest time.

In Vermont, where nearly half of the maple syrup in the U.S. is produced, tapping is underway. The Vermont Switchel Company will tap maple to use in their heirloom recipe, which they revitalized and introduced last year.

Switchel, a rustic farmhouse drink made of apple cider vinegar, ginger — and a comforting dose of maple syrup — is also known as “haymaker’s punch.” Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote about the homemade beverage (she called it ginger water) in her memoir The Long Winter, when she recalled quenching her thirst while making hay.

Switchel has relieved plenty of hay workers for centuries in Vermont, where maple remains a way of life. “In Vermont, you see maple trees everywhere; you go to people’s sugar shacks; everyone knows someone who makes maple syrup. You don’t waste it. If you pour it all over your pancakes, you better end up with a clean plate,” said cookbook author Julie Richardson.

When the Underhill, Vt. native took ownership of Baker & Spice, a 50-year-old bakery in Portland, Ore., she found a curious cake recipe amid “a whole filing cabinet full of recipes” left by the bakery’s previous owner. A recipe for Vermont Maple Cake with Burnt Sugar curiously had no maple in it.

“I asked myself: Why wouldn’t you have maple in a recipe for Vermont maple cake?” Richardson said.

The original recipe she found reflects a time when maple syrup was not available to bakers everywhere. Likewise, vanilla extract was not available. Instead, bakers used burned sugar to flavor cakes.

But when Richardson breathed life back into the recipe, she inserted a much-needed dose of maple syrup.

Her voluptuous Burnt Sugar Cake with Maple Cream Cheese Frosting is the only maple recipe in her newest cookbook, Vintage Cakes (Ten Speed Press, 2012), but many more, including one for a Maple Apple Dumpling, are featured in her earlier cookbook Rustic Fruit Desserts (Ten Speed Press, 2009).

Local chefs share Richardson’s appreciation for maple syrup. Chef Matt McMillin, Director of Culinary Arts and Beverage Operations for Cooper’s Hawk Winery and Restaurants, which has eateries in Burr Ridge and South Barrington, incorporates maple into multiple popular recipes.

“We use a lot of maple syrup in the restaurants,” he said. “Drizzled on plain Greek yogurt with fresh fruit and almond and vanilla granola, it is spectacular.”

A maple-mustard glaze adds texture to Cooper’s Maple-Pretzel-Crusted Pork Medallions.

“Because it’s sugar, maple glazes very well under high heat,” McMillin explained.

Cooper’s Maple and Cashew-Crusted Chicken Sandwich also showcases the salty-sweet flavor combination of mustard and maple syrup.

“We add the maple because it sweetens the sandwich up a bit. It’s a really nice contrast with the nuts,” McMillin said.

At Eddie Merlot’s in Burr Ridge, maple syrup adds a sweet touch to Maple Cider Vinaigrette over a Waldorf Salad.

“Maple syrup has a much more subtle and complex flavor than sugar, and provides more depth to the dressing. It also brings a more velvety texture and mouth feel to the dish than most similar vinaigrettes.”

Normally, to achieve this consistency a larger amount of oil needs to be emulsified into the dressing, making it heavy and cloying,” said Eddie Merlot’s Executive Chef Dan Tucker. “Honey would have worked as well in the recipe, too, but maple has a depth to its flavor that honey lacks.”

Tucker also uses maple syrup in a sauce for pan-roasted bass. He has used maple in sauces and brines for pork or with bourbon in desserts.

And, of course, the simplest use of maple syrup is still a favorite.

“On my waffles in the morning,” Tucker said.
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Berg, Victor
96 of Covenant Village of Northbrook, IL, at rest February 27, 2013. U.S. Army Air Force Veteran during WWII. Beloved husband of the late Margaret and late Martha; dear father of John (Jane) and Thomas; loving grandfather of Brenda (Preston) Wright, Scott, Christine (Ian), Tom Garcia; great-grandfather of Jameson and Killian Wright; fond brother of the late Robert (Wilm). Founder and former president of V.E. Berg and Sons Co., Chicago, IL.

Memorial Service March 23, 2 p.m. at Fellowship Center, 2625 Techny Road, Northbrook, IL. Memorials to Covenant Village of Northbrook preferred. Info: Nelson Funeral Home, Park Ridge. 847-823-5122 and ONLINE GUESTBOOK www.nelsonfunerals.com

Colbentson, Oliver Edward
Oliver Edward Colbentson, of Northbrook, IL, and Nuremberg, Germany, February 25, 2013. Beloved husband of Nancy (nee Krieger); Loving father of Ariane (Hans Landstorfer) Colbentson; grandfather of Felix and Kerry; brother of Manan (Eldred) DuSold; uncle of Garrett (Lisa) Derner.

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**Mazda CX-5 crossover gets 35 mpg**

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The all-new 2013 Mazda CX-5 is a design philosophy guided by the principle of oneness between a rider and horse. Mazda transforms its compact crossover SUV into a unified marriage of form, function, and fuel economy.

The CX-5 is a replacement for the Mazda Tribute and competes with the Ford Escape and Honda CR-V. Starting at $20,695, the 2013 CX-5 comes in three trim levels: Sport, Touring and Grand Touring.

Completely new from the inside out, the 2013 CX-5 is a charmingly curvy little SUV with strong shoulders and a raked roofline that lends it the crouching profile of a sport wagon. The front grille has an elongated shield shape that is capped by narrow snake-eye headlamps and brawny wheel wells. Standard wheels and tires are 17 inches, while up-market versions boast 19-inch treads and alloy wheels.

Inside, the new CX-5 is spare and sensible, as though a feng shui consultant came in to remove all unnecessary objects and obstacles. Two color schemes are available: black-on-black or sand-on-black, with leather available as an option, and cloth upholstery standard.

Drivers' seats have power adjustments on higher end models, and all three of the 40/20/40 split rear seats can be folded independently completely flat.

We drove Mazda's new CX-5 recently on several roadways, as well as at a small performance track, the Dallas Motor Speedway complex.

A 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine powers the new 2013 model. Making 155 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque, the four-cylinder engine is mated to a standard six-speed manual or an optional six-speed automatic transmission. All-wheel drive is available, and towing capacity, with an optional towing package, is 2,000 pounds.

You don't have to be a gearhead to appreciate the engineering behind this model: a redesigned exhaust system and numerous other components in a suite of features called Skyactiv make the heart of the CX-5 10 percent lighter, with more torque, better fuel economy and lower emissions than the previous version.

While the upgrades will bring a smile to driving enthusiasts who appreciate the packaging and handling that this compact SUV offers in a nod to energy efficiency, boosted power is not an attribute. While there was ample power for our driving experience, the 2.0-liter engine with 155 horsepower is not meant to imply "boy-racer," but still has a slightly racy sound.

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Weiss Development has introduced a furnished and upgraded Penthouse model for sale at Lincolnshire Place, where only 18 new-construction condominiums remain. Among these are three immediately available models.

Helen Weiss, vice president, said that during the spring promotion through March, purchasers will receive the featured upgrades and luxury finishes displayed in the Penthouse model at no additional cost.

A few of the bonus features include hand scraped elm hardwood floors, built-in kitchen planning desk or buffet cabinetry, glass and marble blend mosaic kitchen backsplash, Closet Works built-in closet interiors, comfort-height Kohler commode, plus much more.

An intimate two-building condominium community with only 62 units, Lincolnshire Place is introducing its elegant 1,800-square-foot, two-bedroom, 2½-bath model priced at $442,900. Contemporary in design, its sleek-lined minimalist décor is geared to suit the single professional as well as the empty nester that enjoys an uncluttered lifestyle.

The top floor penthouse offers skylights, rooftop terrace, volume ceilings, oversized windows with transoms, and boxed bay windows. Classic furniture creates a warm inviting atmosphere, while a neutral color palette sprinkled with green accents enhances the style.

The entry is a distinctive foyer with coffered ceiling. To the left is a walk-in closet and powder room, and to the right is a contemporary kitchen with rich wood cabinets including soft-close dovetail drawers and granite countertops.

Kitchens feature Jenn Air stainless steel appliances, including a French door, counter depth refrigerator, slide-in gas convection range, microwave, and dishwasher. An added feature is the unique nook which serves either as an additional eating space or as a computer center and home office.

Comfortably seating eight, the dining room flows into an open living room. The entire living, dining and kitchen are connected by low maintenance, hand scraped elm wood floors. Homeowners and their guests will enjoy a balcony and rooftop terrace, perfect for a barbecue grill as well as morning coffee.

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Music can spark memories, even for those with AD

Music has an amazing ability to bypass parts of Alzheimer's disease to reach melodies and memories. In a recent CBS Sunday Morning video, singer Glen Campbell expertly and with a flourish finishes the last chords of "Galveston," a decades-old hit. He swings into his next piece — "Galveston." Behind him, his three children, also band members, chuckle affectionately and stop playing for a moment.

Finally, "We just did that one, Dad," says daughter Ashley.

Campbell turns quickly to the audience.

"I ain't taught 'em how to follow me yet," he jokes, drawing cheers. He swings into another song, resuming this piece of his poignantly named "Goodbye Tour."

Campbell was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease (AD) in 2011, but his daughter tells the interviewer his symptoms started years ago. Oustage, his children support him if he gets disoriented, as does a teleprompter. The Alzheimer's Association, in its December 2011 newsletter, was moved to write, "Whatever else Alzheimer's may have done to the 75-year-old entertainer, it hasn't affected his voice or his gorgeous guitar solos."

Three Oaks Assisted Living, in Cary, uses music therapy programming in its memory care community, and regularly plays music over the speaker system to help comfort residents.

Music "has an evocative and mnemonic power in patients with Alzheimer's disease, which can give access to lost powers and lost identity ... an access which cannot be provided by anything else," neurologist Oliver Sacks testified to the Senate Committee on Aging in 1981. Sacks today is well-known for his work with post-encephalitic patients, which inspired the movie "Awakenings," as well as for his work on Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases.

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Much study has gone into music's impact on dementia, with Sacks prominent in the research. Those studies show that our brains store music memories in varied areas, and playing music gains access to those, albeit for a short time.

We make memories in the medial temporal lobes of our brains, such as the hippocampus, and these are "the first parts to be ravaged as Alzheimer's develops."

Boston University associate professor Brandon Ally told BU Today. By contrast, music pulls from the relatively unscathed cortical and subcortical areas. Ally partnered on a study showing that people with AD learned more quickly when instructions were set to music.

Caregivers could, for example, set reminders to music: "Take the red pill at nine in the morning and the green pill at 10," Nick Simmons-Stern, Ally's fellow researcher, told Public Broadcasting System's NOVA in 2010.

Recent to the music therapy scene is "Alive Inside," a not-yet-released documentary intended in part to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease and music. According to its Website, the film follows social worker Dan Cohen as he introduces iPods to nursing home residents and finds that "many residents suffering from memory loss seem to 'awaken' when they hear music from their past." Cohen approached Sacks with his findings, and the two collaborated on the film. Cohen subsequently started Mineola, N.Y.-based Music & Memory, a nonprofit that supplies personalized iPods to people with AD.

For more information about the Three Oaks Memory Care program, call (847) 516-6016.
Neighbors become friends at Millbrook Pointe

When empty-nester Janet Chankin and Barbara Saltzman purchased their townhomes at Millbrook Pointe in Wheeling, they had no idea that they would become friends.

Introduced through mutual acquaintances, the two single women quickly realized they shared many common interests. Both are substitute teachers in Northbrook, and both enjoy exercise, taking walks, and dining in neighborhood restaurants.

They also share the same reasons for choosing their new home. Most important was that their Wheeling location is minutes from their old Northbrook stomping grounds, said Barbara. They can still visit old friends, frequent workout locales, play tennis at the Northbrook Racquet Club, shop at familiar grocery stores and enjoy the same tried and true restaurants.

Both agree that their Wheeling location provides convenient access to all transportation corridors like I-294, I-90, and Route 53, and the Metra station is close by. Millbrook Pointe is next to Restaurant Row and easily accessible to bike trails near the Westin Hotel.

Living in a maintenance-free community is an added bonus according to Barbara.

"For a reasonable assessment, our landscaping, snow removal, garbage pick up and exterior painting are all taken care of."

New construction was important to Janet because Northfield Group offers a one-year warranty on everything in the house.

"We don't have to live with other people's tastes and were able to personalize our homes," said Janet.

Their 2,200-square-foot, three-bedroom, 2½-bath homes are large enough to accommodate an adult son, and children have a great guest room during their college vacations. Both owners finished their basements to provide additional space for entertaining, added storage and to increase resale value.

Janet celebrates holidays with her family and praised her floor plan because the kitchen, dining room and living room all flow together making it perfect for entertaining small groups or large crowds. Adjacent to the living room and kitchen is an outdoor deck great for barbecues.

