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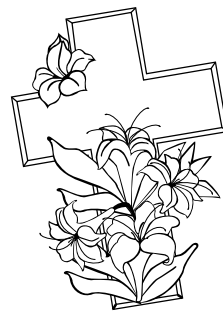
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THE EDITOR



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President Bill Clinton to Keynote Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center Public Grand Opening, Weekend April 17-19

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center leadership today announced that President Bill Clinton will be the featured speaker at the institution's highly anticipated Public Grand Opening on Sunday, April 19, 2009 in Skokie, Illinois. President Clinton will join Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, foreign dignitaries, Holocaust survivors and several thousand members of the general public as the new museum officially opens its doors for the first time.

Likely the last international institution of its type to be built with the active participation of Holocaust survivors, the Illinois Holocaust Museum will be the largest institution in the Midwest dedicated to preserving the memories of those lost in the Holocaust and to teaching current generations to fight hatred, indifference and genocide in today's world.

The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is a project of the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois. Founded by Holocaust survivors nearly 30 years ago, the organization is dedicated to teaching about the Holocaust and the dangers of unchallenged hate. The organization has taught school and community groups through a small storefront museum and speakers' bureau since 1981. To learn more, visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org.

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Howard Leisure Center
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OLR Medical Center Offers April Health Programs

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, will offer the following health events in April.

The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, April 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the second floor Community Education Room. These free sessions are tailored for adults who have Type 2 diabetes and focus on the emotional side of diabetes, allowing participants to share coping strategies, feelings and problems in living with diabetes. For further information about the Diabetes Support Group, call certified diabetes educator Kathy Byrne-Bellavia, R.N., at 773-794-8329.

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, April 10, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center A. This program for seniors aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and voluntary armchair exercises. Registration is not required.

Free **hearing screenings** will be given Tuesday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. Audiologist Steven Wolinsky, Au.D., will perform the screenings in a soundproof booth in the hospital's second floor Audiology Department. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

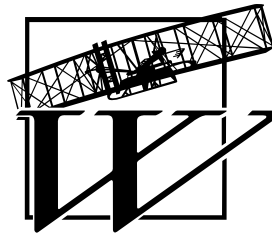
The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, April 23, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center B. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

Free **cataract and glaucoma screenings** will be given Monday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ophthalmologist Kathleen Scarpulla, M.D., and staff will perform the eye examinations in the seventh floor Sister Jerome Room. Do not wear contact lenses but bring eyeglasses. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Hearing loss can interfere with the quality of a person's life. In a free community lecture titled "**What Did You Say?**" on Tuesday, April 28, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., audiologist Steven Wolinsky, Au.D., will discuss common hearing problems, causes and treatment options. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

"**Living a Healthier Lifestyle**" is a program to help heart patients and people concerned about cardiac health develop a healthy lifestyle. Sessions are part of the hospital's cardiopulmonary rehabilitation program. A cardiac stress test, lipid profile, risk factor analysis and diet counseling are required to participate. To learn more, call the Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation staff at 773-794-8420.

Free parking is available in the hospital's parking facility on Addison St.



Wright College to Plant Trees, Accept Old CFLs on Earth Day

Wilbur Wright College will be abuzz on Earth Day with the planting of a tree in honor of Abe Lincoln's 200th birthday.

When Wright College, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave., celebrates Earth Day on April 22, Wright President Charles Guengerich will dedicate the planting of a black walnut tree, which is the same tree that President Lincoln used to split. This year marks the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. Planting an Earth Day tree at Wright has become a tradition of the annual ceremony.

The tree planting will take place at 10 a.m. on the east side of campus. The City of Chicago Department of Environment plans to have a compact fluorescent lightbulb, or CFL, disposal station set up. The CFLs contain trace amounts of mercury that must be disposed of properly. Homeowners should not throw them out in their household garbage.

Following these ceremonies, information tables organized by the Wright Environmental Club will educate students and the community on such topics as recycling, bird feeders and organic gardening. A reusable shopping bag provided by the Environmental Club, pizza and samples of fair trade coffee will be available for those who explore the information tables.

Also, there will also be a solar oven demonstration, and you can get behind the wheel of a hybrid car that Toyota will park on campus for the day. For more information, call Ed Bannon at (773) 481-8535.

Summer Registration at Wright Starts April 15

Wright College's registration opens April 15 for the summer semester, which allows students to fill in the gaps on course requirements in just six weeks.

"The summer semester is a good opportunity for our regular students as well as university students home for the summer to fill in the gaps on some required courses," said Wright President Charles Guengerich.

The summer courses, which begin June 2, run six weeks or eight weeks long. More than 90 courses are available over the summer in 39 departments including biology, English and mathematics. Other departments offering courses over the summer are business, radiography, computer information systems and many others. Go to wright.ccc.edu for a complete listing.

