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APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR CHICAGO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Chicago urges homeowners to apply soon for the Chicago Property Tax Relief program, which provides grants of up to \$200 for homeowners hit hardest by increases in their property tax bills. The application deadline is March 31st.

"During these tough economic times, we must do all we can to protect Chicago's middle-class and working families," Chicago's Chief Financial Officer Gene Saffold said. "They need property tax relief, and they need it now. I encourage all eligible homeowners to apply for relief grants today."

Saffold said the program is needed primarily because of the phase-out of the state law that puts a 7 percent cap on the annual increase in the taxable value of property and the drop of this year's exemption under that law to \$20,000 from \$26,000.

For the owner of a home valued at \$200,000, the phase-out of the 7 percent cap translates into higher property taxes of as much as \$335. The end of the cap is the largest single cause of higher property tax bills for many Chicago homeowners.

The program is funded by \$35 million from the City's Parking Meter Human Infrastructure Fund and will provide tax relief up to \$200 to the City's middle- and low-income homeowners, primarily those hit hardest by the drop in the 7 percent cap exemption. Based on eligibility and the number of homeowners who apply, the program is expected to provide relief for up to half of the homeowners in Chicago. The average amount of relief is expected to be about \$150.

The amount of tax relief is based on a combination of income level and how high the tax increase was. For example, the lower the income and the higher the tax increase, the bigger the relief grant. Homeowners must apply for it because the program is tied to the homeowner's income, and the City does not have that information unless the homeowner provides it. The program is available to homeowners earning under \$200,000.

Eligible homeowners should get an application from the City's website at www.city-of-chicago.org, or pick one up at City service centers or library branches.

To complete the application, a homeowner will need to provide a copy of their current tax bill, a photo ID, and sign an affidavit verifying the homeowners' income.

The completed application should be mailed to Chicago Tax Assistance Center, 121 N. LaSalle St., Room 100, Chicago, IL 60602, or dropped off at that location or the City's Department of Revenue service sites: 2550 W. Addison St., 4770 S. Kedzie Av. and 2006 E. 95th St.



Happy Easter and Passover



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Street Cleaning Begins on April 1st

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The Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission Sponsors Local Food Drive

The Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission (LHRC) is sponsoring its annual, village-wide food drive from March 1 to April 15. There will be drop off stations throughout Lincolnwood at local businesses and organizations. The Annual Food Drive benefits the Niles Township Food Pantry.

Community members are urged to participate to help stop hunger in our neighborhood. Suggested donation items include canned/bottled foods, such as canned fruit, Canned/bottled juice, small jars of jelly, peanut butter, canned soup, baby food, formula, tuna, small jars of mayonnaise, etc., and dry foods, such as macaroni & cheese, pasta dishes, rice dishes, powdered milk, coffee, tea, crackers, packaged cookies, etc. Grocery store gift cards are also accepted.

The Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission is committed to promoting recognition and respect for the dignity of each member of the community. The Commission creates opportunities for the community to participate in positive interpersonal experiences by sponsoring enjoyable events and activities for citizen involvement by providing educational enrichment and by serving as a resource and facilitator for the citizens of Lincolnwood. The purpose of the Commission is to promote understanding, mutual respect and neighborly cooperation among all Lincolnwood residents.

Some of the other LHRC's activities include neighbor relations, educational seminars for businesses, the annual July 4th Concert, ethnic/multicultural fair, and the diversity flag display. Meetings are held on the second Monday evening of each month at Village Hall at 7 p.m. All Lincolnwood residents are invited to attend.

All businesses are encouraged to serve as drop off stations for food donations. So far, fifteen businesses have agreed to place a collection container in their front lobby. Community members may also drop off food donations at the Lincolnwood Police Department located at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue anytime of the day, seven days a week. For additional information or to find other drop off locations, please contact Sgt. Mark Weidner at 847-673-2167.

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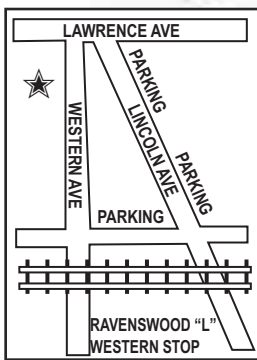
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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers April Health Programs

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 6, 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 773-794-8329.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, April 9, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. This program for individuals aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and guest lectures. Podiatrist Megan R. Leahy, D.P.M., will discuss foot care. Registration is not required.