The Millbrook Pointe staff scores kudos from the two friends.

"I feel like I'm part of the family because owner Gary Levitas and project manager Greg Babinski are so warm and friendly and very helpful," said Janet.

Gary is easy to work with and Greg helped them finish their basements, organize their closets and even hung their pictures. They were able to change out bathroom and lighting fixtures and all were installed free of charge.

They also appreciate the standard features, including all brick and stone exteriors, Pella wood windows, solid six panel wood doors, stainless steel...
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Four Seasons-Dream Homes offer retirees a way to reduce their cost of living and enhance their retirement lifestyle. Many Four Seasons residents have a second home in a warmer climate, own an RV, travel the world or simply enjoy spoiling their grandchildren.

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Kitchens are spacious, well lighted and include an abundance of cabinets. Many have islands, ceramic accents, walk-in pantries, pull-out cabinet shelves and kitchen desks. The price also includes appliances including ranges, built-in ovens and microwaves, side-by-side refrigerators and dishwashers.

Living rooms feature fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, bay windows and lighted ceiling fans. Skylights offer additional light. Master suites include walk-in closets. The baths include whirlpools, walk-in double showers, double sinks, upgraded faucets, linen closets and vanities with plentiful storage. The exterior doors feature leaded glass. All Dream Homes include central air and attached 1/2-car garages.

Four Seasons-Dream Homes are factory built in a very efficient environment. Manufactured homes are competitive with site-built homes in appearance, but cost much less to purchase. They are built with the same materials as site-built homes, but in a controlled factory environment where weather doesn't interfere with construction or cause costly delays and damage building materials.

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Dream Homes are located on newly sodded sites in Four Seasons, an award-winning community with entrance boulevards filled with flowers, lighted sidewalks on curving tree lined streets, a swimming pool complex, picnic areas, green areas and a flag park. Neighbors gather at community coffee hours, dinner parties, holiday parties, game nights, events around the pool and even day trips.

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The staff at Four Seasons-Dream Homes offers tours of the many model homes. The homes may be visited seven days a week. Four Seasons-Dream Homes' hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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Brahin takes charge of @properties Winnetka office

Chicago real estate firm @properties has hired Anne Brahin as vice president of brokerage services in the company’s Winnetka office, according to company co-founders Thaddeus Wong and Michael Golden.

Brahin, 49, is a 14-year veteran of North Shore real estate. Prior to joining @properties, she spent almost six years as managing broker at Prudential Rubloff in Winnetka. She also spent nine years as a sales associate with Koenig & Strey in Winnetka.

At @properties, Brahin will oversee broker training and marketing, and assist in the day-to-day operations for the firm’s Winnetka office, which is the highest producing single office on the North Shore, generating over $350 million in annual sales volume.

“I never thought I’d see an office in Winnetka putting up those numbers, especially in the market we’ve just come out of. @properties has the most sophisticated marketing and technology in the business, and I’m looking forward to being a part of the company’s continued growth and success,” said Brahin.

“Anne is the perfect candidate for this position,” said Wong. “She has a wonderful reputation, strong brokerage experience, and extensive knowledge of the North Shore market. She will provide great leadership to our agents.”

Brahin is stepping into the position formerly held by Amy Corr, who will become the full-time manager of the firm’s rapidly growing Highland Park office.

A longtime resident of the North Shore, Brahin has lived in Winnetka and currently resides in Wilmette with her daughter, who attends New Trier High School. She enjoys cooking, entertaining, traveling and volunteering at the Shedd Aquarium.

Established in 2000, @properties is the No. 1 residential brokerage firm in the city of Chicago by market share, the fastest growing North Shore real estate brokerage firm and the third largest brokerage firm in Northern Illinois. The company has offices in Evanston, Winnetka, Lake Forest, Highland Park, River North, Streeterville, Lincoln Park, Bucktown, Lakeview and New Buffalo, Mich. For more information, visit www.atproperties.com.

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March 4

- STEPPENWOLF
  SALUTES WOMEN
  IN THE ARTS LUNCHEON
Award-winning actress Mary-Louise Parker (“Weeds,” “The West Wing”) is the guest of honor at this annual fundraiser, where she’ll participate in a question-and-answer session with Steppenwolf Artistic Director Martha Lavey.

Time: Noon
Place: JW Marriott Chicago, 151 W. Adams
Cost: Individual tickets, $400. Call (312) 654-5632 or visit Steppenwolf.org.

March 5

- GIRL POWER LUNCHEON
Benefiting the Young Women’s Leadership Charter School of Chicago, this event features a student work showcase and a keynote speech by Grammy-winning opera singer Ana Maria Martinez. Deborah M. Sawyer, founder and CEO of Environmental Design International, Inc., will receive the 2013 corporate leadership award.

Time: 11 a.m.
Place: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan

next week

March 10

- LAUNCH 2013: DRIVING FASHION FORWARD
Autohaus on Edens hosts this spring fashion preview, featuring looks from the North Shore’s finest boutiques and a student design competition from Columbia College. Proceeds support the educational mission of ORT America.

Time: 5-8 p.m.
Place: 1600 W. Frontage, Northerntown
Cost: $75 per person, $100 for reserved runway seating. Call (847) 291-0475 or visit Orthair-fashion.org.

March 12

- GIRL RISING
Catch a screening of this new documentary film, developed by the girl empowerment group 10x10 and directed by Academy Award nominee Richard Robbins. Narrated by stars such as Meryl Streep, Salma Hayek and Alicia Keys, the film follows nine young women around the world striving to beat the odds.

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: AMC Loews, 600 N. Michigan
Cost: $175. Visit Events.org/mwa-fashion.

March 15

- THE CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM COSTUME BALL
Fashion fans, don’t miss this black-tie preview of the Chicago History Museum’s most ambitious costume exhibition ever, “Inspiring Beauty: 50 Years of Ebony Fashion Fair.” Dine, dance and feast your eyes on creations from Pierre Cardin, Givenchy, Valentino and more.

Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe

March 9

- PASSION FOR A PURPOSE: THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY BEAR TIE BALL
Founded in memory of 8-year-old Barrett “Bear” Krupa, who died of Wilms Tumor in 1993, Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation battles the disease by providing personalized support to children facing cancer, awarding grants to researchers and helping to fund a range of pediatric oncology facilities and various other organizations. This year’s event, co-chaired by Nina Mariano and Tracy Scurto, celebrates two decades with dinner, dancing and auctions. Purple attire highly encouraged — it's the organization’s signature color. $325. UIC Forum, 725 W. Roosevelt. Call (312) 214-1200 or visit Bearnecessities.org.
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Spotted: Chicagoans embracing their animal instincts with LEOPARD PRINT. Never ones to be tamed, these ladies (and gentleman!) have broadened their style horizons by mixing the pattern with everyday staples to create a fun look without going too wild. Our style advice: Don't mix prints — pair the spots with simple solids and minimal accessories. Gents, adding a little leopard to your look can show a date that you can be daring. So go ahead, unleash and embrace the party animal — it’ll be a roaring good time.
PAWS CHICAGO ANIMAL MAGNETISM

Puppy love

Paula Fasseas, U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley and Billy Dec

BY TALIA BEECHICK

On Feb. 22, Galleria Marchetti (825 W. Erie) let the dogs in — 80, to be exact — for PAWS Chicago's 7th annual Animal Magnetism event, hosted by the organization's Professional Board. More than 300 guests enjoyed dinner and dancing while the pups snacked at their own buffet and pawed at pupcakes from Swirlz. Co-chairs Ashley and Noah Pettit and Courtney and Eric Weller helped emcees Jerry Azumah and KISS-FM's Angi Taylor keep the night rolling, honoring U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley for his leadership in animal welfare and bringing in animal communicator Alicia Halloran to give owners insight into their pets' deepest thoughts. A live auction helped raise more than $90,000 to help PAWS Chicago save the lives of our city's homeless animals.

The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event.

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The Goodman Theatre is known for putting on dramatic shows, and its annual winter fundraiser — the Fame, Fantasy, Food, Adventure Auction — was no exception. More than 200 guests showed up to raise their paddles for live and silent auction items at the Feb. 4 bash, hosted by the theatre’s Women’s Board and held at the Peninsula Chicago (108 E. Superior). Over dinner, auctioneers Leslie Hindman and Robert Clifford led the bidding on items like a cooking demonstration and dinner with Rick Bayless, and getaways to Shanghai and Key West, netting more than $300,000 for the theatre.

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BY TALIA BEECHICK

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Dear Jenny,

It's been two years since the divorce. My ex got pregnant by someone else three months after we split. At first she kept texting and calling me, saying how happy she was and how I've never amounted to anything. I never gave her the satisfaction of getting to me. It's been two years and she still tells me out of the blue how happy she is. I don't talk to her unless it's about our son. How can I put a stop to this?

— Paul

Jenny says: My first thought is that it's a really crummy thing to do to an ex. Mind you, I don't know her side of the story, but it's still an immature thing to do. I have a few thoughts on this.

One is that you obviously still care for her. If you didn't, it wouldn't hurt, and I'm glad to see that you do care, even though it's expressing itself negatively. She is the mother of your child, so even if you feel indifferent toward her, you did sign a "soul contract," which means she is meant to be around for the rest of your life. I salute you for reaching out and getting advice, because if you didn't, the resentment and anger will just build.

The second thing is acceptance. Even though it's annoying, try for five minutes to really accept that the mother of your child is living a happy life and in doing so, putting your son in a good environment. The more you try not to like it, the more she will tell you how happy she is. I swear to you that she will suddenly stop saying that to you once you do find that place in your soul of sincere happiness for her.

The third thing is a bit trickier, but it's your only way to acquire peace. When someone is attacking you with a negative thought (like "you didn't amount to anything") they are usually talking about themselves. We are each other's mirrors — and you are obviously one of hers. Somewhere in your marriage, she felt like she didn't have self-worth, and the only way to see it is to project it onto someone else. I'm sure you weren't perfect, and on paper she could have some truth to her version of events, but instead of getting angry at her, stay aware that she is working out her own issues and help her out by not reacting to her negativity. This doesn't mean to put up a wall, it just means have compassion for her pain. The less you react, the more she will see that this is her issue to resolve.

Hate yourself, hate what you see. Love yourself, love what you see. Be happy for her happiness and stay aware during her pain. She will always be your baby mama, so by treating her with compassion it will prove to her that you have amounted to something: a kick-ass baby daddy and cool ex-hubby.

Send questions to Askjenny@suntimes.com

How to move on

Have an ex who likes to gloat? She (or he) may just be looking for compassion...
Luxury designer Wes Gordon spends a high-fashion day in Chicago

BY ZAK STEMER

Wes Gordon is nothing if not bold. Four years ago, the then-22-year-old fashion wunderkind used his internship experience with Oscar de la Renta and Tom Ford to launch his eponymous label. Now, at 26, the Chicago-born designer is riding high: The line is carried in top-tier stores across the globe, including Bergdorf Goodman in New York and Neapolitan here (715 Elm, Winnetka). “If you’re going to be young in any industry, this is one where it’s totally cool and acceptable,” Gordon says.

The designer has worked hard over the last four years to build what he calls his “brand DNA.” “The Wes Gordon name is very luxurious and beautifully made, but in a fresh, young way,” he says. “It’s very downtown rock ‘n’ roll.” With his spring collection currently hanging on the racks, Gordon is anxious to see Chicagoans in his favorite styles. “We have really special items: incredible lace blouses, intricate pieces that feel light, ethereal and springy.”

But the onset of spring doesn’t mean a complete closet revamp — Gordon recognizes the value of recycling. “The best way to add excitement to a wardrobe in an economical and fun way is with separates,” he advises. “A beautiful dress is a great investment, but if, instead of buying a dress, you buy an embellished T-shirt, you can wear it all the time.”

Here, fashion’s boy wonder sketches out his Sunday in the city.

Check out Wes’ upcoming trunk shows at Neapolitan (Mar. 12-13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and Neiman Marcus Michigan Avenue (Apr. 2-3, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

10 A.M.
“I stay at the Four Seasons (120 E. Delaware), which is beautiful and has such an incredible view,” Gordon says. For breakfast, he calls room service for fruit or an egg-white omelet.

NOON
Gordon stops by the modern wing of the Art Institute (111 S. Michigan) for some inspiration.

1:30 P.M.
While walking around Michigan Avenue, he pops into Neiman Marcus (737 N. Michigan) to gab with the staff about the special pieces he brings for trunk shows.

2 P.M.
Nothing can beat the burger at RL Restaurant for lunch (115 E. Chicago).

4 P.M.
If he’s in town for a Neapolitan event, Gordon heads to his favorite Winnetka bookstore, The Book Stall at Chestnut Court (811 Elm, Winnetka).