For university students, many summer courses at Wright can transfer to their university and cost less than their university tuition. Wright courses are generally accepted at such schools as Northwestern University, University of Illinois at Urbana, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Chicago and a host of other colleges.

Wright tuition is only \$79 per credit hour for Chicago residents and \$259 per hour for suburban residents. Financial aid is available.

New students interested in starting during the summer semester are encouraged to register early because they must complete one of the free placement tests offered on April 14 and 15, and on May 19, 20, 26 and 27. No student is ever turned away. The test merely determines placement in classes for new students.

Returning students can register anytime online at my.ccc.edu or by phone at (312) 553-3450. A full summer course schedule is available online at wright.ccc.edu.

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KICKS Against Breast Cancer Comes To Soldier Field

Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus Dr., will play host on Sunday, April 26, 2009 to the inaugural Soldier Field KICKS Against Breast Cancer collegiate soccer invitational showcasing the best in women's soccer. Athletes from seven regional universities including University of Illinois, Northwestern University, Northern Illinois University, Notre Dame, University of Wisconsin (Madison), Marquette University, and DePaul University will participate in the unique event to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research and treatment.

The intercollegiate play will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Admission price is \$10/person (general admission seating) and includes access to the Soldier Field Fan Zone, which gives fans of all ages the opportunity to interact with coaches, players, sponsors, and spokespersons. A "Soccer Moms" clinic will also be held at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to teach the basics of soccer and provide inside tips to parents, aspiring coaches and players.

For further information on the event, including schedule, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, Soccer Mom Clinic Registration, donations, and ticket purchases, please contact Emily Brown at 312-235-7148 or at ebrown@soldierfield.net. For more information on KICKS Against Breast Cancer, please email KICKS Founder, Louise Waxler at louise.waxler@kicksagainstbreastcancer.org.

Property Tax Appeal Seminar

Dear Reader,

This letter is to inform you of the upcoming property tax appeal seminar. Commissioner Joseph Berrios of the Cook County Board of Review and their staff will be there to answer your questions and assist you with the appeal of your property tax assessment with the Cook County Board of Review.

PLEASE BRING THE PIN# (Permanent Index Number) of your property with you. The PIN# can be found on your tax bill, or on your notice of reassessment. PIN#'s can also be obtained online at www.cook-countyassessor.com. Click on "Assessment Search", and then on "Search for Residential Properties".

The seminar will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 6:30PM at Oriole Park Fieldhouse located at 5430 N. Olcott. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 773/792-1991.

Alderman Brian Doherty, 41st Ward

28th Annual



St. Pascal School is looking for volunteers to work on committees listed below and/or to volunteer to help at the 28th Annual St. Pascal Carnival June 3-7, 2009. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Kelly Villanti at 773-427-1768 or submit an online inquiry at www.stpascalschool.com by following the Carnival link.

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Liberty Bank for Savings Hosts Trip to Chicago Financial Institutions

The public is invited to join Liberty Bank for Savings for a trip to downtown Chicago to visit the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Visitors Center and the Federal Reserve Bank. The day-trip will take place on Wednesday, Apr. 15. Call 773-489-4458 for departure locations and times.

After witnessing Chicago business' impact up close and personal and rubbing elbows with the corporate elite, guests will then enjoy a meal at Manny's Cafeteria and Delicatessen. Space is limited. The cost is \$57 per person. Advanced payments and reservations are required.

Liberty Bank for Savings has been providing safe and secure banking service since 1898. The community bank, with offices on the northwest side of Chicago, in Park Ridge and Lincolnwood, celebrated its 110th anniversary in 2008. To make a reservation for an event or for more information on times, cost or location, call Susan Andrews at 773-489-4458 or visit www.libertybank.com.

Lincolnwood Social Club (55+) Blue Man Group Trip

Blue Man Group is a creative organization dedicated to creating exciting and innovative work in a wide variety of media. Blue Man Group is best known for their wildly popular theatrical shows and concerts which combine music, comedy and multimedia theatrics to produce a totally unique form of entertainment. The blissful party atmosphere created at their live events has become the trademark of a Blue Man Group experience.

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Time: 11:00am Bus Departs

Location: Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted, Chicago, IL

Fee: \$65 Members, \$80 Non-Members

Registration is required, for more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

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Soldier Field Invites Boating and Fishing Enthusiasts to Get Hooked on a New Annual Event: the Boat & Tackle Market

Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus Dr., hosts the annual Boat and Tackle Market, Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the South Festival Lot. Boating and fishing enthusiasts are invited to buy, sell or check out new and used equipment.

Admission is \$5 for ages 12 and up, free for children 11 and under. Free parking is available in the Waldron parking deck. Call 312-235-7243 for more information or visit www.soldierfield.net.