Free cataract and glaucoma screenings will be given Monday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ophthalmologist Kathleen Scarpulla, M.D., and staff will conduct eye examinations for cataracts and glaucoma. Please don't wear contact lenses but do bring eyeglasses with you. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Diabetes screenings will be conducted Friday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. No fasting is required for this blood draw that will test for HbA1C, glycohemoglobin. The screening is for anyone who wants to know their blood sugar average during the past two-to-three months. Test results will be mailed. There is a \$10 fee for this screening. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free hearing screenings will be given Tuesday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. Audiologist Steven Wolinsky, Au.D., will perform the screenings in a soundproof booth in the second floor Audiology Department. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free lecture titled "Menopause—The Facts" will be presented Tuesday, April 20, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Menopause can affect women's overall health and well-being, including mood, insomnia and hot flashes. Kornelia Krol, M.D., obstetrician and gynecologist, will discuss menopause signs, symptoms and coping strategies. She also will discuss controversies in treatment options as well as ongoing health concerns. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, April 22, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Tuesday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., in the second floor Community Education Room. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

Edgebrook and Sauganash Leaders Honored

Five Edgebrook and Sauganash area neighbors were honored as "defenders of ecosystems" at the 2010 Chicago Wilderness Leadership Awards – presented recently at a banquet in the Brookfield Zoo Discovery Center. With honorees selected by conservationists regionwide, the event has been called "the Academy Awards of Nature." U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley, who gave the keynote address, was among the 2010 honorees. Quigley invoked his former days as a Forest Preserve board member to describe the conservation challenges that require leadership.

The award praised Jan and Lou Stessl, Joel Goldberger, Marianne Kozlowski and Sue Witkowski for their efforts to "foster community understanding of ecosystem conservation in the Edgebrook and Sauganash area," said John Rogner, Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, who presented the award.

"Many of the forest preserves along the North Branch of the Chicago River were once filled with healthy nature including rare birds, wildflowers and butterflies," said Audubon scientist Dr. Karen Glennemeier. "But invasive species choked out much of that health." Forest preserve staff and volunteers began in 1977, cutting out invasive species and spreading the seeds of rare plants gathered nearby, to heal the damage.

A controversy over brush control, prescribed burning and other relatively new forms of preserve management slowed down the program in 1996. Many kinds of education were needed. The public outreach challenge was enormous, because misinformation had spawned fear and controversy.

A concern expressed by some neighbors centered on the occasional controlled burns, which are a necessary part of sustainable management for prairies and oak woodlands. Forest Preserve District staff has supervised these burns for decades with no injuries, escapes or other problems.

The Grassroots Conservation Leadership Awards are sponsored by Chicago Wilderness Habitat Project, Audubon Chicago Region, the Volunteer Stewardship Network of The Nature Conservancy, Openlands Project and other conservation organizations.

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE SENIORS

Vice President Paul C. Odrobina of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) announces that the North Side Seniors will have their monthly meetings on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., at the PNA Home Office Cafeteria, 6100 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646. Announcements of upcoming, Dinosauria program (April 17, 2010), Polish American Night at Cellular Field where the White Sox hosts the L.A. Angels (July 6, 2010), and Polish American Day at Six Flags Great America Theme Park, (June 5, 2010) and other topics will be discussed.

All seniors ages 55 and over (members and non-members) are encouraged to join us for a morning of fun and fraternalism. Refreshments will be served.

The Polish National Alliance is the largest Polish ethnic Fraternal Insurance Organization and was founded in 1880.

For additional information about the PNA and their activities, please call the PNA (773) 286-0500 ext. 316, or visit the PNA website at www.pna-znp.org and click on "EVENTS".

Are High Energy Bills Burning a Hole in Your Budget?

Are you paying too much for phone service? During these trying economic times, many individuals and families are feeling the crunch of paying the regular household bills. Representatives of the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) are teaming up with CJE SeniorLife through the J-Help initiative to offer up some helpful solutions:

Thursday, April 15 Untangle Your Phone Bill. If you are paying more than \$25 for phone service, you are probably paying too much. Individuals can bring in their monthly phone bill and meet with representatives of CUB who may be able to lower monthly costs. Advance registration by April 8 is required. Call 773/508-1047. 1 p.m., Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway, Chicago

For more information about CJE services, call 773/508-1000 or visit www.cje.net.

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Norwood Park Historical Society Accepting Yard Sale Donations

Spring cleaning has begun! Donate your unwanted or unused items to the Norwood Park Historical Society, a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Your donation may be a tax write-off, as allowable by law.

Leave your gently used items under the white canopy in the yard of the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House at 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. Donations may be dropped off at any time. If you require a tax receipt, please call 773-631-4633 or e-mail info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org to set up an appointment.

The Historical Society does not accept large appliances, sofas or chairs, household hazardous waste, tube TVs, medical equipment or supplies, or clothing. Items will be sold at the annual yard sale fund-raiser for the Norwood Park Historical Society. The yard sale will be held June 19; additional details about this event will follow.

For more information about this event or about the Society's charitable organization status, contact the Norwood Park Historical Society at 773-631-4633 or at info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

The Norwood Park Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization, resides in the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, Chicago's oldest home. We invite you to join our efforts to preserve our community's rich history and architectural integrity and to make the dreams and experiences of our predecessors come to life. Visit us on Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment.

BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES FOR ADULTS OFFERED AT CHICAGO PARK

The Chicago Park District is partnering with May I Have This Dance Inc. to offer ballroom dance classes for adults this spring at:

-April 1 – May 20: Revere Park, 2509 W. Irving Park Rd., 773-478-1220

Each park will offer two different dance classes back-to-back during a four-week session. Each class is one hour. Registration fees for adults are as follows:

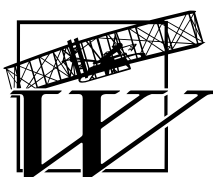
-\$40 per person for one class with at least 5 days advanced registration; \$45 for late registration.

-\$75 per person for two consecutive classes with at least 5 day advanced registration; \$80 for late registration.

Participants can register by mailing a check including name, address, phone, e-mail and the date, location, and title of the class enrolling to:

May I Have This Dance Inc.
5246 N Elston Ave., 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60641

For more information on the Chicago Park District, contact your local park, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call 312-742-PLAY. For more information on May I Have This Dance, call 773-635-3000.



Wright Hosting Alumni Association Breakfast

As it builds an alumni association, Wilbur Wright College welcomes all alumni to its first reunion breakfast at 8 a.m., Saturday, April 17, at the college, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave. College administrators will be on hand to talk about current Wright programs. And alumni will be invited to help shape the alumni association of this 75-year-old institution. Anyone who has an associate's degree from Wright, who has completed a Wright certificate program or who has transferred to a four-year institution from Wright is invited. For more information and to RSVP by April 5, call (312) 553-3446 or fill out the form on Wright's website at wright.ccc.edu.

Ravenswood Community Council's 2010 Spring Raffle

Thursday, April 8, 7 to 9 p.m.

Location: Claddagh Ring Pub, 2306 W. Foster Avenue

Ravenswood Community Council has worked hard for the past 50-plus years to create a better Ravenswood community and our first fundraiser of the year will be a great kick-off to 2010. RCC is having a spring raffle with a chance to win prizes and help the organization continue its work in the community.

Tickets are \$30 a piece or four for \$100. Limited number of tickets available to increase odds of winning.

All proceeds will fund the important work done by RCC.

RCC runs several programs to help the community, including free home repairs for seniors, an emergency cell phone program and administering the Greater Ravenswood Special Service Area #31, which provides sidewalk cleaning, snow removal, holiday decorations, landscaping and other services. RCC also serves as a host and provides support for other organizations, such as The Greening of Ravenswood and the Ravenswood ArtWalk.

Ticket holder need not be present at drawing to win prize

Paypal is available, but please call the office at 773-784-0400 or stop by at 1756 W. Wilson Avenue to purchase tickets. RCC appreciates the support.

The Ravenswood Community Council is a 501(c)3 not for profit organization.

Women's History Month March 2010 Celebrating Women in the Visual Arts

Artist Exhibit: Stephanie Dean, photographer. Reception:

Tuesday, March 30 from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

Refreshments will be served.

Roden Branch Library, 6083 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, 312-744-1478

Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation – 2010 Picnic Permit Procedures

In late winter when the sun shines brightly, our thought drift towards summer fun, and what could be more fun than a family gathering/picnic at the Proesel Park Shelter in Lincolnwood. Picnic Permits are required to hold a picnic in the shelter, and listed below are the procedures to obtain your 2010 Picnic Permit.

2010 Proesel Park Shelter Picnic Permit Procedure

Proesel Park Picnic Reservations will be taken starting on Thursday, April 1 at 9:00AM for the 2010 season at the Lincolnwood Village Hall, Parks and Recreation Department, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue

Access will be given to the Village Hall lobby at 7:30 AM for those waiting in line, via the doors adjacent to the Police Department.

Each person will receive a number based on their position in line when the doors are opened. Prior to 7:30 AM, a single file line should form outside the double doors at the entrance. Please be courteous of your neighbors.

No blank reservation forms will be given out prior to April 1. All forms will have to be filled out on site after numbers have been distributed.

Parks & Recreation staff will process applications in numerical order based on your number. Each person is allowed to reserve one date per number. If a patron wants to reserve more than one date it will be necessary to go to the end of the line and get another number. Only one reservation date per number.

All reservations must be done in person. No online, phone or fax reservations will be accepted on April 1.

Only residents of the Village of Lincolnwood may reserve the Proesel Park Shelter. Proof of residency is required. A government issued ID, utility bill, tax bill, or lease is an appropriate form of identification. Forms of payment include MasterCard, Visa, check or cash. Some dates are not available for rental due to community events and recreation programs.

This process will take time. Your patience is appreciated. For more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

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“A Theater Review”

“Twelve Angry Men”
Raven Theatre
6157 N. Clark St.
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Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The Raven Theatre on Clark Street is doing its second show of the season which is the courtroom drama from 1954 “Twelve Angry Men” by Reginald Rose. Raven is a non-equity storefront theatre that does some tough productions with high caliber non-equity actors.