8 P.M.
For dinner, Gordon keeps it cool at the ultra-chic Boarding House (720 N. Wells).
JASLNEE GONZALEZ DONS SPRING TRENDS AS SHE GEARKS UP FOR A FASHION SHOW BENEFITING A LOCAL WOMEN'S SHELTER

STORY BY RACHEL HANDLER
PHOTOS BY MARIA PONCE

yra Banks crowned Jaslene Gonzalez "America's Next Top Model" in 2007, but the Chicago native — and Daily Splash columnist — doesn’t count the victory as her biggest accomplishment. She’s most proud of her hard-won independence: Just after her star turn on the reality series, Gonzalez found her way out of an abusive relationship with the help of friends, family and the show’s producers, who set her up with a therapist. "It was through that experience that I found my inner beauty," says Gonzalez. "I was a victim, and now I’m a survivor.”

Though Gonzalez was able to overcome her situation, she says she wishes she’d had somewhere to turn earlier. That’s why now, at 26, she’s partnering with Wings, an Illinois nonprofit that provides victims of domestic violence with shelter, education, guidance and support. "Women deserve to be respected, valued and

LUXURY GARAGE SALE
BRIGHT PATTERNS

Lindsay Segal (left) and Brielle Buchberg offer a high-end take on consignment shopping at Luxury Garage Sale, where they sell new and gently used designer and vintage items. Rifle through the upscale racks at their just-opened Old Town storefront, or hop online to shop the less-expensive pieces. 1658 N. Wells, (312) 291-9126; Luxurygaragesale.com

On Jaslene: Carven skirt, $395, Chloe leather jacket, $495, So- bra bangle bracelets, $95 each, shirt, stylist’s own.

Jaslene’s take: "This is so fun and flirty. I like the different patterns and color schemes. And I carry a leather jacket with me everywhere year-round, so the Chloe jacket is my favorite thing in this outfit. I’d wear it anywhere."
feel safe, and what's so great about Wings is they provide all of that,” says Gonzalez. “It's a safe home.”

The nonprofit’s mission resonates so deeply with Gonzalez that on March 3, she’ll host Wings’ 6th Annual Resale Fashion Show, where volunteer models will sport fashions pulled from the racks of the resale shops that Wings runs to support itself. Women currently taking shelter at Wings will also be in attendance. “I’m so excited,” says Gonzalez. “[The women and I] have all gone through the same things, but we all have different experiences with it. We’ll all sit and talk and empower one another.”

In anticipation of the event, we asked some of Chicago’s top vintage and consignment shops to dress Gonzalez in spring’s hottest trends.

Hitting the Right Notes: Wings 6th Annual Resale Fashion Show, March 3, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., The Meadows Club, 2950 W. Golf, Rolling Meadows. Tickets: $45 individual, $400 for table of 10 at Wingsprogram.com.

LuLu’s at the Belle Kay owner and curator Laurie Davis has presided over her well-edited collection of vintage costume jewelry and couture for nearly 10 years from within her North Center shop at 3862 N. Lincoln. On March 5, along with store manager Thomas Clarke (left), she’ll open LuLu’s on the Avenue at The 900 Shops, where she’ll sell upscale jewelry and accessories culled from the 20s through the 80s. 900 N. Michigan, third level, (312) 888-9149; Lulusbellekay.com

On Jaslene: Jack Bryan designed by Dupuis dress, $275, David Mandel necklace, $675.

Jaslene’s take: “This dress is so ‘Gone with the Wind’ fabulous. It’s flowy, and I’m so comfortable in it. It doesn’t matter what kind of figure you have — this kind of dress is flattering on all types of bodies.”
Fashion fiend Tina Kourasis (a former lawyer for the Sun-Times) and expert stylist Mark Gill (both at right) are at the helm of soon-to-launch VMR, which stands for “vintage, modern, resale.” The duo joined forces after Kourasis cued up a career change and Gill, who used to clean out closets and send the best pieces to L.A.’s Decades, decided to keep his highly curated couture in Chicago. In April they’ll open their Gold Coast showroom, where Gill will style clients in eclectic consignment pieces by appointment. Email info@vmrchicago.com for more information.

On Jaslene: Valentino dress, $1,500.

Jaslene’s take: “I LOVE this dress. I actually heard that red dresses attract the men. It’s very gala, and I love the whole look — my hair, my makeup, the dress, the chiffon. It’s a red-carpet-event dress.”
From within her Lincoln Park headquarters, Corri McFadden (left) and her staff of 45 run one of the largest online luxury consignment stores in the country, stocked with hundreds of pieces of vintage couture and a huge stash of Chanel. The experts also travel nationwide, performing closet consultations, handpicking chic items for the shop and providing styling services. 2117 N. Halsted, 1155 N. State, (773) 525-7467; Shopedropoff.com

On Jaslene: Chanel two-piece and Chanel gold and black leather large buckle belt. Prices vary per auction.

Jaslene's take: "Chanel is my favorite. This is the most sophisticated, most fashionable piece. And it's just fun. I'm Chanel's heavyweight champion of the world!"
Model citizen
Tracey Tarantino DiBuono, fashion-show producer at Zzazz Productions, shares her favorite spring trends

1. BCBG Max Azria: Landon high-waisted wide pant, $198, 111 N. State; Bcbg.com
   “It wouldn’t be spring without floral designs. It’s fun to wear them while we wait to see the beauty of Chicago in bloom.”

2. Almay: intense i-color liquid eyeliner, $7.79, Walgreens, 30 N. Michigan; Walgreens.com
   “This season’s cat-eye won’t make you scratch yours thanks to this hypoallergenic brand. It’s so affordable, you can try out every color.”

3. Valentino: rockstud sling-back pump, $895, Saks Fifth Avenue, 700 N. Michigan; Saksfifthavenue.com
   “Pointed-toe, high-heeled T-straps are a classic. But the metal detail keeps it fresh and unexpectedly ladylike.”

4. OPI: You’re Such a Budapest polish, $7.99, Anthony Vince Nail Salon & Spa, 545 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook; Anthonyvincenailspa.com

5. Eva Pazola: black and white dress, price upon request, 1729 N. Clybourn; Evapazola.com

6. Chanel: leather and chain signature earrings, price upon request; Chanel.com
   “Chain link is a big statement for spring 2013. Combined with the leather and classic styling of Chanel, it’s perfection.”


8. Vintage necklace: $800, Lulu’s at the Belle Kay, 3862 N. Lincoln; Lulusbellekay.com
   “Vintage is a huge trend. Lulu’s stays a head above the rest with these statement pieces.”

   “Start with this basic, pile on your accessories! Pick the blue that fits your hue.”

10. Sequin: bangles, start at $25, Nordstrom, 520 N. Michigan; Shop.nordstrom.com

“Black and white is always a winning combination. I couldn’t wait for this trend to come off the runway and be available here in Chicago.”

“I love to pile these on both wrists to make giant cuffs. Bold statements begin with the bangle.”

“Feeling frisky? Take cover with these sassy shades.”

“Step away from gunmetal grey and make lilac your new neutral nail. It’s a get-noticed color, and I love it.”

“Start with this basic, pile on your accessories! Pick the blue that fits your hue.”
Virginie Courtin-Clarins, the chic French granddaughter of Clarins skincare founder Jacques Courtin-Clarins, first caught America's eye while sitting front row at New York Fashion Week in 2011. Her innate sense of style made an immediate impression on Anna Wintour, who promptly placed her in the pages of Vogue, and on the horde of bloggers who declared her fashion's next "It Girl."

But Courtin-Clarins, 27, isn't content to rest on her good looks and family legacy. She holds an MBA from France's prestigious EDHEC Business School, and — alongside her sister and cousins — she takes an active role in the company, working on the brand's strategic development. On March 9, Courtin-Clarins will attend Nordstrom's Beauty Trend Show, where she'll help launch the brand's updated age-fighting Double Serum. In anticipation of her arrival, we asked her to share a few of her most essential beauty tips.

1. **Tell us about the Double Serum and how it's been updated.**
   
   A: My grandfather created the original product 27 years ago. It's called Double Serum because it has two phases — one hydric and one lipidic — that mix only when applied on the skin. Over the years, Clarins scientists have worked continuously on the formulation, and have improved it by using the latest plant extracts and techniques.

2. **What was your grandfather's best beauty tip?**
   
   A: He gave us so much beauty advice that it would take too long to tell you! But it's important to apply your beauty product with care. When I put on my cream or my serum, I first warm the product in the palms of my hands, then apply it on my skin by gently tapping my face — I never rub it.

3. **What's your spring beauty regimen?**
   
   A: I start the day by using the toning lotion and the Double Serum under Multi-Active day cream. Before my makeup, I use Beauty Flash Balm to tighten up my skin so I always look fresh. When spring comes, I always need UV protection, so I use the UV Plus HP SPF 40 day screen.

4. **Who are your favorite fashion designers?**
   
   A: I love the big, established designers that we have in France, like Louis Vuitton, but I really have a crush on young American designers. I love Altuzarra, Jason Wu, Prabal Gurung, Proenza Schouler and Suno.

5. **How do you keep your long hair in such good shape?**
   
   A: I do a lot of masks — my secret is to leave them on my hair when I go in the sauna or a hammam for at least 30 minutes. I only use products that are plant-based, like Leonor Greyl or Furterer. I never use a product with silicone in it, because even if it gives you a temporary shine, it doesn't really nourish your hair.
Three years ago, Jessica Musselman was waiting to be seated at Three Aces on Taylor Street when she spotted Justin Kowaleski at the bar, waiting for a drink. His work badge caught her eye—he's the director of wound care at Advocate Trinity Hospital and she's an account manager at Orthofix, which develops medical devices—so she struck up a conversation with him, hoping to network after her recent move from Atlanta. The following week, the two went on a business date, which quickly turned personal, and within nine months, they were engaged. They married at Loft on Lake (1366 W. Lake) in front of more than 100 guests. Musselman says the ceremony, officiated by her longtime friend David Vincent, was the highlight of the day: The couple's Pomeranian accompanied their niece and nephew down the aisle, then elicited laughs from the crowd when he snoozed through the rest of the ceremony in a groomsman's arms.

But for Kowaleski, the few minutes he had with Musselman after the ceremony were the most memorable. "It was our moment to breathe, and the rest of the night flew. It felt like a half hour," he says. At the reception, a bluegrass band played throughout dinner, and the bride's sister received a standing ovation after she sang a rendition of a Taylor Swift's "Love Story" instead of giving a speech. "Everyone was laughing and crying," says Kowaleski. "It was perfect."

Congrats to Hyde Park native Kwang-Wu-Kim, who was just appointed Columbia College Chicago's new president and chief executive officer. Previously, Dr. Kim served as a dean and director of the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts at Arizona State University.

We're thrilled for DineAmic Restaurant Group's director of catering and events, Michele Burnnett, and her husband Billy, co-founder and president of local tech company Fippex. They welcomed baby boy Noah Charlie on Feb 23.

We're raising a pint of Guinness to Irish musicians Brendan and Slobhan McKinney. Their pub, Chief O'Neill's (3471 N. Elston), was named one of the Top Ten Irish Pubs in the World by Ireland of the Welcomes magazine.

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BY MOLLY EACH

As the team behind Rockit Bar & Grill, Sunda and the Underground, Brad Young, Billy Dec and Arturo Gomez have proven they can execute both inventive food and a killer nightlife scene. The two concepts come together at ¡Ay Chiwowa!, the latest spot from Rockit Ranch Productions. Situated in the old Martini Ranch space, the late-night bar/restaurant pays homage to its predecessor by serving up kegged cocktails, top-tier tequila, nightly DJs and authentic Mexican eats with a gourmet twist.

"It's a little tequila and taco tavern," says Gomez. "But while the concept revolves around the extensive bar program, the food will definitely live up to our culinary standards."

Rather than bring in an outsider to helm the kitchen, the team turned to Julio Sanchez Galicia, who was one of the first line cooks at Rockit Bar & Grill eight years ago, and worked his way up to his new executive chef role. He designed the menu with the help of Gomez's father, Arturo Gomez Sr. "My dad] is one of the best cooks I know, and he knows Mexican cuisine," says Gomez. "And like my family, Julio was born and raised in Mexico and still lives with the culture. He understands the flavors we wanted to represent on the menu." Gomez Sr. and Galicia have created a menu's worth of traditional Mexican dishes with a modern kick. On the al pastor tacos, seasoned pork is paired with pickled onion and pineapple puree ($6 for two), while the carnitas torta ($9) has refried beans, carnitas, peanut sauce, avocado, queso fresco and sour cream piled on bolillo bread. We get a glimpse of a traditional Gomez family dinner with the Gomez shrimp dish ($13), which uses a family marinade and is accompanied by yellow mustard and fried onions.