All kinds of vendors, companies and organizations will showcase great deals and offerings for boating and fishing. Everything from fishing boats, canoes, boat accessories as well as new and used fishing tackle will be sold.

Games and activities for all ages will also be featured throughout the day, such as a fishing contest, climbing wall and remote-control boat regattas. A picnic area, food and beverage for purchase and music add to the festival atmosphere.

There is still availability for individuals, companies, and marinas wishing to rent display space. Booth and display fees begin at \$25 for a 10x10 display area. For more information or to purchase a booth, call 312-235-7243 or email bstein@soldierfield.net.

Urban Wildlife Coalition

Planting to Attract Wildlife

Plan your summer garden now to attract wildlife to your backyard. The next issue of Our Village will include humane and natural tips for those who wish to keep animals out of their gardens.

Lose the lawn (or at least part of it). Most animals (with the exception of Canada geese and a few others) prefer a more natural landscape, weeds and all. In addition to welcoming urban wildlife neighbors, you save time on landscaping!

Avoid chemical pesticides and herbicides.

Plant berry- or seed-bearing bushes and shrubs.

Include a small pond or bird bath.

Create habitats and hiding places around the perimeter of your yard, such as hedges, rock and brush piles.

Plant hummingbird-friendly flowers (columbine, jewelweed, native phlox, honeysuckle, and others). Place the flowers near a tree so the birds can easily hide from predators.

Encourage butterfly visits with plants like milkweed, aster, purple coneflower, blazing star, black-eyed Susan, joe-pye weed, and ironweed. Some of these plants also attract other animals, such as deer and rabbits.

Outdoor cats pose a serious threat to urban wildlife – encourage neighbors to keep cats indoors if possible, or entice them away from your backyard wildlife sanctuary.

Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured urban wildlife. Special thanks to Michael Repkin, co-founder of Urban Habitat Chicago for sharing his expertise on landscaping to attract or deter animals. For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com.

Legends of the Lake

by Tracy Seglin

March 20 was World Water Day... who knew? This year the commemoration focused on “transboundary” waters or waters that cross borders – waters like our own Great Lakes.

Here in Chicago, clean drinking water seems more an entitlement than a gift – we don’t give it much thought. We should.

The Great Lakes make up one-fifth of the world’s fresh surface water. Each year, less than one percent of this water re-cycles as clean water. Prompted by fear that millions of gallons of water could potentially be diverted and sold to other regions or countries, a concerted effort began to keep Great Lakes’ water in the Great Lakes region.

It took a decade of tough negotiation, but last year, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, New York, and Pennsylvania agreed to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact, and it was signed by President George Bush in October. The Compact is a legal agreement that prohibits most major diversions of water from the Great Lakes basin and requires improved management, conservation, and quality standards. The Compact has been heralded as a major success, a model for freshwater protection and regional collaboration.

But some say it does not go far enough -- it still allows for diversion of water sold in containers smaller than 5.7 gallons (e.g. bottled water), and luckily for Chicago, it permits what has been coined “the mother of all diversions,” our nearly 2.1 billion-gallon-per-day drain. Remember when we reversed the flow of the Chicago River? That’s a tall drink of water!

Others, like residents of New Berlin, Wisconsin, say the compact goes too far. They can see Lake Michigan from atop their hills, but 70% of New Berliners live on the wrong side of the watershed, technically outside of the Great Lakes boundaries. Their groundwater is partially contaminated by radium, and they are only allowed to tap into lake water if they treat it and give it back.

Most everyone can agree that the Compact is an important step in the right direction. With a global population explosion and limited clean water supply, every day has to be Water Day. From Lake Michigan to Las Vegas, from policy makers to shower takers, we all need to focus more attention on protecting and conserving water.

National Wildlife Federation

Why Garden For Wildlife?

Whether you are hiking, camping or enjoying a sporting event, spring is the perfect time of year to get outside and enjoy nature. When it's time for your next outdoor adventure, make sure you're prepared with National Wildlife Federation's handy survival pack!

This useful kit includes NWF's stainless steel bottle and multi-purpose tool. The durable stainless steel bottle holds 16.9 ounces and has a removable safety loop closure. Its compact design lets it easily fit in most cup-holders, bike racks and backpacks.

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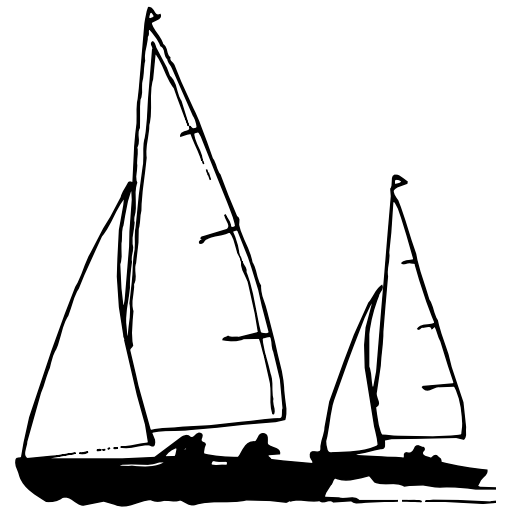
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McAuliffe: Governor's Tax Increases Will Hurt Economy

State Representative Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago) today called on Governor Quinn to constrain state spending before raising taxes on hard-working Illinois families.