“Twelve Angry Men” runs one hour and 45 minutes but its fast moving with its engrossing acting in this all male cast. The show is under the direction of Aaron Todd Douglas of the Congo Square Theatre.

Since turning 21 and being a voter I’ve been on jury duty eight times. I loved being on jury duty and listening to the testimony of the witnesses. I’ve been on cases where after two or three days they were settled out of court, one where we came to a verdict, some where I wasn’t picked to be on the panel and another where we had a hung jury due to one jury member who lied when he said he wasn’t prejudiced. Fortunately I’ve never had to serve in criminal court.

The strong cast for the show is Fernando Albiar, Steve Herson, Christopher Brown, Reginald Vaughn, C.L. Brown, Ron Quade, Leonard Kraft, Dwight Soro and Eddie Diaz.

The story deals with a 16-year-old ethnic young man who is accused of killing his abusive father with the charge of first degree murder. In a criminal murder case where a verdict of guilty hangs over the accused, the district attorney must prove the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt before a death penalty can be issued.

11 jurors find the plaintiff guilty with the exception of one who by day is an architect. C.L. Brown stands his ground and refuses to find him guilty. Dan Loftus who has been around Chicago theatre for a long is one who could come to blows with his arguments – he is a man who has father and son issues.

The show packs a wallop and gives audiences something to remember and think about. If you’re about to go on jury duty make it a point not to miss this show.

“Twelve Angry Men” runs through April 17. For showtimes and reservations call 773-338-2177. Tickets are \$25-\$30.

- Three Stars -

“Fiddler on the Roof”
Marriott Theatre
10 Marriott Drive
Lincolnshire, IL

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire is opening its 2010 season with the classic “Fiddler on the Roof.”

Some critics call the show an old war horse having been done so often in regional theatre since it premiered in New York in 1964 and not counting revivals played 3,242 performances.

Directing the Marriott production is the fantastic David H. Bell with musical direction by Doug Peck. Mr. Bell for many years was associated with the Marriott before departing for several years in Washington but he is now back in Chicago and a professor of musical theatre at Northwestern University. Mr. Bell is also the show’s choreographer and all I can say is that he has assembled a strong cast that audiences should love. Ross Lehman plays Tevye. Paula Scrofano is his wife Golde and their five daughters are Dara Cameron as Hodel, Jessie Mueller as Tzeitel, Larua Scheinbaum as Chava and the two younger ones are Arielle Leigh Dayan and Talia Rawitz.

Other excellent men in the cast are Justin Berkobien as Perchik, Andrew Keltz as Motel, David Girolmo as Lazar Wolf, James Harms as the Rabbi, Craig Spidle as the Constable, Patrick Sarb as Fyedka and Gregory Hirte as the fiddler. I shouldn’t forget Rebecca Finnegan as Yente and Heidi Kettenring - all first-class actresses and singers.

One wonders why there are troubled times in the world and we can’t live in a peaceful one.

My favorite songs are “If I Were a Rich Man,” “Now I Have Everything,” and “Do You Love Me” which is a standout when Paula Scrofano sings it.

I’ve seen Zero Mostel, Topol, Luther Adler, Hersehll Bernardi but Ross Lehman is well cast in the lead role.

Jessie Mueller and Laura Scheinbaum as two of the five daughters give strong performances.

You don’t have to be Jewish -- it’s a play every ethnic group should see and love. “Fiddler on the Roof” runs through April 25th. Running time is two hours and thirty five minutes. For show days and show times and reservations call 847-634-0200. Tickets are \$45.

- Four Stars -

Chicago Playworks for Families and Young Audiences Presents HAROUN AND THE SEA OF STORIES Rushdie’s Award-Winning Children’s Novel Comes to the Stage in Chicago

The Theatre School at DePaul University presents HAROUN AND THE SEA OF STORIES, written by Salman Rushdie, adapted by Tim Supple and David Tushingham, and directed by Damon Kiely, as the final installment of the 2009-2010 Chicago Playworks for Families and Young Audiences Series. This production opens Tuesday, March 30, and runs through Saturday, May 22, 2010, at DePaul’s historic Merle Reskin Theatre. Performances are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM and Saturdays at 2 PM. There will be no performances on April 3, 6, 8, 10, or May 1, 4, 6, or 8.