It's the kind of food that keeps diners imbibing well into the night, and thankfully, there's a wide range of offerings to accommodate. Developed by the company's mixologists (with help from Gomez Sr.), the list features house-kegged cocktails like a traditional margarita ($12) and the smoky Señor Chicharron, made with Maestro Dobel tequila, chipotle vodka, bacon syrup, citrus and chipotle Tabasco ($14). Other drinks include a tangy Paloma, with Lunazul blanco, rosemary syrup and grapefruit juice ($11). The more than 80 offerings on the tequila list range from the simple and smooth El Tesoro Platinum ($10 glass/$250 bottle) to the more complex, carmel-y extra añejo Chicano Negro ($45/$850).

As for the space, "We didn't want to create another predictably designed Mexican concept with Latin music and traditional, overused Mexican aesthetic," says Gomez. Instead, the interior is black, with tufted booths, textured skull wallpaper and graffiti art on the walls (courtesy of local artist Eric Debat), making it an ideal place to rock out to one of the nightly DJ sets. And in the corner, there's a jukebox stocked with over 2,000 songs that doubles as a photo booth, perfect for capturing what is sure to be a memorable night.

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BY LISA SKOLNIK

ews that Chicago-area home sales surged 37 percent in January suggests it might be wise to buy before prices rise any higher. For those still on the fence about making a long-term commitment (but longing for a single-family home) consider a townhome. It offers the privacy of multilevel living, outdoor space, lower price points and — in most cases — available parking spaces.

One townhome that has it all is this three-bed, 2.5-bath Winnetka charmer with an attached garage at 943 Westmoor for $575,000 — down from $649,000. "It's located on a picturesque street right off Green Bay Road, within walking distance of top-tier public schools, two Metra stations, grocery stores, restaurants and more," says Coldwell Banker broker Linda Martin (call 847-275-7253). She notes that it's an incredible deal, thanks to an astute and high-end renovation by its owner, designer Catherine Pondel. Pondel transformed the place from a modernist box to a charismatic home, adding a gourmet kitchen with custom cabinets and European appliances, a newly finished lower level with full-scale windows, an enlarged master suite with a marble-clad bathroom and walk-in closet, and a glamorous new limestone hearth in the living room. Get an up-close view of the home at an open house Sunday, March 10 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BOOM TOWN

Great townhouse options exist in every corner of the Chicago area. Some particularly sweet deals include:

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- 5843 N. St. Johns in Sauganash for $459,000 (Baird & Warner broker Kathy Murphy, 773-230-2885).
- 1157 E. 45th in Hyde Park for $299,000 (Baird & Warner broker Barbara Sapsteln, 312-403-1269).
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An award-winning weekend

Oscar weekend in L.A. is truly amazing. Whether it's Hugh Jackman hitting the treadmill at Equinox Beverly Hills or Joan Rivers catching up with friends at the famed Polo Lounge, the stars are out and about and loving the attention. I caught a glimpse of Jennifer Hudson and Robert De Niro at a cocktail party, and Kendra Wilkinson dancing up a storm at the OK! magazine event. But nothing compares to my encounter with "Mr. Big." I've been writing columns for almost as long as I've been a fan of "Sex and the City," but I've never run into Chris Noth. I spotted him as I left the QVC Oscar party at the Four Seasons Hotel, and he graciously took a photo with me even though he said he'd turned down every girl who'd asked him all night. (Pinch me now!) "Let's just pretend like we're talking," Chris said with killer charm. What made my "Big" moment a little more bittersweet is that it took place just a few days after I broke up with my real-life Mr. Big. Hollywood can be a lonely place sometimes, especially when you're heartbroken, but every once in a blue moon a magical movie moment happens away from the sets and it makes it all worthwhile.

Bethenny moving on

Bethenny Frankel seems to be moving onward and upward amid her nasty divorce, but her ex Jason Hoppy is struggling. He was recently spotted dining with a male friend at Prime 112 in Miami — and was still wearing his wedding ring. "He was friendly with people that recognized him, but he didn't seem happy," said an eyewitness. Another source says that he is having trouble letting go — and Bethenny is not. "He's finding it difficult to get on with his life. Bethenny has not made the divorce easy for him, and he can't comprehend how she is so emotionless about their separation," says the source.

Letting go with the Kardashians

I reported that E! did not plan on signing "Keeping Up With The Kardashians" for more than a two-season extension, and sure enough, that's exactly what happened. After it was announced, Kim Kardashian said in an interview that she would no longer do the show, but clarified via her blog that she will stay on through the end of the contract. "In true Kardashian form, Kim is already trying put her own spin on it by making it seem like she doesn't want to do the show after the final season," said a source. "But the reality of the situation is that they don't have an offer after season 10."
Shop talk

Snag one-of-a-kind ensembles with a visit to these 10 local shopping districts

Andersonville
This charming district is perfect for shoppers looking to don something different: Mr. and Mrs. DIGZ (5668 N. Clark) marries designer pieces with vintage wares, and at Hallie Borden's Milk Handmade (5137 N. Clark), you'll find eclectic dresses, blouses and accessories. Clark Street between Winnemac and Victoria; Andersonville.org.

Bucktown
Fashion staple Marc Jacobs (1714 N. Damen) anchors a street of designer boutiques, including Club Monaco (1731 N. Damen) and BCBG (1714 N. Damen). Locally owned offerings include the minimalist p.45 (1634 N. Damen) and Roslyn (2035 N. Damen), chock full of goods from top up-and-coming talent. Damen Avenue between North and Webster; Wickerparkbucktown.com/directory.

Evanston
Style mavens flock north to scour the finely curated selections at Chalk Boutique (2611 Prairie), where owners Carrie Kane and Sharon Watsrus stock luxe labels like Nina Ricci, Reed Krakoff and Chloe. Nearby Stella Boutique (2116 Central) is the go-to for accessories. Downtownevanston.org.

Highland Park
E Street Denim (1876 First) offers the largest selection of denim in the nation; My Best Friend's Closest (1780 Green Bay) is the crème of the consignment crop; and milliner Lisa Farrell's hats at Ooh-La-La (441 Central) are unlike anything you'll find in the city. Downtownhp.com.

Oakbrook Center
With five anchoring department stores, including Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom, Oakbrook isn't just a mall - it's a shopping mecca. Perfect for rainy-day shopping, it houses everything from home goods to books to beauty. 100 Oakbrook Center; Oakbrook-center.com.

Oak Street
A recent slew of high-end additions have cemented Oak Street as a destination for luxury retail: Christian Louboutin (58 E. Oak) and Lanvin (116 E. Oak) just opened their designer doors, and local menswear designer George Zaharoff built his first flagship (110 E. Oak) here. Oak Street between Michigan and State; Oakstreetchicago.com.

Roscoe Village
Home to the Denim Lounge (2039 W. Roscoe) and its just-for-kids counterpart Madison & Friends (2040 W. Roscoe), this North Side neighborhood also boasts the best post-shopping treat: gourmet scoops at Black Dog Gelato (1955 W. Belmont). Roscoe Street between Damen and Western; Rvcc.biz.
I source my truffles in Umbria, my Prosecco in Veneto, and my family's Sunday dinner at Mariano's.

- Tony Priolo, Executive Chef/Owner, Piccolo Sogno

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Hi-jinks and high ideals
Film series focuses on Hollywood's swashbucklers

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

If you're in need of a swashbuckle fix, the Park Ridge library's "Crossed Swords" film series is likely to give you a special sort of thrill.

The 13-film series, programmed and hosted by Matthew C. Hoffman, runs through May 30 at the library and the Pickwick Theatre, where it opens in the large auditorium May 10 with a screening of "The Adventures of Robin Hood," and moves on to sword-slinging classics like "Captain Blood" and "The Prisoner of Zenda."

"I don't want these films to be forgotten," said Hoffman, who is circulation manager at the library and the programmer of the excellent, much mourned LaSalle Bank Theatre film series.

He's hosted other programs of vintage films over the past three years at the library, including prime examples of "Film Noir," "Screen Deco" ("Grand Hotel" and other films featuring art deco production design) and "Legends of Laughter" (Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd and Buster Keaton comedies). "I want to try to rekindle their magic, especially for today's younger generation."

Swashbuckling magic began, officially, with the 1920 silent "The Mark of Zorro," starring Douglas Fairbanks (whose "The Black Pirate" will be screened at the Pickwick April 28). The genre continued to thrive through '50s Hollywood, with stars such as Fairbanks, Robert Donat, Ronald Colman, Basil Rathbone, Frederick March and, of course, Errol Flynn, all of whom are featured in the series.

"Sea Hawk" and "Captain Blood," Hoffman said. "But I also wanted to work in some less well-known films like Cecil B. DeMille's "The Buccaneer" starring Fredric March and "The Man in the Iron Mask," which was made by James Whale, who also directed "Frankenstein."

Asked what defines a true swashbuckler, Hoffman mentions swordplay, of course, but also the presence of a strong hero, one who embodies the heroic tradition and conveys the virtues common to heroes in classic romantic fiction, including dedication to chivalric love. But he also emphasizes the importance of freewheeling fantasy.

"They weren't about realism," he said. "That's a big part of what makes them so appealing. They're an idealized, romanticized version of reality. These films take us back to a less cynical, more magical time. They're almost like fairy tales or fables."

"These days, when films are so complex psychologically and often so dark, they present a refreshing opportunity to go back to a time when everything was more clear-cut in terms of good guys and bad guys. Plus, they're just so much fun to watch."

Hoffman has no concern whatsoever about these films coming across as antiques.

"I think any good film will stand the test of time," he explained. "During the 'Legends of Laughter' series I was showing a lot of Harold Lloyd movies people weren't familiar with, but as soon as people experienced them, they were hooked."

"These films play just as well today as they did in the past. It's just a question of getting people to sit down and watch them."
Janis Ian just gets better with age

BY TERRY LONCARIC | Contributor

Janis Ian performs at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie March 14.

Janis Ian still feels impassioned to tell a good story, sing a poetic folk song and fine-tune all of her skills as a performer.

At 61, Ian, who performs March 14 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, has clearly not rested on her laurels. Livingston Taylor, James Taylor's brother, shares the bill with Ian.

After many years of suffering with chronic fatigue syndrome, the Nashville resident has learned to pace herself. Ian has taken the time to write new songs, complete her autobiography, Society’s Child, and continue cultivating the relationship with Pat, her long-time partner, who is a criminal attorney.

“you get older,” Ian remarked. “It’s like the rest of your life. You learn to get done what you need to get done and do what you love to do. I think I’m a lot more comfortable on stage now. It’s a great time for me in my life. I have a body of work behind me.”

Ian has always written songs that were gritty and honest. She broke into the music scene at age 14, releasing “Society’s Child,” a song about an interracial relationship. A native of New York, Ian gave a poetic voice to female angst in her confessional hit, “At 17.”

Ian said she grew up listening to Bob Dylan, the Beatles, and the Rolling Stones in the '60s. “It was a great time to be an artist,” she said. “If Earl Scruggs wanted to share an instrument or show you a riff, he would. The business was still small enough, people would lend one another a helping hand.”

Through the decades, Ian has continued to reinvent herself. For a while, she took time off just to write the introspective tracks for “Breaking Silence,” a collection of brave, beautiful ballads about “coming out,” falling in love and finding peace in your life.

Reflected Ian, “Certainly the difference between when I started at 14, and now is, when you get older, you have perspective. I don’t waste as much space, as I used to, in my songwriting. I’m not as self-indulgent. I make better choices.” Ian is taking the time to enjoy every milestone in her life.

After releasing her memoir, Society’s Child, she produced a recorded track of her book that earned her a Grammy this year for Best Spoken Word Album. To win that honor, Ian beat some formidable competition — Michelle Obama, Rachel Maddow, Bill Clinton and Ellen DeGeneres.

“It’s amazing to be in that company,” Ian said. “It was even more surprising, actually shocking, to win the Grammy. I think I’ve been true to my fans, and I’ve tried to live up to high standards, which is hard to do.”

Ian still sings “At 17” with the fervor of an artist who is discovering new layers of meaning in this iconic anthem of adolescent cruelty.

“Everybody who hears that song feels like it belongs to them,” Ian said. “Any time you write something that is universal, it’s going to rise to the top and endure. How can you get tired of singing something that means so much to so many people?”

Ian admits there are many things she would still like to do, including writing a novel, performing at Carnegie Hall and visiting China.

“I think it’s great when you can do anything that’s artistic,” she said. “If you get older, you should have a richer inner life. If you don’t, what’s the point?”
'Stones in His Pockets,' by Northlight Theatre, is on stage March 8-April 14 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. Visit northlight.org.