"We need a fiscally responsible budget that adequately funds state programs and obligations without raising taxes on hard-working families," said McAuliffe. "I've heard from numerous constituents who are tightening their financial belts and their government should be doing the same."

The state budget is currently \$4.2 billion in debt and facing a shortfall of nearly \$11.5 billion by the summer of 2010.

Quinn proposed to raise the \$78 license-plate sticker fee to \$98, increase the cigarette tax by an additional \$1-a-pack over 2 years, raise the income tax by 50 percent (from 3 to 4.5 percent), boost the corporate tax rate from 4.8 to 5.9 percent and cut approximately \$850 million in state spending. Other Democrat leaders in the General Assembly are also proposing an increase in the state sales tax on motor fuel.

Under the Governor's proposal, dual-income families making as little as \$57,000 per year will pay more in income taxes. A two-income family with children living in Cook County with a mortgage, car payments and the high cost of living, \$57,000 certainly should not be considered wealthy, McAuliffe said.

"Instead of raising taxes and fees, we need to cut spending and bureaucratic waste instead of asking already overburdened taxpayers to foot the bill," he said.

PUBLISHERS CLEARING HOUSE SCAM USES BAD CHECKS TO GET GOOD MONEY FROM UNSUSPECTING PEOPLE

Scam artists' latest trick is using the well-known Publishers Clearing House name to steal money from unsuspecting individuals and harm the name of legitimate businesses.

Consumers are warned to be suspicious of any letter stating that they have won a monetary prize, yet must send money to another address.

"Any time a consumer or business receives a letter stating they have won a prize, but need to also send money to a location, usually outside the United States, they should check and recheck the validity of the offer," explains Steve Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois.

"The vast majority of these so-called 'prizes' are nothing but scams to get unsuspecting people to send their money to scammers in exchange for worthless checks," he said. "People find out the checks they received as prize money are worthless, only after they've sent a check of their own to the scammers."

The Better Business Bureau has been notified by Tyler Tire & Oil Co. in Sistersville, West Virginia, that their business name has been falsely used on counterfeit checks in an attempt to scam consumers of thousands of dollars.

A representative of the Tyler Tire & Oil Co. called the West Virginia Better Business Bureau, stating consumers were receiving a letter from Publishers Clearing House claiming the consumers have won thousands of dollars. The letter instructs recipients to cash the enclosed check, keep \$1,500 for themselves, and wire the rest to a Canadian address. The checks appear to come from Tyler Tire & Oil Co. with some being made out for as much as \$10,000. After the money is wired back to Publishers Clearing House at the Canadian address, the checks bounce, the scam artists get their money, and the consumer is responsible for the entire check amount.

Tyler Tire & Oil Co. began receiving calls from consumers all across the U.S. several days ago, and immediately closed the affected bank account. Tyler Tire & Oil informed the BBB that the checks are counterfeit and were not issued by the company.

The BBB advises any consumer receiving similar letters and checks from an unknown source to not cash the check. If they are uncertain the check is legitimate, consumers should call the BBB, ask their bank, or take it to their local Postal Inspector for investigation.

The BBB also advises consumers that legitimate sweepstakes, that we are aware of, DO NOT require you to purchase anything in order to win a prize. It has been BBB's experience that legitimate sweepstakes companies also DO NOT ask you to pay handling fees, taxes or other charges.

Metra Needs to Explain Why They Don't Take Credit Cards

Mr. Philip A. Pagano
Executive Director Metra
547 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60661

Dear Mr. Pagano:

In response to the ChicagoTribune article of last week as well as numerous complaints I have received from Metra customers, I am writing to express my concern about Metra's failure to adopt best-practices with modern customer conveniences that would also benefit the entire regional transit system.

A quick survey of American commuter rail systems finds major cities that accept credit cards for ticket purchases: systems in Philadelphia, Boston, New York and Portland as examples. As a result, these systems are able to offer automatic ticket systems at unmanned stations, sell tickets online, and even offer automatically replenishable "smart cards" much like those utilized by the Chicago Transit Authority.

While this new service would certainly involve credit card processing fees, credit cards provide faster incoming cash flow, smart cards would have unspent balances and easier credit card ticket sales would increase ridership. Not mentioned by you in response, there is a hidden cost to the processing of monthly paper statements for your monthly-pass commuters as well.