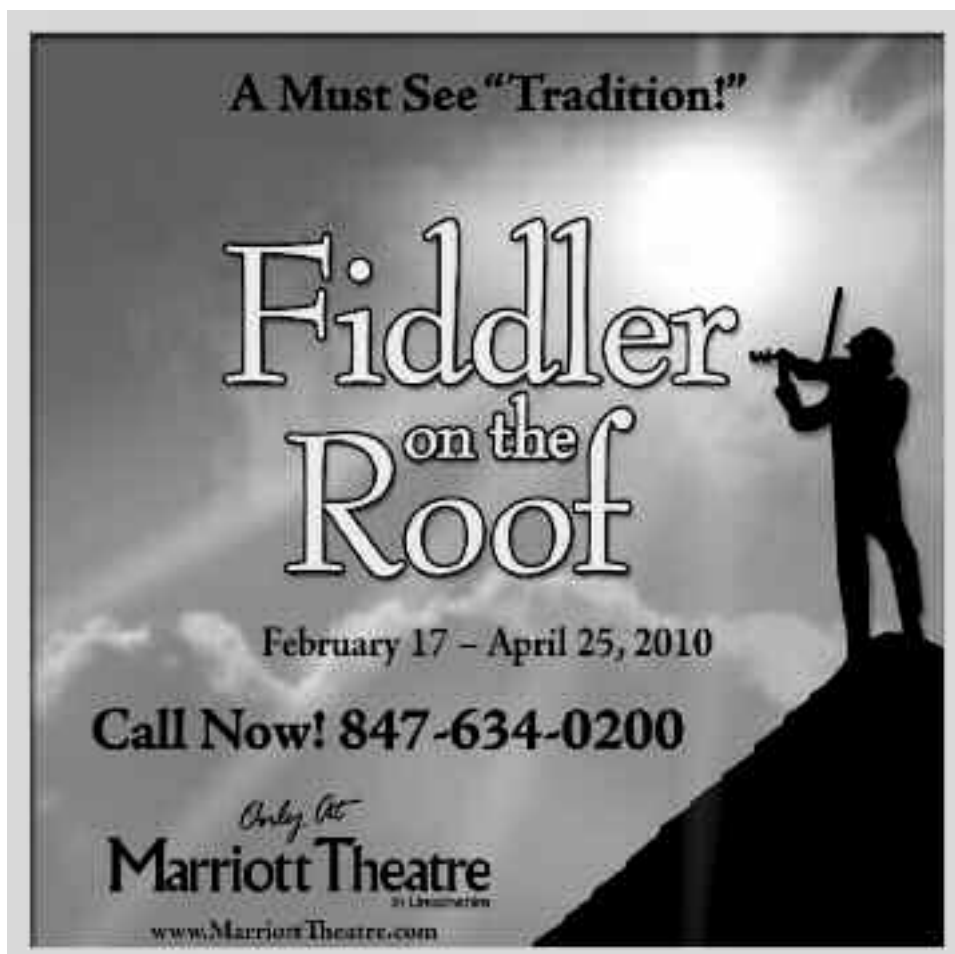
Based on Salman Rushdie’s award-winning children’s novel, this fantastical tale follows Haroun to the mythical moon of Kahani. He joins forces with shadow warriors, mechanical flying birds, talking fish, and water genies in his quest to recover his father’s magical storytelling powers. Recommended for ages 7 and up.

Tickets are \$8. Subscriptions and group rates (15 or more people) are available

at (312) 922-0999. DePaul employees, alumni, and college students receive a discount (with ID). Tickets are available online at <http://theatreschool.depaul.edu> or by calling the Box Office at (312) 922-1999.

DePaul’s Merle Reskin Theatre is located at 60 E. Balbo Drive at Michigan Ave., in Chicago. For information about parking, please contact the Box Office. The theatre is accessible via CTA busses (3-King Drive, 29-State Street, 146-Michigan/ Museums and others), and CTA El stops (Red, Blue, Brown, Green, Orange, Purple and Pink).

A wide range of events will be held in conjunction with this production including Community Partner Days, as well as an Ice Cream Social, Opening Day Autographs, Post Show Discussions, and much more! For details or a free Teacher Guide highlighting curriculum connections visit <http://theatreschool.depaul.edu> or call (312) 922-1999.



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LIRA ENSEMBLE CELEBRATES CHOPIN BICENTENNIAL

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Polish composer Frederic Chopin. The Lira Ensemble – dedicated to Polish music, song and dance – will celebrate this anniversary with a Chopin Bicentennial Concert, Sunday, March 28, 2010 – 3pm at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall 50 Arts Circle – on Lake Michigan on the campus of Northwestern University in Evanston, IL with free parking just south of the auditorium

The concert is co-sponsored by the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago, the Slavic Languages and Literatures Department of Northwestern University as well as by the Polish American Student Alliance at Northwestern.

Guest pianist will be Pawel Checinski, who has collaborated with Lira for decades, and is always warmly received by both critics and audiences.

Since Lira is a company of orchestra, singers and dancers, it is in a unique position to produce an unusual concert of not only Chopin's piano, vocal and instrumental works, but also the Polish song and dance that inspired him. The concert will offer the folk and court dances that are at the root of many Chopin compositions – including a mazurka and an oberek – performed by the Lira Dancers in authentic folk garb and historically correct costumes, accompanied by the Lira Orchestra. The Lira Singers and Lira Orchestra will perform folk songs of Mazovia – the region of Poland where Chopin was born and spent his youth.