Hooley IX, a musical celebration of St. Patrick's Week, runs March 9-17 at the Celtic Knot Public House in Evanston. For the music lineup, see celticknotpub.com.

Antique American Glass Sale (above) takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 9 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. March 10 in Northlake. Visit 20-30-4Osociety.org.

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents 'From Spain to Scotland, the Mendelssohn Way,' 2:30 p.m. March 10 at the Pickwick Theatre. See parkridgecivicorchestra.org.

Ravinia has announced its 2013 season. For the lineup and highlights, see pioneerlocal.com. Donors can buy tickets now, tickets go on sale to the public April 25.
Dance Ensemble marks 15 seasons of creative grace

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Audiences have been treated to 132 premieres during Evanston Dance Ensemble’s 15 seasons.

From March 15-17, they will have a chance to see a dozen favorite pieces again when the company presents "The Best of EDE" at Josephine Louis Theater in Evanston.

The difficult task of choosing the pieces to reprise fell to Evanston Dance Ensemble founder and co-artistic director Béa Rashid and co-artistic director Christina Ernst. Finding the right dancers was easier because the company, based at Dance Center Evanston, has molded many outstanding dancers, including Cara Hansvick of Evanston, Sasha Weiss of Skokie and Olivia Beckman of Evanston.

"I've been here since I was about 3," Cara said. "It's been such a positive influence on my life." The Evanston Township High School senior is planning to study dance next year at either Butler University in Indianapolis or the University of Cincinnati. Her goal is to dance with a professional company, teach and possibly choreograph.

"You only get one chance to dance in your life and I don't want to give this up," Cara said. "I love performing and I love experiencing other dancers."

Cara is dancing in three numbers for "The Best of EDE," Mike Gosney's "John Williams," based on that composer's music; the Beatles-inspired "And I Love Him" by Eddy Ocampo and "Golden Slumbers," by Béa Rashid.

She described Gosney's piece as "more ballet but contemporary. It's very whole-body, really great movement." Cara danced in this piece three years ago but has a featured role this time.

The dancers wear flowing white dresses for Ocampo's piece. "It's all about passion," Cara said.

"Béa's piece is about leaving home," the dancer related. Because this is the last year Cara can perform with EDE, she added that the theme hits, "kind of close to home."

Sasha Weiss, a Niles North High School junior, began studying dance when he was 9, "but I got much more serious a couple of years ago," he said. "I started watching some documentaries on ballet and it was inspirational."

Sasha plans to continue studying dance after high school but isn't certain if he will pursue it as a career, even though he appreciates the value of dancing. "It's a way to express things that you would never be able to put into words," he said.

He will dance in Lady Leah Hathaway's "Hoedown." "It's sort of a slice of Americana, county fair sort of thing," Sasha said. "It's a fun piece, very comical in a lot of ways."

"Vitruvian Man" is an excerpt from a larger piece choreographed by Rashid. "It's a solo — which is sort of terrifying," Sasha laughingly admitted. "It's a very cool opportunity but it's all on you."

Sasha is also dancing in Christina Ernst's "Neptune."
“Originally, it was danced by faculty members,” he reported. “It’s based on water — and the color blue.”

Olivia began studying at Dance Center Evanston when she was 3 to save the furniture. “I would dance around on top of coffee tables in my house all the time when I was a 2-year-old,” she recalled. “My mom thought it would be a good idea to put me into ballet lessons.”

Fourteen years later, Olivia is still hanging around Dance Center Evanston — sometimes 20 or more hours a week. So do Cara and Sasha. “It’s a great experience to be spending so much time here with people who care about you and care about your creativity,” Cara said.

She is hoping to major in dance at the University of Utah in the fall. Olivia is dancing in two of the pieces in which Cara dances, “And I Love Him” and “Golden Slumbers.” She is also performing in “Fosse” by Julie Carter. “That’s a fun, exciting jazz number,” Olivia said. “It’s kind of sexy but all in good fun. Kind of keeps the audience on its toes.”
Cover your eyes:
Kacy Smith can see right through the Emperor. Well, at least through his clothes. The Evanston resident stars as The Kid in "The Emperor's New Threads: A Fashion Statement." The children's musical, based on Hans Christian Andersen's folk tale, runs March 23-April 28 at Lifeline Theatre. Oak Park native Amanda Roeder has four roles in the show. For tickets, call (773) 761-4477.

Wrestling with new role: Smashing Pumpkins' singer-songwriter Billy Corgan gets into the ring with the three Walter E. Smith brothers in a new commercial for the furniture company. The Highland Park resident is creative director of Resistance Pro wrestling company and owner of Madame ZuZu's, a teashop in Highland Park.

Penny earned it: One of Evanston's most enthusiastic arts advocates has received the recognition she deserves. Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl presented the 2012 Mayor's Award for the Arts to Evanston resident Penny Rotheiser. Rotheiser was honored for her two terms on the Evanston Arts Council, where she restructured the Arts.
Little kids have short attention spans. That's why Glenview Public Library children's librarian and puppeteer Silvia Kraft-Walker has created an action-packed program for ages 2-6, featuring her Plum Crazy Puppets and family entertainer Steve Beno. They will perform the highly interactive variety show 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

"We try to do it all," Kraft-Walker said. "There's singing and dancing. There's short puppet pieces where the puppets come out in front. The main piece in this show is a traditional puppet play behind the puppet theater."

That 22-minute piece, "Teddy Bears' Picnic: Sharing is Caring," encourages recycling. It was written by Joan Wittenberg, a long-time librarian at Wilmette Public Library who did puppet shows and workshops. Kids learn a recycling rap during "Picnic."

The performance, which features original songs by Beno, encourages literacy with printed names of animals and other things mentioned on the stage.

For details, call (847) 965-4220 or go to www.mgpl.org.

**OPA!**

The rich traditions of Greek folk dance and music are carried on by the Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society. That group will perform a show for all ages, 3 to 4:15 p.m. Sunday, March 10 in the Petty Auditorium at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. A variety of mainland and island dances will be featured with the dancers wearing authentic costumes.

For details, call (847) 673-7774 or go to www.skokielibrary.info.

**MYTHS WITH MEGAN**

Storyteller Megan Wells will regale families with mystical tales, including "Medusa" and "The Minotaur," during Greek Myth Monsters, 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 10 at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. Children will make a Greek mask craft by Global Explorer Kids.

For details, call (847) 677-5277 or go to www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

**BUG IN**

Big and tiny bugs will be on view when Tom Gustin, the Bug Whisperer, presents his Creepy Crawly Zoo, 2 to 2:45 p.m. Sunday, March 10 for the 2nd Sunday Special at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. You'll learn about these creatures' habits and habitats. Pick up tickets 30 minutes before program.

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or go to www.nileslibrary.org.

**IT'S A DATE**

... a Playdate with Nature. Families are invited to spend an hour playing games, doing craft projects and participating in educational activities based on a seasonal nature theme, 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 16 at Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. The event is free.

For details, call (847) 692-3570 or go to www.prparks.org.
When March rolls around, for many people it's time for their annual McDonald's Shamrock Shake.

The minty, frothy and green creation has been around for St. Patrick's Day since 1970, according to McDonald's.

But rather than waiting around every year for the Shamrock Shake, it's time to mix it up and try something new. There are a few places offering out-of-the-ordinary shake flavors year round that will delight the tastebuds.

**EDZO'S BURGER SHOP**

Eddie Lakin, chef and owner of Edzo's Burger Shop in Evanston and Chicago, said he set out to do the classic burger, fries and shake at his shop, even using an old-fashioned mixer rather than a blender to make a creamier shake.

Amongst the classic shake flavors, like chocolate and vanilla, there's peanut butter, Oreo, hot fudge and Nutella, a hazelnut and chocolate flavored spread.

"The Nutella shake is the most popular one," Lakin said. "We started that one from Day 1. It's a classically awesome flavor."

Lakin and his staff have been trying out some crazier flavors for the special shake menu.

"We always have three or four specials on the board, spicy Mexican chocolate and salted caramel are two of the most popular," Lakin said. "There are 15 or 20 different specials we rotate in and out."

Lakin says the Speculoos shake is "awesome." The idea for that shake came from a regular customer who spent a semester abroad in Belgium. Speculoos is a type of spiced cookie that can also be bought as a spreadable cookie butter.

"I hadn't heard of it at the time," Lakin said. "We
found somewhere to buy it, $8 for a jar, tried it and it was awesome. Dropped it into a shake.

Then there are other seasonal and holiday specials such as the praline bananas foster shake Edzo's served up for Mardi Gras.

VILLAGE CREAMERY

If you're looking for a green-colored shake, how about one with avocado? That's one of the more than 40 ice cream flavors the Village Creamery has in its freezer and all those flavors can be turned into a milkshake.

"The flavors we have are very traditional to the very exotic," Village Creamery owner Lito Valeroso said. "Our flavors, they're predominantly Asian in nature, but we're not limited to that.

Valeroso said the Skokie and Niles-based stores stock chocolate and vanilla, but they also have flavors like durian, lychee, green tea, red bean and queso, which is vanilla with pieces of cheese.

The other thing that makes Village Creamery's milkshakes different, Valeroso said, is that they're actually bubble shakes. Like the Asian bubble teas, a scoop of tapioca pearls are put into the bottom of each shake to make a bubble shake. Valeroso's favorite of the bubble shakes is ube, or purple yam.

CAPANNARI ICE CREAM

When they open for the 2013 season March 16, Capannari Ice Cream will have a few interesting flavors on its rotating menu.

Co-owner Katie Dolan Dix said the menu will include Guinness, Bailey's Irish Cream, Carrot Cake and Girl Scout Mint Cookies and Cream, which has the Thin Mint cookies mixed in.

"We're known for our rotating flavors," Dolan Dix said. "We have the standard flavors, but when we have seasonal stuff like Irish coffee or Irish cream, those are ones in March, that's what (customers) go for.

All the flavors in the ice cream case can be turned into a milkshake. The fall flavors are Dolan Dix's favorites.

"Pumpkin, cinnamon, maple walnut — I just love them," she said. "I'm Irish, so I also lean toward the Guinness and the Bailey's Irish Cream."
Paddy Homan celebrates Irish music and dance

BY MYRNA PETLICK | Contributor

Irish eyes will be smiling from the Wilmette Theatre stage when Paddy Homan presents a St. Patrick's Eve Concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 16.

The Cork City native plans to share his love of his native land and its music with the audience.

Homan declared that the concert will be "pure fun - the feast of St. Patrick celebrated in lively song and dance." He promised to sing, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," as well as several numbers on the program that the audience can sing along.

Homan will also perform a few selections from his latest album, "The Hard-Way Home," which will be released in April. The title song was written by Jimmy Moore, a native of Ireland who lives in the United States. "The basic premise is, if you don't have a guiding light to guide you, you will take the hard way home," Homan related. He added that it's about the importance of being part of a community.

"It's fabulous to find such a rich nugget of information in a song," Homan said. Then he tossed in a bit of Irish wisdom. "A burden shared is a burden halved," he said.

Naturally, the music will be interwoven with such bits of wisdom and tales from the old country. "I've never been wanting for stories," Homan joked.

A fiddler, guitarist and accordionist will back the singer.

The busy performer has made his mark both in the United States and his native country. He was chosen Best Newcomer of the Decade, 2000-2010 by Live Ireland, Dublin-based internet radio and TV. But singing isn't Homan's only love. He has a real desire to help people and is working hard on that aspect of his life, too.

In June, he will earn a master's degree from DePaul University, where he is studying ways to integrate music and social work into philanthropy. Homan already uses his fundraising skills as a foundation regional director for Lutheran Life Communities.

Champion Irish dancer Katie Grennan will perform with Homan. They met at the Trinity Academy, a regional director for Luther Life Communities.

Katie Grennan said that the hard shoe allows me to beat out with my feet." Grennan said that she danced at a high level," she said, reporting that she danced at the Trinity Academy.

But Grennan's main artistic expression is Irish dancing, which she began studying at the age of 8 in her hometown of Pittsburgh. She continued studying dance throughout high school, and her college years at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where she majored in accounting and psychology. (Grennan currently works as a financial consultant for health insurance companies.)

"Since I was so close to Chicago, I would come in for training throughout the course of my college career to be able to keep dancing at a high level," she said, reporting that she danced at the Trinity Academy.

"In June, I will perform in the World Championship of Irish Dance nearly every year since. In January, she returned from a five-week tour of Germany with "Magic of the Dance," composed primarily of world champion Irish dancers and tap dancers.

The Irish American Heritage Center selected Grennan as their queen for this year. "I attend a lot of events and represent the center," she said. She will also be the center's candidate in the Chicago Rose of Tralee competition in April. The winner will go to Ireland for an international competition.