This is to advise you that we are planning a House Mass Transit Committee hearing within the next month in order to investigate:

- Any studies that have been undertaken by Metra on use of online and credit card ticket sales and automatically replenishable "smart cards" at ticket kiosks;
- Any studies that been undertaken by Metra on transitioning from paper tickets to electronic ticket sales on board the trains, using hand-held electronic devices that have been available for many years; and,
- Any plans underway at Metra and/or RTA on development of a universal fare card system. As you know, the legislature started down this path eleven years ago and Metra has been the chief obstacle. During that period, it's become inexpensive and easy to provide hand-held devices for Metra conductors as one approach to integrating Metra's barrier-free system with the "smart card" in use at CTA and Pace.

At a time when federal stimulus dollars and a probable state capital plan offer the promise of new capital dollars for Metra and the RTA system, it's an appropriate time to inquire into progress being made on these cost-effective, efficient and important transit rider improvements.

Sincerely,

Rep. Julie Hamos, Chair, Mass Transit Committee

Do you have specific questions for Mr. Pagano? If so, please submit them to me through this form today: www.juliehamos.org/metra_questions

I will be sure to ask them in our hearing. After the hearing, I'll post the transcript and the answers online for your review. Also, if you would like to receive more specific mass transit updates, please sign up:

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Thanks for your interest and input.

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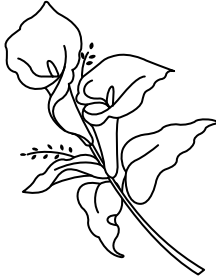
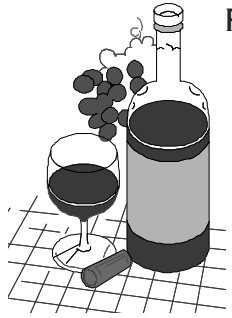


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Following are a few highlights:

Easter Egg Hunt Thursday, April 9 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.; Mayfair Park, 4550 W. Sunnyside Ave., 773-685-3361; Admission \$2; recommended for ages 2-5

Easter Egg Hunt Friday, April 10 10 – 11 a.m.; White (Willye B.) Park (formerly Gale Park), 1610 W. Howard St., 773-262-5051; Admission \$2; recommended for ages 18 months – 5 years; online registration only

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Palm Sunday – April 5, 2009

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Tenebrae Service April 5 at 4pm

Holy Thursday – April 9, 2009

at 7:00pm

Good Friday – April 10, 2009

Good Friday Stations

English - 3:00pm, Polish - 4:00pm
(Veneration of the Cross in Polish,
following Polish Stations)

Veneration of the Cross at 7:00pm

Holy Saturday – April 11, 2009

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

Noon & 1:00pm

(Bi-lingual – English/Polish)

Easter Vigil - 7:00pm

Easter Sunday – April 12, 2009

6:00am (Polish), 8:00am,
9:30am, 11:00am,
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Celebration of the

Lord's Supper 6:00 pm

Good Friday April 10

Penance Service 8:30 am, 8:00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 pm

Holy Saturday April 11 8:30 pm

Easter Vigil

Blessing of Food Baskets

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Good Friday ~ April 10 3:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil ~ April 11 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday ~ April 12 6:30, 8:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion at all services

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"A Theatre Review"

"A Perfect Wedding"

Circle Theatre

7300 West Madison Avenue

Forest Park, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Circle Theatre in Forest Park under the first rate leadership of Kevin Bellie and Bob Knuth gives its audiences a wide variety of theatre from musicals, dramas, comedies, reviews as well as shows for young audiences. Knuth and Bellie do a first rate job of selecting their shows. After "A Perfect Wedding" they have on their agenda the "Who's Tommy" to be followed by Tennessee Williams "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" and then it will be the "Pajama Game."

While I had problems with their current show, "A Perfect Wedding," I must give Charles Mee's play an E for effort as well as Circle's production.

Joanie Schultz is the show's director and she has a huge cast of 20 actors for the show and it is staged in the small studio theatre.

Some of the actors in this production are Toni Lynice Fountain, Darci Nalepa, Stephanie Sullivan, Kelli Walker, Blake Williams, D'Wayne Taylor and Ramon Madrid.

Mee's story deals with love, romance and marriage and how it can all fall apart in the woods on an early summer as the show takes place in a cottage and then the forest when they believe the groom has gotten lost. In the second act of the two and a half hour show the two gay wedding planners decide to get married which causes everyone's faith in the institution of marriage to be restored.

The story is told in dialog, song and dance and it is amazing how Schultz makes the cast fit comfortable on the stage.

"A Perfect Wedding" runs until May 3. Performances are 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$20-\$24. There is a \$2 discount for seniors and students. For reservations call 708-771-0700.