Polish Consul General Zygmunt Matynia has chosen this concert to be the occasion of presenting Poland's "Gloria Artis" award to Northwestern University's director of orchestras – Maestro Victor Yampolsky, who is the Carol and Arthur Rice Endowed Professor of Music at the Bienen School of Music at Northwestern. Professor Yampolsky volunteered and worked closely with the Consulate on Chicago celebrations of the 90th anniversary of Poland's rebirth in 1918.

American composer Norman Dello Joio visited Poland in the late 1940's where he heard the Chopin songs for the first time and was inspired to create orchestral and choral arrangements of three of them. He also provided English lyrics for the songs – his own translations. They will provide an interesting American touch for this event.

The Lira Ensemble has commissioned Chicago composer Philip Seward to create a work based on three Mazovian themes, to be premiered at the Bicentennial Concert. Please note that Seward, who is also one of Lira's two distinguished conductors, has been commissioned in the past to write works for the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

The Chopin Bicentennial Concert will be conducted by the Lira Ensemble's new, young conductor, Ruth Lin, who has already distinguished herself and won awards. Dr. Lin recently completed her doctoral degree in conducting at the Northwestern School of Music. Lira's choreographer and dance director – Iwona Puc – has set the dances to be presented.

The concert narration by Lucyna Migala, Lira's artistic director and general manager, will trace Chopin's life and career in light of Polish history during his lifetime and will discuss his passion for Poland and the masterful way he incorporated Polish folk and traditional themes into his works as a means of keeping the Polish spirit alive.

Dr. Bernard Dobroski, Professor of Music and former dean of the Bienen School of Music Northwestern University and member of the Board of Directors of the Lira Ensemble, has been instrumental in making this concert a reality. The Lira Ensemble looks forward to once again partnering with Northwestern. The company last did so in 1998, when Lira took part in the university's Polish Music Festival - the largest festival of Polish serious music in the history of the United States – which was initialed by Dr. Dobroski and took place under his leadership.

Guest pianist Pawel Checinski was born in Lodz, Poland. He received a Master of Arts degree with honors at the Chopin Music Academy in Warsaw (now the Chopin University of Music). In 1971, as a Fulbright scholar, he came to the United States to continue his studies at the Julliard School of Music, where he earned both a Master of Music degree and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree. For several years, Mr. Checinski worked extensively under the guidance of his mentor, the legendary Claudio Arrau. Checinski has been successful in numerous international competitions. His extensive performing career has spanned five continents. He has appeared as soloist with countless orchestras and in recitals. For many years Checinski was Artist-in-Residence, professor of piano, and first holder of the Norman and Freda Mesirow Chair in Music at the Chicago College of Performing Arts, Roosevelt University.

The Lira Ensemble, which is in its 44th season, is the nation's only professional performing arts company specializing in Polish music, song and dance and is artist-in-residence at Loyola University Chicago. The company's mission is to bring the best of Polish culture into American life.

The Chopin Bicentennial Concert is funded in part by the Illinois Arts Council.

Tickets for this concert are reserved only at \$45 for main floor seating and \$35 for balcony seating. Children under 16 years of age pay only half price in both price levels. Group discounts are available. Northwestern University and Loyola University students with valid I.D.'s are eligible for a deep discount. Tickets are available ONLY in the Lira office, by calling 773-508-7040, or out-of-state 1-800-542-LIRA.

Plentiful parking at Pick-Staiger is FREE and is located just south of the auditorium. For more information, including driving directions, call the Lira Ensemble at 773-508-7040 or 1-800-547-LIRA.

The D'Lustigen Holzhacker Buam Chicago, Celebrate their 86th Anniversary

The D'Lustigen Holzhacker Buam Chicago will celebrate the 86th Anniversary of their founding in 1910. Our club was founded to promote and preserve the rich traditions, costume and culture of the Bavarian and Alpine regions of Europe. For over four decades the club has maintained, and held dear these customs and pass them on to their children. We are a family oriented club and rich in heritage. We continue to promote these traditions through our dances and costume. We welcome all interested in a membership, you don't need to know how to dance, or play and instrument, just have an interest in the culture and have some fun with us!

The event will be held Saturday April 10, 2010 at:

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Skokie Art Guild Meetings

Skokie Art Guild demo/meetings are held at on the fourth Tuesday of March, April, May, June and September at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. in the Mary Radmacher room. Nonmembers are welcome.

Next Event:

Tuesday, April 27th, 7:00 PM

Catherine Cajandig - The Art of the Book

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The City of Evanston is seeking artists for its two summer arts festivals, the Ethnic Arts Festival, July 17–18, and the Lakeshore Arts Festival, Aug. 7–8. Set against the scenic backdrop of Evanston's lakefront, both festivals are held in Dawes Park, Church St. and Sheridan Road.

Artist applications for both festivals are now available online at www.cityofevanston.org/arts. For more details, call 847-448-8260.