For the St. Patrick's Eve Concert, Grennan said that she will perform, "a series of reels and jigs, mostly hard shoe, which is my favorite. I love the different rhythms that the hard shoe allows me to beat out with my feet."

Homan concluded, "We want people to enjoy the rich heritage of Ireland."
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Stars
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After the Japanese surrender in World War II, general Fellers (Fox) is given the task of deciding whether or not Emperor Hirohito will be hanged for war crimes - a task complicated by his search for a young Japanese exchange student he met years earlier.

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Rated
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Stars
Gael Garcia Bernal, Antonia Zegers, Genaro Arriagada
During the 1988 plebiscite in which the Chilean people will vote Yes or No about continuing under the rule of dictator Augusto Pinochet, an advertising whiz-kid (Bernal) is hired to supervise a No campaign during the daily 15 minutes of TV time allotted to Pinochet's left-wing opponents.

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Stars
James Franco, Michelle Williams, Rachel Weisz, Mila Kunis
A small-time magician (Franco) is transported to the kingdom of Oz, where he becomes involved in a power struggle among witches. Sam Raimi (“Spider-Man 3”) directed the fantasy adventure, based on the novels of L. Frank Baum.

Miles Teller, Justin Chon, Skyler Astin, Sarah Wright
A couple of old-school buddies named Casey and Miller decide to celebrate the 21st birthday of best-bud number three Jeff Chang (Chon) by getting him blind drunk as a ‘sacred rite of passage.’ Never mind the fact that he has a crucial med-school interview in the morning and a dominating dad who will kill him if he screws up. There’s a lot of pseudo-dramatic stuff about friendship and looming adult-hood in the directorial debut of screenwriters Jon Lucas and Scott Moore (“The Hangover”). Mostly, though, it tries very hard to generate laughs with over-the-top slapstick.

JACK THE GIANT SLAYER

★★½
Rated
PG-13 for intense scenes of fantasy action violence, some frightening images and brief language
Stars
Nicholas Hoult, Stanley Tucci, Ewan McGregor
Credit director Bryan Singer, working from a clever script co-written by Christopher McQuarrie (who also wrote “The Usual Suspects”), plus a well-chosen cast and some impressively threatening (and disgusting) CGI giants, for kicking the action-adventure elements of “Jack the Giant Slayer” into overdrive early on and keeping them there. Counterbalanced by humor of the dry, British variety and a fair amount of fairy-tale true romance. In broad outline, the story shapes up pretty much the way you might expect, with farm boy Jack (Hoult) climbing a magic beanstalk to the land of the giants. Some new stuff has been added: Jack is less interested in making his fortune than rescuing the kidnapped princess (Eleanor Tomlinson) he’s fallen for, and the giants are eager to conquer mankind. It’s worth noting that this modernized “Jack” might be too intense for younger kids.

THE SWEENEY

★★½
Rated
R for violence and language throughout and some sexual content
Stars
Ray Winstone, Ben Drew, Hayley Atwell
“The Sweeney” comes with a pedigree, as a reboot of an ultra-popular, ultra-gritty ’70s British TV series about an elite Flying Squad of tough cops using Dirty Harry tactics to take down hard-core London criminals. It’s hard to imagine anyone being entirely satisfied with this over-long and under-whelming crime drama. Veteran screen tough-guy Ray Winstone takes over as Regan, the aging but still bullet-headed, rules-be-damned leader of the leather-jacketed Sweeney. Regan’s motto is “You have to act like a criminal to catch a criminal,” but he carries his renegade tendencies a bit too far while investigating a robbery/homicide that turns purposeful. There’s very little going on here that you haven’t seen before. There’s just enough drama in the convoluted plot to keep things somewhat interesting in the lulls between outbursts of mayhem. It might be a good idea to watch it OnDemand instead of driving to a theater.
Movie Review

Happiness is revolutionary in ‘No’

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

‘No’

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TV ads have been making and breaking political campaigns for quite awhile now, and it turns out they have been crucial to at least one bloodless revolution — as dramatized in this semi-fictional, semi-satirical account of media manipulation influencing the fate of a nation.

“No,” the last of a trilogy of films from director Pablo Larrain depicting life in Chile during the oppressive reign of dictator Augusto Pinochet, takes place in 1988 when international pressure led to a national referendum on whether or not he should remain in power. Apparently, Pinochet saw this as an opportunity to legitimize his position after taking over the government in a bloody, CIA-backed coup 15 years earlier. Naturally, it was assumed by many that the election was a sham, so the first challenge faced by the Pinochet regime was convincing the public it was worthwhile to vote.

Meanwhile, young, successful advertising exec Rene (Gael Garcia Bernal) has been hired by an old family friend and leftist organizer (Luis Gnecco) to oversee the anti-Pinochet NO campaign, which has been granted a block of commercials each day on the state-run TV network.

And that’s where things get interesting.

Rene, who we first see pitching clients on a peppy campaign for a soft drink named “Free,” takes one look at the leftist ads, featuring grim footage of Pinochet’s many atrocities, and says, “This doesn’t sell.” He knows from experience that people respond best to upbeat messages and he can’t see why selling a political proposition should be any different from selling a can of cola. The Pinochet camp has already taken freedom as its theme, so Rene responds by selling happiness. Literally.

Soon, much to the disgust of the hard-line leftists, Rene dreams up a logo with a big rainbow emerging from the word NO, and a campaign with the catchphrase “Happiness is coming,” featuring a peppy jingle and a whole lot of commercials featuring happy, smiling people and peaceful bike rides in the country.

Much of this is based on truth, though the character of Rene is a composite of several people and the film has been criticized in Chile for overemphasizing the importance of the ad campaign in deposing Pinochet. It certainly feels real, though, partially because Larrain includes much of the actual footage from the NO campaign and shoots the rest of his film with the same grainy, late-’80s video camera used to shoot TV programs at the time.

In the end, very little seems to change, either in Rene’s life or in Chile, where life quickly resets to business as usual. Our hero is soon back to pitching campaigns to clients using the same smarmy images he used to sell his country on taking a chance for a better future.
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Chicago Chamber Musicians

“Revolutionary Czechoslovakia,” 7:30 p.m. March 17 in Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes works by Janacek and Dvorak. $25-$45. Visit www.chicagochambermusic.org.

The Orion Ensemble


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Presented by Northwestern University’s Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music and the Chicago Classical Guitar Society, through April 13. Call (847) 491-5441 or visit www.pickstaiger.org. March 10, 3 p.m.: Guitarist Vladimir Gorbach will perform works by Giuliani, Scarlatti, Piazzolla and others, in Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, Evanston. $20; $12 students.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ

Akoo Theatre at Rosemont

5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. www.rosemonttheatre.com. March 8, 8 p.m.: One Night of Queen. $30-$45. March 22, 7:30 p.m.: The Australian Bee Gees Show (a tribute to the Bee Gees). $35, $45, $55. March 23, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.: Elvis Lives. $39.50, $49.50, $69.50.

Allstate Arena

6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. www.allstatearena.com. Parking is $20, cash only. March 28, 7:30 p.m.: Green Day with Best Coast. $27.50, $52.

Bluegrass Legends Concerts

Held at the American Legion Music Hall, 1030 Central St., Evanston. www.chicagobluegrass.com. $20; $15 for children 16 and under and seniors. March 9, 8 p.m.: The James King Band with Sweeter Gift Trio. March 13, 8 p.m.: The Austin Brothers. March 15, 8 p.m.: Larry Mesirow performs love ballads, political and satirical songs following 8 p.m. open mic. (7:30 p.m. sign-up, any genre, all acoustic). $8.

Lincolnwood Public Library

4000 W. Pratt Ave. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. March 17, 2 p.m.: Live@Lincolnwood presents Chicago Voice Exchange performing a cappella rock classics and originals.

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13+ 18+
Held March 22-24 at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie, featuring concerts, classes, and opportunities to perform, while raising money for the Alzheimer’s Association. Concerts are at 7 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $15-$35 per concert. Visit www.singstrong.org.

ART GALLERIES

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Oakton Community College

Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. www.oakton.edu/museum. Through March 22:

**Farewell Show: Ceramics by Peter Hessemer and Paintings by James Krauss.**

**CHILD'S PLAY**

**Akoo Theatre at Rosemont**

5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000. For information about the theater, visit www.rosemonttheatre.com.

**March 15-17:** Disney Live! Mickey's Music Festival. Performances at 7 p.m. Friday; 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday. $15, $25, $35, $70.

**Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre**


**"Ralph's World in Concert!"**

Children's entertainer Ralph Covert performs at 12:30 p.m. March 17 at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. $15. For tickets, call (847) 675-0951.


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**DANCE**

"Alice in Wonderland" Presented by Salt Creek Ballet at 2 p.m. April 20-21 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. $25-$32; $30-$25 for children under 12. Mad Hatter's Crafty Tea Party, 12:30-1:30 p.m. April 20 in the lobby, $10 per child; $5 per adult (performance tickets are additional). Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org.
Chicago Dance Chapter of USA Dance

Hosting "Lucky Leprechauns" on March 9 at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison, Franklin Park. Salsa/mambo lesson at 7:30 p.m.; open dancing 8:15-11 p.m. $10; $8 members; $6 students. Visit www.usadancechicago.org or call (773) 895-4602.

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Line dancing

13+ 18+
For all ages, held from 7-10 p.m. every Tuesday at the White Eagle Banquet Hall, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Beginner lessons are at 7:30 p.m. and new dance or review at 8 p.m. Admission: $7; $5 for ages 17 and under. Call (847) 965-6353 or e-mail at somedaydd@att.net.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts

13+ 18+

Northwestern University

13+ 18+
Josephine Louis Theater, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. www.northwestern.edu. March 7, 7:30 p.m.; March 8-9, 8 p.m.; and March 10, 2 p.m.: "Occupy Dance 2013." $25; $22 seniors; $10 students.

Young at Heart

18+ 65+
Ballroom dancing for all ages at 8 p.m. Fridays at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. $10; $8 members. Call (773) 961-7525 or visit www.ballroomchicago.com/youngatheartclub.htm.

Lincolnwood Public Library

4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. March 8, 1 p.m.: "Argo." March 14, 10:30 a.m.: "Celeste and Jesse Forever." March 14, 1 p.m.: Cinematic Classics features "12 Angry Men." March 15, 1 p.m.: "The Master." March 21, 10:30 a.m.: "A Late Quartet." March 21, 1 p.m.: Cinematic Classics features "National Velvet." March 22, 1 p.m.: "End of Watch." March 28, 10:30 a.m.: "Alex Cross." March 28, 1 p.m.: Cinematic Classics features "Out of the Past." March 29, 1 p.m.: "California Solo."

Northwest Chicago Film Society

18+ 65+
Classic Film Series is held at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted, at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave. www.ticketmaster.com.
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**LETSCHES**

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre

18+ 65+

7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. www.gorillatango.com. March 13, 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Theatre historian Charles Troy presents "The Creation of South Pacific." $12 in advance; $14 at the door.

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**ORGANIZATIONS**

International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 43

18+

Meeting at 7:30 p.m. March 15 in the South Conference Room at Saint Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge Ave., Evanston. Guests $5, which can be applied to membership. Visit www.ring43.org.

Skokie Photographic Society

18+

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie. All levels of photographic skill are welcome. Call (847) 677-8324 for information.

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**ET CETERA**

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13+ 16+

6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000. For information, visit www.allstatearena.com. Parking is $20, cash only. March 8, 7:30 p.m.: Stars on Ice "Now & Then" Tour, with Dorothy Hamill, Kurt Browning, Ekaterina Gordeeva and others. $25-$85.

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Comments left by readers are often more insightful than the post itself. True conversational marketing, as the literature on social media has made clear, holds for allowing everyone to be proactive contributors, the fact is, most won't.

Rather than be dismayed at the lack of participation, perhaps those of us who are assiduous creators of content should view this as a blessing in disguise, in that it gives us the opportunity to become all the more influential.

The Relevance of Social Media

Personally, I did not get into blogging and social media just to have a bully pulpit. While I enjoy sharing my points of view, my chief goal has always been to start conversations. I’ve long held the view espoused by Internet pioneer Dave Winer, who once said, in regard to blogs, that comments left by readers are often more insightful than the post itself. True conversational marketing “nirvana” is achieved when conversations within the comment thread take on a life of their own. The original post becomes nothing more than tinder to start a fire. Still, in spite of the promise social media holds for allowing everyone to be active contributors, the fact is, most won’t.

What are the implications of this trend as it pertains to content creators? We have the opportunity to become a center of influence using social media. Being a member of the “one-per center” club means there are 99 percent that we have the ability to influence.