The Aisle Seat

by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

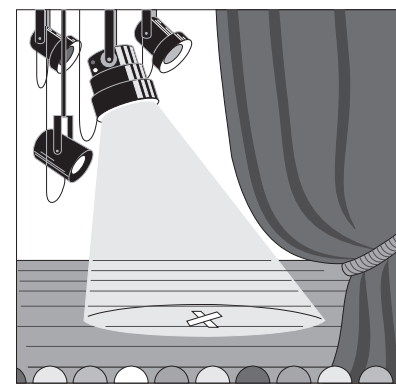
The early bird comes early and it is a good thing that theatres make patrons aware of what they can see in the 2009-1020 theatre season.

Northlight theatre in Skokie has a blockbuster season lined up with two Tony winning Chicagoans and one Tony nominee and a veteran actor who is Mike Nussbaum.

Opening their season from September 17 through October 25 is "The Marvelous Wonderettes" a musical revue featuring the songs of the girl singers of the 1950's and 1960's, followed by "Souvenir" based on New York socialite Florence Foster Jenkins, followed by "Awake and Sing: that will star Chicago actress and Tony winner Rondi Weed and stage veteran Nussbaum and it will be directed by Tony Nominee and Chicago actress Amy Morton and "A Life" featuring John Mahoney with one more to be announced.

Remy Bumpo Theatre will open their season on October 14 with "Heroes" by Gerald Sibleyras and translated by Tom Stoppard that features David Darlow, Mike Nussbaum and Roderick Pepples. It will run through November 29. Following will be Anthol Fugard's "The Island" opening January 27 and closing on March 7, and closing out their season will be Les Laison's "Dangereuses" by Christopher Hampton and directed by David Darlow and featuring one of Chicago's most promising young actors Greg Matthew Anderson with veterans Annabel Armour, Linda Gillum and Nick Sandys.

Goodman theatre has an interesting season and will open with George S. Kaufman and Morrie Ryskind musical "Animal Crackers" with music and lyrics by Bert Kalmar and Harry Ruby and based on the Marx Brothers musical after which Brian Dennehy will return in January after the holiday show "A Christmas Carol" closes, in two one act plays O'Neill's "Hughie" and Beckett's "Krapp Last Tape." In March it will be Rebecca Gilman's world premier of "A True History of the Johnstown Flood" and Harry Godinez will direct "The Sins of Sor Juana" with one more show to be directed by Chick Smith to be selected. The studio will offer "Joan D'Arc," Allan Gross "High Holidays" and "The Long Red Road" to be directed by Phillip Seymour Hoffman.



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Easter Poodle

By Bosley

Ok, I have a bone to pick with these humans of ours. Why do us dogs have no howliday? Why do the Bunnies, Chicks, and Lambs get to be mascots for a howliday? Aren't we man's best friend? If so, why do they not have us as mascots for a howliday? I have attempted to get the word out about my good friend Santa Paws, but there are still the unbelievers. Plus, he is only one pooch; the rest of us deserve some time in the limelight to be celebrated!

The Easter Howliday will soon be here and we dogs are again neglected. The Easter Bunny deliveries a goodie basket to all the small humans, who do they think lets him in? Without us dogs our humans would miss out on a lot. Instead the Bunny is celebrated for being soft, fuzzy, and cute. Well so AM I!! Plus, we are smarter, more fun, and don't just visit for one day! But, are we celebrated, no! I believe we are taken for granted. We should have a National Howliday where we are celebrated. There is a National Pet Week in March, but why should we share with other pets? I know that I am being a little selfish (but that isn't often), but I am thinking of all CanineKind! We deserve to mascot a day where all Canines are loved, admired, played with, and adored. (Yes, this should happy daily, but we deserve a day to be special). We can call it The Canine Day of Independence or maybe Pooch Party day! At any rate, since our silly humans have yet to come up with an idea, we must. We have to come up with some plan to get out special day! So, every pup please chew on this idea for awhile and see what we come up with!

Until then, don't let that Bunny in this year!! Well only if he has some goodies for you too!

Submitted by Bosley's mom, Nicole Carfora, CMG, owner of Canine Corral.



Recognizing Illness in Pet Birds

Peter S. Sakas DVM, MS

One of the most important responsibilities of pet ownership is to recognize when your animal is sick. Most people can tell when dogs and cats are ill, but sickness in birds is not easily recognized. One of the greatest frustrations that face avian veterinarians is that by the time a pet bird owner brings a sick bird into the veterinarian the disease condition is usually well-advanced, making treatment difficult, if it can be treated at all.

The failure to recognize illness in birds is not due to the negligence of the bird owners but rather the unfamiliarity with the subtle signs of early disease, which when addressed promptly result in effective treatment of the condition. Anyone can tell that a bird on the bottom of the cage, with ruffled feathers and partially closed eyes is indeed very ill.