CHICAGO CHILDREN HEAD TO SPACE THIS SUMMER

This summer, children can explore SPACE (Southport Performing Arts Conservatory) by attending the conservatory's interactive summer arts camp programs. Designed to entertain, educate and empower children, SPACE's Summer Arts Camp series introduces children to dance, music and the visual arts. Classes will be held at SPACE's two convenient Chicago locations.

SPACE offers two Summer Arts Camp sessions. Classes are two-weeks in duration and geared toward active and imaginative children ages pre-K through 5th grade. SPACE's first Summer Arts Camp program begins June 21 - July 2, 2010, with a second program beginning July 5 - July 16, 2010. Classes are offered in both morning and afternoon half-day sessions allowing parents and children added flexibility. Parents can register children for these popular Summer Arts Camp programs now through May 29, 2010, for \$390 per child and after May 31, 2010, for \$480 per child. A materials fee of \$20 is also required. Families can save \$30 off the registration fee by registering children for both sessions. For more information, call 773-463-1200 or visit www.southportarts.com

SPACE's Summer Arts Camp program provides a full array of classes designed to introduce children to the joys of dance, music and the visual arts. All classes are non-competitive and nurturing, cater to boys and girls ages Pre-K through grade 5, and are supervised by highly-trained staff members that include professional arts teachers and artists.

Chicago's SPACE is a European-style performing arts conservatory that provides instruction in music and dance. Founded in 2005, SPACE has fueled the artistic dreams and aspirations of hundreds of artists from ages pre-school through adult. SPACE provides personalized instruction for all levels of artistic ability and offers a large range of music and dance education including Suzuki instruction, traditional individual instruction and a Gifted Program.

Dedicated to expanding the beauty and love of the performing arts to students in the Chicago area, SPACE's Community Engagement Program is available to all public and private schools from Pre-k through high school. SPACE's specially designed Community Engagement Program meets the Illinois Board of Education's performing arts standards.

SPACE has two Chicago locations and is located at 1439 W. Wellington Ave., 773-880-1701, and at 3433 W. Peterson Ave., 773-463-1220. For more information about SPACE, please call either office numbers or visit the website at www.southportarts.com

CELEBRATE EASTER AND PASSOVER

Park District Hosts Egg Hunts at Local Parks

The Chicago Park District hops to it this spring by hosting dozens of egg hunts, including an egg hunt for dogs, from March 25-April 3 at parks throughout the city. Most events will feature treats, prizes, face painting, arts and crafts plus photo opportunities with the bunny. Some activities may require pre-registration due to limited space. Many programs are admission free or have nominal entrance fees. Participants should call the individual parks for additional information.

Following are a few highlights:

2010 Spring Egg-Stravaganza

Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus Dr., 312-235-7000

Saturday, March 27 8:30 – 10 a.m. Ticketed brunch in the United Club.

· Admission to the brunch is \$17.50 for adults, \$12 for children under age 10, and free for children under age 3 with a paying adult.

· Reservations are mandatory for brunch and must be made by Wednesday, March 24 by calling 312-235-7160.

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Admission-free candy grab on the field.

Before the candy grab, children will have the opportunity to brunch with the bunny and take photos at the United Club.

7th Annual Doggie Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 27 10 a.m. - Noon
Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave., 773-478-3499

Admission \$5 per dog; recommended for ages 18 and older

Activities include a hunt for treat-filled eggs, a bonnet parade, and refreshments for everyone. Photos with the bunny will be available for purchase. Dogs must be kept on a leash, and owners must stay with their dogs at all times.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 27 10 – 11 a.m.

Holstein Park, 2200 N. Oakley Ave., 312-742-7554

Admission free; recommended for ages 2-5 with an adult

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 27 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mayfair Park, 4550 W. Sunnyside Ave., 773-685-3361

Admission \$3; recommended for ages 2-10 with an adult

Lunch with the Bunny Saturday, March 27 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Kilbourn Park, 3501 N. Kilbourn Ave., 773-685-3351

Limited seating, pre-sale tickets only

Admission \$10 children, \$5 adults, includes lunch; recommended for ages 2-10 with an adult

Eggstravaganza Saturday, March 27 12 – 2 p.m.

Chase Park, 4701 N. Ashland Ave., 312-742-7518

Admission free; recommended for ages 8 and under with an adult

Co-sponsored by the Chase Park Advisory Council and the Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce.

Lunch with the Bunny Saturday, March 27 12 - 2 p.m.

Mayfair Park, 4550 W. Sunnyside Ave., 773-685-3361

Admission \$7 for children; \$5 for adults, includes lunch; recommended for ages 2-10 with an adult; space is limited; pre-sale tickets available

Easter Egg Hunt Friday, April 2 10 a.m.

White (Willye B.) Park, 1610 W. Howard St., 773-262-5051

Admission \$4; recommended ages 5 and under with an adult; register by April 1

Easter Egg Hunt Friday, April 2 10 – 11:30 a.m.