Becoming a center of influence via social media is easier now than ever. Perhaps the real promise of social media is not that everyone participates, but that those who choose to take up the mantle of “one-percentership” have the opportunity to do so with fewer obstacles. We can become tribal leaders.

“There’s an explosion of new tools available to help lead the tribes we’re forming,” said Seth Godin in his book Tribes. “There are literally thousands of ways to coordinate and connect groups of people that just didn’t exist a generation ago. All of it is worthless if you don’t decide to lead.”

With influence comes responsibility. We cannot take this issue of leadership lightly. We have a responsibility to use our influence not for selfish motives but to benefit the community as a whole, and those who take this responsibility seriously will be rewarded by those very same communities.

Here are some ways you can use social media to exert influence:

Express servant leadership. Lead by example and have a “do unto others” attitude. That’s the mindset I believe an influencer needs to have. In other words, be a mentor and a “mensch.”

Provide valuable content. Value is subjective of course. One person’s trash is another one’s treasure. Nonetheless, I think there are some common sense principles that can be applied to content creation.

Think in terms of what will benefit the community. Face it, most people don’t really care what you or I have to say unless it benefits them in some way. You have to win the right to be heard. Think of the example of Jesus feeding the 5,000. Only when he had met his followers’ “felt” needs could he go on to meet their real ones (think Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs).

I don’t mean to imply that people are selfish by nature, but one thing is for sure, we are strapped for time. We only have time to consume the information that will provide most benefit. If your aim is to become an influencer, be the person who serves that function.

Don’t take it personally. While social media is a personal medium, people will tend to value your content before they value you. For example, if I’m in the market to purchase a home, I’m probably going to search for properties before I search for a realtor.

Research, research, research. There was a time when creating content for the Web was much easier than it is now. For example, on average a given blog post may take as much as two hours to write. (Two hours! And some take much longer than that, believe it or not.) That may be in part because I’m getting older and not as fast on my feet as I once was, but I think largely it’s due to the fact I try to substantiate my commentary with appropriate documentation and cite a number of other resources. It’s a far cry from the pithy, anecdotal rants and raves of days gone by.

There is more I could say, but you get the point. If Nielsen’s numbers are valid, and experience tells me they are, a great opportunity lays at your feet – to become an influencer, the leader of a tribe.
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Defensive stops a measure of Dons’ success

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GLENVIEW

Points, rebounds, assists, turnovers, steals.

Those are some of the statistics most commonly associated with basketball. Notre Dame boys basketball coach Tom Les, however, keeps a careful eye on another statistic — stops, as in how many times the Dons hold their opponents scoreless on a possession.

“We chart stops,” Les said. “We try to encourage them to get a string of stops.”

Thus, when Karon Linton skipped to the Foreman bench following a step back 3-pointer to end the first quarter, Les did not panic. Even as the Hornets took a 19-13 lead to the huddle of their Class 4A Glenbrook South Regional championship matchup, and even as Foreman’s fans exploded in jubilation, Les had a simple number for his team: six.

“I didn’t think we guarded as well as we had,” Les said. “Now to their credit, they ran some good things. When we lost the shooter, they found it and they made a shot. They came right at us in the first quarter. To our credit, we dug in, and the second quarter, I thought we played really well.”

After recording just six defensive stops in the first quarter, the Dons recorded nothing but stops to begin the second quarter, holding the Hornets off of the scoreboard for the first 6:50 of the period. Foreman would score just three points in the entire second quarter against 12 defensive stops for Notre Dame.

“We always read off our stops every quarter,” junior Duante Stephens said. “We felt that we didn’t get enough stops on them in the first quarter so we knew we had to come out in the second quarter and get stops. Defense wins the game, so we just needed to step up on defense.”

Part of the Dons’ defensive improvement was due to identifying and locking down the Hornets’ leading shooter, Linton, who nailed two 3-pointers in the first quarter. He hit just one additional 3-pointer for the duration of the game.

“Coach told us to shade him so everywhere he was on the court, just make sure you know where he was, and every time he went up for a shot, make sure you had a hand in his face,” senior guard Donte Stephenson said. “He’s a really
good shooter. He made some tough shots, but in the second half, we cracked down on him.”

Part of Notre Dame’s improvement was due to the Dons’ zone keeping the ball out of the hands of Foreman senior forward Carl White, who at 6-foot-7 had the capacity to shoot over Notre Dame in the post. White finished with just eight points.

“We knew coming in that he was one of their top players, if not their best player, so we knew that we had to pretty much guard him all over,” Stephens said. “They said he could shoot, pass, so we knew we had to shut him down. We prevented him from getting touches and we played great help side.”

Part of the Dons’ improvement came down to their active hands on defense. They didn’t just push Linton out farther beyond the 3-point line, they also interfered when the Hornets tried to drive to the bucket.

On one Linton drive, the defender successfully grabbed the ball, forcing a jump ball. On another Foreman drive, this one by sophomore guard Lonell Williams, the Notre Dame defender grabbed the ball near Williams’ midsection and stripped it away.

For the most part though, it simply came down to stops — and plenty of them.

“Exactly,” Les said. “Despite their good offensive attack, I thought we played pretty good defense and our defense kept us in it.”

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**COLLEGE ROUNDUP**

Barrington alumna Rebecca Tracy, a senior captain on the Notre Dame women’s track and field team, broke the school, track and meet record in the mile with a time of 4 minutes, 33.53 seconds at the Alex Wilson Invitational March 1-2 in South Bend, Ind.

With that time, Tracy, who was a three-time Illinois state champion in high school, guaranteed herself a spot in the NCAA Indoor Championships in the mile. The Barrington native moved from 30th to sixth on the national list in that event.

Ridgewood alumna Greg Ralmondi has joined the Benedictine track and field coaching staff for the 2012-13 season. He will primarily work with the throwers on both the men’s and women’s teams.

Ralmondi is a recent graduate of Carthage College, where he was a member of the track and field team. During his time on the team, he set the school record for both the weight throw and the hammer throw. He was also a two-time NCAA Championship qualifier and earned All-America honors by placing third in 2012.

Loyola alumnus Terry Heffernan was recently named an assistant offensive line coach for the NFL’s Detroit Lions. He previously worked as the offensive line coach for the Wayne State football team and as graduate assistant for the Michigan football team.

Heffernan played collegiate football at Dayton, where he was a three-time letter winner and a two-year starter at center. He twice earned All-Pioneer Football League academic honors, and he was a member of four consecutive conference championship teams.

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How much has the National Football League changed in 30 years? When it comes to weight, the answer is a hefty amount.

Get this: When the Washington Redskins won the championship in 1983, they had just one player on their roster who weighed more than 300 pounds. One month ago, when Baltimore defeated San Francisco to capture the NFL crown, the Ravens had 24 players who topped 300 pounds on the scale — nearly half of their 53-man roster.

Many National Hockey League teams tried winning back the hearts of their fans after settling the 2012 lockout by giving away free food and selling discounted merchandise in their first few home games. How much? Take the Pittsburgh Penguins as an example. In their four-game promotion, the Pens gave away for free 20,380 hamburgers, 22,118 chicken sandwiches, 22,528 hot dogs, 26,633 pretzels, 33,289 nachos, and 52,142 soft drinks. They also sold at half price 18,950 T-shirts, 8,776 hats and 8,680 jerseys.

Among the four major North American team sports, the one with the lowest percentage of draft choices that make it to the top level is baseball, followed by hockey, with football and basketball the highest. That stands to reason, because MLB and the NHL draft more rounds and from a broader base — all the way down to high school — whereas the NFL and the NBA draft only college players and in fewer rounds. Of the 6,080 players drafted by major league teams from 2008-2011, only 206 had made it to the majors as of the end of the 2012 season — less than three percent.
BOYS GYMNASTICS SEASON PREVIEW

Illinois runs contrary to national trend

BY JON KERR | Contributor | @prepspioneer

As the boys gymnastics season begins this spring, there's a dichotomy between the sport's popularity nationally and in Illinois.

Only three state high school associations — those in Illinois, Louisiana and New York — sanction the sport, but other states offer the sport on a club level. This season is the last that the National Federation of High School Associations will write a rule book for the sport of boys gymnastics, further denting the sport's relevance nationally. Later this month, the IHSA is meeting to determine what rules it will adopt moving forward.

In Illinois, 54 schools compete in boys gymnastics, which is more than in either New York or Louisiana.

Interviews with coaches, athletes and administrators involved in the sport in Illinois provided a window into the actual health of boys gymnastics. Their answers varied, painting on one hand a picture of a thriving sport, while on the other, a sport trying to maintain its relevance in a crowded athletic landscape.

Doug Foerch has coached boys gymnastics for almost three decades. He coached six state championship teams while at Mundelein in the 1980s and 90s. Foerch currently is the coach at both Deerfield and Highland Park and serves as an Illinois liaison to the NFHSAA.

For 11 years, Deerfield and Highland Park had a co-op team, which is not uncommon in the sport. This year, each school has its own team, which Foerch said is due to the large number of athletes competing.

"Teams are bigger now than ever," Foerch said. "The co-op team was huge. We need a few years for it to grow and then split."

Foerch said that there are 27 gymnasts on both the Highland Park and Deerfield teams this season, adding "it's not uncommon for a team to have 20." He cited Maine South and Maine East as examples of schools that also split squads this year.

Gymnastics can be appealing for a high school athlete because previous experience isn't required to enjoy success.

Foerch cited Highland Park gymnast Mark Gauger as an example. Gauger qualified for the state tournament in the parallel bars as a senior in 2005 despite taking up the sport as a sophomore.

"They don't have the golden arm in baseball and this is a sport where they can come out and have a good time," said Jon Wasik, a two-time all-around state champion at Mundelein in 1992-93 and now an assistant coach under
Foerch. "A lot come from track, or wrestlers who have short, compact bodies. Those translate."

While roster size is up at multiple schools that offer the sport, Foerch has noticed the total number of schools that offer boys gymnastics is lower in recent years.

"Although it's gone down within our state, we've at least maintained," Foerch said. "There are lots of positives to look at."

Starting and maintaining a boys gymnastics program is costly, which is one of the main reasons for the small number of high schools that offer the sport.

Lyons won the girls gymnastics team championship in February. Its boys team finished fourth in the state in 2003. The school has space on campus for both its girls and boys teams to practice.

"We're lucky to have open gyms year round," Lyons athletic director John Grundke said. "Other schools have to go off site."

That approach incurs costs of its own as schools must pay rent to use another facility. Grundke said one of the big costs is purchasing the varied equipment necessary to compete in boys gymnastics.

"There are six different apparatuses you have to have," Grundke said. "Buying a high bar can cost $2,500. A floor is $3,000. With pads, mats, and other (items), it can be $50,000."

Grundke added that once the equipment is purchased, costs to maintain are "not terrible, as long as the governing body (NFHS) doesn't change the specifics of everything." Grundke cited a recent rule change in the pommel horse that was designed to make the event safer. But it required buying a new piece of equipment that cost $2,500.

It's these expenses athletic directors cite for why they don't offer the sport.

"A lot of people say, 'Why don't you just get rid of it?'" Grundke said. "The amount of effort is a reason it is so well attended in Illinois (compared to other states). Those that are involved are passionate about it and deeply affected if we didn't have it."

Glenbrook North senior Nate Elfant is one of the athletes grateful for the sport's presence in Illinois. Elfant first took up the sport when he was in first grade, for North Shore Gymnastics and Buffalo Grove Gymnastics Center. He said he quit before middle school, exhausted from the competitive climate at the club level.

"I stopped enjoying it. It was a chore and I ran out of gas," Elfant said.

He played baseball and wrestled, but those sports didn't take. Before his sophomore year, Elfant talked to Glenbrook North's gymnastics coach, Ryan Dul. The Spartans' program is one of the best in the state, with five top-eight state finishes over the past decade.

After his chat with Dul, Elfant decided to give the sport another try. He indicated that he hasn't regretted it for a second, finishing 11th in the all-around at the state meet last year.

"It took four years to get it back, but there's a deep connection. It's something you love to do," Elfant said. "You do it when you are younger and I guess you get the bug."
Since the IHSA expanded girls soccer to three classes in 2009, only one local program has qualified for the IHSA semifinals:

Glenbrook South. And the Titans have done so twice.

Last spring, despite being a No. 5 sectional seed, the Titans upset New Trier 1-0 in the supersectional to advance to state, where Glenbrook South came in fourth. The 2010 Titans squad also finished fourth.

Senior Emma Sailer, who is expected to start in goal this season for Glenbrook South, is the only current player who was part of both state-qualification teams.

Though just a freshman, late-season call-up on the 2010 squad, Sailer said the two state teams had some similarities.