Birds hide their illnesses very well as it is part of their natural defenses. A bird that is obviously sick in the wild will be subject to predator attack or harassed by other birds. Therefore, a bird that has been sick and ruffled all day may perk up when someone walks into the room thus appearing normal in an effort to mask their illness. When birds are no longer to effectively conceal their illnesses, they are usually seriously ill.

Many people believe that birds are frail creatures and the slightest draft could prove fatal. Birds are actually very hardy animals and tolerate conditions as well as any other animal. Unfortunately, the bird that "suddenly got sick and died" had probably been sick for some time; the disease changes unrecognized, so that even the healthiest bird would eventually succumb.

Outlined below are some basic signs to evaluate in the assessment of a bird's condition. The secret of success is to develop a feel for what is "normal" for your bird. After you are familiar with normal activity, attitude, appetite, etc., changes from the norm may serve to indicate early signs of disease.

General Appearance

Feathers - A healthy bird should be bright-eyed, alert and have clean, nicely preened, sleek feathers held closely to the body. Sick birds will usually ruffle (puff up) their feathers for extended periods of time. When a bird ruffles it is chilled and its ruffled feathers trap a layer of warm air around the bird. The bird will also close its eyes in a sleepy fashion. Birds that huddle on the bottom of the cage and are extremely ruffled are critically ill.

Dirty tattered feathers may indicate lack of preening due to illness, mechanical damage due to poor housing, or "emotional upset." Staining of the feathers above the nares (nostrils) indicates rhinitis (nasal discharge). Pasting of head feathers is usually seen with vomiting. The feathers around the vent should be clean. If droppings are stuck to the vent it could indicate an intestinal tract infection or abdominal enlargement.

Posture - The bird should maintain an erect position on the perch, weight evenly distributed on the feet, wing tips crossing over the back and the tail feathers maintaining a straight line with the back. Sick birds will sit with either one or both wings drooped and its tail directed downward. A bird that has their tail directed downward may have a respiratory tract disturbance or abdominal discomfort (infection or enlargement). Tail bobbing/flicking also can occur.

Unsteadiness on the perch, wobbliness or low posture on the perch are signs of abnormality. Birds with severe respiratory or abdominal disease may maintain a horizontal position on the perch. Restlessness, shifting of body weight or favoring of one leg may indicate pain or dysfunction due to disease or injury. In budgerigars paralysis or weakness in one leg may be due to kidney tumors.

Attitude - Changes in a bird's attitude may indicate a problem. A decreased activity level, the bird that is no longer playful, talking less or not singing may be indications of early disease. Personality changes may also provide early clues, such as the aggressive bird, that you could never handle easily, suddenly becoming passive or the normally friendly bird that becomes aggressive/irritable and wants to remain alone.

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Tuesday, April 21, 11:15am Bus Departs

Location: Chicago History Museum, 1061 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL

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Monthly Lunch Bunch

This month's lunch bunch is going to be a late lunch, or an early dinner, it is a Fundraising Benefit Night for our club. 25% of what the group spends on dinner, the restaurant will donate back to our organization. Make sure to go out and support our group! Not only will this help our organization, but the food is great too! All those who attend will be responsible for transportation to and from the restaurant. Each member will also be responsible for paying for their own lunch.

Wednesday, April 29, 5:00pm

Location: Graziano's, 5960 W. Touhy Ave., Niles, IL

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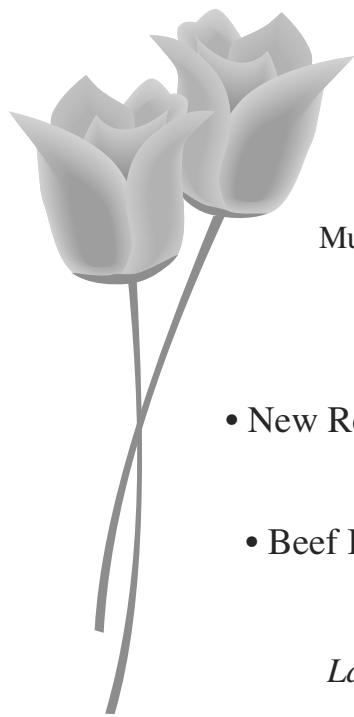
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As Successor Trustee, when the initial Trustee (usually the "grantor" or owner of the Trust) dies, you become Trustee. As Trustee, it is your responsibility to administer the Trust. In other words, you must gather all the assets, manage them, and distribute them according to its terms. In doing so, you have many decisions to make.

When will you make distributions to subtrusts or beneficiaries? Are any estate taxes owed? Are any income taxes owed by the Trust grantor or the Trust itself? If the Trust directs you to create subtrusts, which assets should you put in which subtrust? What valuation date do you use, the date the grantor died or the date you are funding the subtrust? These choices could have income and estate tax consequences for the beneficiaries of the Trust for years to come.

Answers to some of these questions may seem deceptively simple. For example, how should you invest the assets? Depending on the terms of the trust and state law, you may have different duties. Let's say you simply leave the assets the way they were invested before the initial Trustee died. This may not be prudent, especially in a down market, and you may be held responsible for losses the Trust and its beneficiaries suffer as a result.

The answer to each of these questions varies depending upon the unique circumstances of your case and state and federal law. While it is typically easier and less expensive to administer a Trust than to administer a probate estate under a Will, you need professional advice to complete the Trust administration process. Consulting a qualified estate planning attorney helps prevent errors in Trust administration--errors which would have cost the Trust and its beneficiaries in increased taxes and forgone opportunities.

Take a couple weeks to grieve. But, then act quickly. There are deadlines for tax and other filings and the clock is ticking.

Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years.

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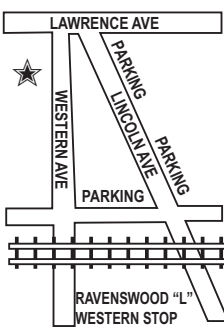
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Wednesday, April 15, 1:30 p.m. & Saturday, April 18, 11:00 a.m.

This Spring, *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros has been selected for One Book, One Chicago. Join in a book discussion of this unique and captivating work at your branch library! Check out the book at your local branch library and select one of the above dates most convenient to you. Other discussions are available at area Chicago Public Library branches. This title is available in a Talking Book format for those who unable to read regular print.

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Wednesday, April 8, at 2 p.m. The Wednesday afternoon book discussion will feature *Meaning of Night* by Michael Cox. Call to reserve a copy.

Saturday, April 11, at 10 a.m. The Friends of Jefferson Park Branch Library will be having their 2nd quarter meeting. New friends are welcome.

Monday, April 13, at 7 p.m. Join our pre-teen book discussion as they read *Blue Lipstick* by John Grandits. Ages 11-14. Call to reserve a copy.

Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. The Wednesday evening book discussion group will discuss the One Book/One Chicago title *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros. Call to reserve a copy.

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The Adult Book Club will discuss the One Book, One Chicago Spring 2009 selection, *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros, on Thursday, April 30, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Story Time Warm up through the winter and greet the spring with stories, songs and more! Are you and your children ready to have some fun together? Join us for an engaging program of stories, songs, rhymes and games. Toddler Story Time, for children ages 2-3, will meet at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 2. Preschool Story Time, for children ages 3-5, will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7. Both sessions will meet with Children's Associate Sharon in the second-floor community room. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver; no registration is required. For further information, please call 312-744-8313.

Village Cooking Corner

Ham, Turkey or Chicken Timbale

2 tablespoons butter
1 cup ground cooked ham (may substitute turkey or chicken)
2/3 cup milk
pepper
1/4 cup stale bread crumbs
1 tablespoon parsley flakes
2 eggs
Melt butter, add crumbs, milk, meat, parsley and eggs. Season. Turn into buttered baking dish. Bake 20 minutes, or until firm, at 350 degrees.

Recipe: "From the Kitchens of Nantucket"

Lamb with Green Beans (Arni Me Fasolakia)

3 lbs. lamb shoulder - boned
1 large onion, grated
2-3 medium tomatoes, chopped
3 Tablespoons cooking oil
1 1/2 lbs. green beans, pinch off stems and cut in half
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup water
Trim excess fat from boned lamb and cut into 2" cubes. Saute onions with oil in large saucepan, then add the meat and saute until brown. Add remaining ingredients, except for green beans. Cover and simmer together for about 45 minutes or until meat is almost tender. Add the green beans and continue to cook together occasionally stirring gently. Cook until both meat and beans are tender.
Note: Excellent substitutes for green beans are okra, artichokes, zucchini, eggplant or peas.

Recipe: "The Greek Flavor"

Tour de France Expert Gives Inside Scoop on Racing, Training and More

Tour de France commentator and racing expert Robbie Ventura will share his behind-the-scenes racing stories 7-9 p.m. April 16 at his Trek Store at 1925 Skokie Valley in Highland Park. Active Transportation Alliance members get in free, and non-members can join at the door for only \$25.

A VIP pre-event training session from 6-7 p.m. is a chance to members to spend time with the pro and his cycling advice. VIP tickets are available for \$25 at <http://activetrans.org/trekstore/vip>

Party-goers will enjoy light snacks and drinks and can bid on coveted goodies. And don't overlook the merchandise - Members get discounts on store products at the event.

When: 7-9 p.m. April 16; \$25 VIP pre-event 6-7 p.m.

Where: Trek Store 1925 Skokie Valley in Highland Park

Cost: Free to Active Trans members!

RSVP: <http://www.activetrans.org/trekstore/rsvp>

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