"What set those teams apart was senior leadership," she said. "(In 2010) we had outstanding seniors like Janelle Flaws. We had Keeley Nolan last year. Those girls make you want to win. You can see how much they want it. Both teams had talent, dedication and motivation from those seniors."

Veteran leadership will not be a problem on this year's Glenbrook South squad. Fourteen players are back from last spring, most notably Valparaiso-bound striker April Cronin.

Though CSL South foes New Trier, Maine South and Loyola are all expected to be strong, it would be hard not to consider Glenbrook South as the favorite to reach state.

"Seong does a nice job bringing them together as a team. They also compete against other good teams in the state."

Sometimes Glenbrook South struggles early in the campaign or loses a game or two in the conference. But the Titans seem to excel in the playoffs.

"We kind of orchestrate everything, so we're ready when we need to go (on a postseason run). We want to be playing our best toward the end," Ha said. "We try to make sure we get everything all settled down. We don't panic if we don't get the start we want."

One of the likely reasons for the slow starts is that several Glenbrook South regulars in recent seasons also have been standouts in other sports. As in 2012, several members of the school's basketball team (Annie Engels, Lindsey Oldshue, Teigan Flaws and Katie Jennings) also are expected to be key contributors in soccer this spring.

It would not be unusual for those players to enter the season rusty, especially compared to those who spent the winter with soccer clubs.

But the basketball players on the Glenbrook South soccer team, not to mention the volleyball players, gymnasts and cross-country runners, do have one attribute that comes in handy in the postseason: big-game experience.
BOYS WATER POLO SEASON PREVIEW

New Trier the class of a competitive CSL

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The Loyola boys water polo team won last year's Glenbrook South Sectional on its way to a second-place finish at the state tournament.

The Ramblers, like many of the teams in that sectional, have lost a number of top players due to graduation. New Trier, the sectional runner-up to Loyola, is an exception, and that's a big reason why the Trevians are ranked fourth in the state in a preseason poll by Illpolo.com.

"For once, we're in a position where we're returning a lot of experience," New Trier coach David Goodspeed said. Another reason why the Trevians appear to be the top team in the north suburbs is senior Jordan Palmer, a preseason first-team All-Illpolo.com selection.

"Jordan Palmer is a phenomenal player," Maine East coach Peter Przekota said. "He's really fast and really strong.

Really fast and really strong is one way to describe the New Trier team on the whole. Along with Palmer, seniors Jack Ryan (second team) and Jason Bartha (fourth team) received preseason recognition. Goodspeed called all three "explosive scorers."

Beyond those three, the Trevians go 12-15 deep, a strength that is the envy of other area coaches.

"They can swim you to death," Niles West coach John Przekota said.

The coaches talked about how competitive the Central Suburban League will be this year, with Maine South and Niles West being two teams that can challenge New Trier for league supremacy. Right behind those teams, Evanston, Glenbrook South and Glenbrook North are expected to have solid seasons.

"The level of play (in the league) has increased so it is close to that of the Catholic League," Evanston coach Kevin Auger said.

Loyola expects to be competitive in the Chicago Catholic League, but like all of the CSL teams, the Ramblers will likely be chasing New Trier in the postseason.

"(New Trier) is the odds-on-favorite, if I were giving odds," Auger said. "And Palmer has developed into a star."
Astor a ‘bit too obsessed’ with sport

BY JONAH ROSENBLUM | Contributor | @Pioneer_PrepsJR

Alexana Astor has always strived to stay in the pool.

A swimmer since she was 4 years old, Astor would let nothing—not even a broken arm—keep her out of the pool. According to her father, Michael, 7-year-old Alexana wouldn’t even let a bicycle accident get in her way, wading into the water with her waterproof cast.

“All of the parents were looking at us like we were some sort of monsters, but she was swimming and she refused to go in the slow lane. She insisted on swimming in the fast lane with everybody else and she did well,” Michael Astor said. “It shows that she’s a very hard worker. A broken arm didn’t stop her.”

In fact, he even suggested that the New Trier senior water polo star’s success might be due in part to the strong legs she developed ploughing through the water with one broken arm.

At some point, though, Alexana Astor no longer wanted to be a member of the swim team. Of course, she still wanted to remain in the water, just as a member of the water polo team.

“When she came in her freshman year, she was introduced to water polo and she has not stopped playing since,” New Trier coach Matt Wendt said. “She’s a very good swimmer. She’s chosen not to swim because she just loves water polo.”

Her decision to quit the swim team was met with some resistance. According to Alexana Astor, her water polo coach was concerned that she would lose her speed. Her father was concerned that all of his hard work supporting his daughter, both financially and emotionally, was for naught.

“When I first quit the swim team, he was outraged and really upset, because he thought that I was giving up something that he himself had invested so much time in, because he went to every single swim meet with me. All day long, he would stay there and pay for everything. So for him, it was a big disappointment initially,” Alexana Astor said. “He used to see it as giving something up and like 10 years of training that I had put into it is just gone, but now he can see that all of the swimming practices are what give me my edge in water polo.”

According to Alexana Astor, her swim experience has provided a mental advantage.

“When you’ve swum, the only person who can really push you is yourself. It’s the only way you’ll get better. That’s kind of how I got where I am with water polo because of my personal drive to do better,” Alexana Astor said. “Having swam for 10 years, that’s kind of hard to get out of your mind.”

Alexana Astor scored 88 goals last season. As a result, she has drawn attention from multiple schools at the next level, including Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis.

Look out for...

Meredith O’Brien (Sr.)
Loyola
O’Brien set a program record with 9.55 saves per game in 2012. Her 236 saves last season rank second in Loyola’s sectional final loss to New Trier. O’Brien’s athleticism will help determine whether Loyola can knock off New Trier in a potential rematch of last year’s sectional final.

Marta Considine (Jr.)
Loyola
The Ramblers will lean heavily on Considine this season. Considine was solid in 2012, scoring four goals in Loyola’s sectional final loss to New Trier. Considine became the sixth player in program history to reach triple digits with her 100 goals last season.

Maria Protic (Jr.)
Maine East
Protic has been on the Central Suburban League’s radar for a long time. She scored seven times against Payton in 2011. Since then, Protic has excelled both in the swimming pool and on the hardwood. Protic not only puts the ball in the goal, but also leads the team, for which she served as a captain as a sophomore last year. The 6-foot tall Protic possesses rare height, allowing her to see over most girls.

Tyler Gooding (Sr.)
Maine South
Gooding went on some run in last year’s CSL Tournament. She couldn’t quite push the Hawks over the top, but she did manage 15 scores. Gooding scored five goals in the quarterfinals against Glenbrook South before tallying an astonishing eight scores in a high-octane 16-15 shootout win over Maine East. Gooding brings excellent speed to the pool. Her 400-yard freestyle relay team qualified for the state tournament.
"She is blazing fast," Wendt said. "She's going to be off the charts good for us. I can't believe how much she's improved during the offseason, and she's just fast, she's got really good ball skills and speed with her pop shots and her shots off the water. Her shots off the water are just amazing. She can just pick the ball up and the ball's a rocket toward the goal. It's amazing."

In some ways, Alexana Astor's success is hardly surprising. As her father said, water polo is hardly the first activity she has mastered. "She's a natural athlete," Michael Astor said. "When she was doing dancing, she used to do ballroom dancing also, coaches were saying that she would have a great future in ballroom dancing. When she played volleyball, coaches wanted her to go out for volleyball. The New Trier track team wanted her to go out for track. I know that she can do good at any sport."

She has also fared well in the classroom, where her father said that she has a 4.5 GPA, and she works multiple jobs. Given all that she does inside and outside of New Trier, the one thing Alexana Astor is lacking in is free time.

"Her free time falls into a negative zone," Michael Astor said. "No free time at all pretty much. There are certainly sacrifices that must be made, and her social life is certainly part of the sacrifice."

Then again, as long as she gets her time in the pool, that might just be enough to keep her content.

Even now, as a member of the New Trier water polo team, Alexana Astor refuses to get out of the pool. After practice is over, she'll continue to fire shots at goalkeeper Hannah Caywood until Wendt forces them to get out of the pool so the Trevians swim team can use the space.

It's a far cry from her days on the swim team, when she admits to wishing that the clock would tick a little faster during practice.

"It was a whole new world," Alexana Astor said. "I can't even explain how much I love water polo. I'm a little bit too obsessed with it. I talk about it all the time. It annoys my friends sometimes."
Don't Miss

Nix's memorable half sparks Vikings to win

BY DAN SHALIN | Contributor | @danshalin

Niles North

Monday

Girls soccer: Niles North at Waukegan, 4:45 p.m.
The Vikings are set to begin their season against a Bulldogs squad that finished last in the CSL South a year ago. Niles North has lost Berina Gradjan and Camila Marquez — both were all-conference selections — to graduation, but it figures to build around a talented group of sophomores headlined by Alyssa Brand.

Wilmette

In the second half of Niles North's 68-57 victory over Loyola in the Class 4A boys basketball regional final, there was just one thing that separated the two teams — Malachi Nix.

The 5-foot-8 senior had a half to remember Friday, scoring 30 of his 39 points after the break. Nix hit four third-quarter 3-pointers.

At one point in the third, Nix went on his own 13-6 run, which included a pair of 3-pointers 20 seconds apart. The second trey was on a fast break in which Nix could have gotten to the basket. Instead, he pulled up and hit a shot.

"It doesn't surprise me. That kid is amazing," said Niles North senior forward BJ Beckford, who had 20 points and 10 rebounds. "(Nix) was looking at me and I was like, 'Turn up' — which means go off — 'let's play how we play.' I guess that's what he came out here (in the second half) and did."

Nix has scored more points, getting 44 in a win over Morton on Feb. 17. But Niles North coach Glenn Olson said Friday's performance was the best he'd seen from the fourth-year varsity player.

"Malachi sensed we needed him and he took over," the coach said. "This is the best I've seen him play because of the stage and how he took it upon himself. He took great shots, and hit tough shots too."
Don’t Miss

Boys water polo: Nues West at Stevenson Invitational, 8 a.m.
The Wolves begin their third season on Saturday. During the 2012 season, they won 11 consecutive games and finished 17-11. But that 2012 squad was primarily comprised of seniors: Ryan Miller, Stephen Giddens, Nick Giffen and Filip Zivkovic have graduated.

Class of 2015 could bolster Wolves in 2013-14

PARK RIDGE

Toward the tail end of the boys basketball season, Niles West coach Bob Williams had his varsity squad scrimmage the Wolves’ sophomore team more than he ever has during his four seasons at Niles West.

The reason, in its most simplistic form, is that Niles West’s sophomores proved to be capable of handling the challenge. The Wolves’ sophomores went undefeated in the CSL South this season and the team’s core — Nick Kanjou, Tommy Galanopoulos, Andy Velazquez and Emin Ademi — is expected to contribute on Williams’ varsity squad next season.

“They just don’t back down,” Niles West junior Romeo Magloire said of the sophomore team’s strength.

“Even though they know they’re younger than us, they don’t really back down from us. They just play together.”

Niles West’s sophomores will come up next season and try to help fill the holes left by four senior starters. The seniors played their final high school basketball game in a 54-32 loss to Maine South in the Class 4A Maine South Regional title game Friday. Magloire and junior guards Ahmad Gibson and Dwayne Smith are the only Wolves slated to return that played meaningful minutes in that contest.

Gibson, Smith and Magloire will each focus on improving areas of weakness in the off-season. Gibson and Smith — listed as 150 and 125 pounds, respectively — will both try to add strength in the coming months. Magloire said one of the areas he will try to improve upon is playing against taller, stronger opponents in the paint.

Williams added that he also expects Magloire, a 6-foot-1 forward, to improve his athleticism.

“I think Ahmad needs to get stronger and Romeo needs to continue to become more athletic away from the basket,” Williams said. “Around the basket, he’s pretty good. But away from the basket, I think he needs to get a little more athletic. But those are things that we’ve got lots of time to work on.”

Vicki Tirovolas ended her freshman season in a tie with 2001 graduate Eileen Ouska for the most goals scored in a single season in Niles West history. Tirovolas scored 17 goals despite missing six of the last seven games of the season with injuries to her ankle and back. Tirovolas’s quest to break that single-season record is scheduled to begin Monday.

Niles West’s Dwayne Smith attempts to get his shot off during a Jan. 11 game at Waukegan. Smith is one of just three Wolves who played meaningful minutes in the Maine South Regional final Friday and is expected back next season. Visit skokie.suntimes.com/sports to view a photo gallery from the game against the Hawks. | MICHAEL SCHMIDT-Sun-Times Media
Niles North's Malachi Nix cuts down the net after his team's victory over Loyola in the Class 4A Loyola Regional final in Wilmette on Friday.

Elevating his game

Nix delivers best performance of high school career in regional final

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