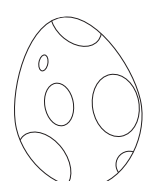
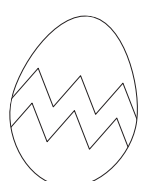
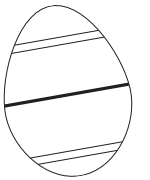
Brands Park, 3259 N. Elston Ave., 773-478-2414

Admission free, recommended for ages 6 and under with an adult

Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3 11-11:30 a.m.

Loyola Park, 1230 W. Greenleaf Ave., 773-262-8605

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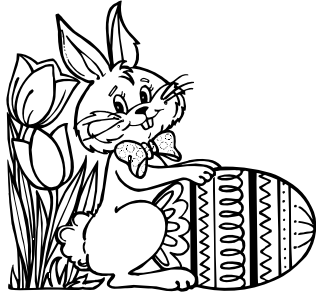
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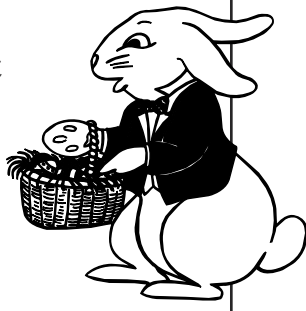
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Holy Week and Easter Schedules

Palm Sunday – March 28, 2010

5:00pm (Sat), 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 12:30pm (Polish)

Tenebrae Service March 28 at 4pm

Holy Thursday – April 1, 2010

at 7:00pm

Good Friday – April 2, 2010

Good Friday Stations

English - 3:00pm, Polish - 4:00pm

Veneration of the Cross at 7:00pm

Holy Saturday – April 3, 2010

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

Noon & 1:00pm

(Bi-lingual – English/Polish)

Easter Vigil - 7:00pm

Easter Sunday – April 4, 2010

6:00am (Polish), 8:00am,

9:30am, 11:00am,

12:30pm (Polish)

Easter Monday – April 5, 2010

7:00pm Mass (Polish)



CELEBRATE EASTER AND PASSOVER

Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

by Rev. Francis S. Rog, C.R. St Hyacinth Basilica Parish

Our deepest and most powerful impulses of LOVE must spring from this day -- "This is the day the Lord has risen." This season inspires a new beginning -- above and beyond that love already expressed -- to accept God's invitation, to identify ourselves with Christ, to offer "love for love" as we "live, die and rise with Him."

This Alleluia is the wonder in ordinary living with which we bring freshness and beauty in the lives we share with each other.

This alleluia is the mystery and marvel of redemption in our daily sore spots and pains of life.

This Alleluia is the newness of healing, of being filled up again with genuine understanding, with the extension of PEACE.

This Alleluia is a challenge to listen to another's needs as we die to our own ... to reach out to the sick and aged, to the lonely, to those who need understanding, and to the young...

to help each person understand whom God made him to be and help him to be that person.

This Alleluia is a challenge to take time and to be thoughtful.

This Alleluia is the powerful sign that we are His disciples because we love each other.

This alleluia must bring with itself the experience of support, encouragement, renewed strength and life that a believing community is to bring.

This Alleluia must be the conviction that each person in our communion of faithful is needed and valued.

At this Paschal celebration may we again plant the seed: life through death --

an excitement for what is ours today and tomorrow, and the day after, to build. May our Alleluia echo Hope... Promise... Joy... a fuller and more blessed life!

EASTER!

We began Lent as people on a mission in winter's darkness. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we joined the journey with Christ to Easter. We awake this morning to the good news of RESURRECTION, to sunshine and flowers, alleluias and blessings, and an affirmation that suffering and death will be destroyed. Healing and eternal life will be ours at last!

This is the day the Lord has made for breaking fasts, for hunting eggs, for exuberant hospitality. Feast the family and friends with the food blessed for this day. CHRIST IS TRULY RISEN!

SPRINKLING RITES

Easter rejoicing lasts 50 days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. People have always mingled the renewal of spring with celebrations of the resurrection.

In many parts of Europe - especially Poland - the boys and girls (men and women) "christen" each other with holy water and exchange Easter eggs on alternate days following the feast. While holy water might be used, regular tap water mixed with some perfume (scent) to "christen" an unsuspecting friend or member of the household. Some may add: "May you never wither!"

The Celebration of Passover

The Jewish holiday of Passover begins this year on Monday evening March 29 at sundown and runs through sundown on Tuesday, April 6. Passover celebrates the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and the beginnings of the Jewish people over 3,000 years ago.

Due to their hasty departure from Egypt, the Israelites did not have enough time to fully bake their bread. Therefore, the Torah commands Jews not to eat any bread products during these eight days, and instead to eat matzah, or unleavened bread ("leavening" includes yeast and other products which may cause bread to rise). Matzah also symbolizes the bread of affliction that the Israelites ate as slaves.

The story of the exodus from Egypt is told each year on the first two nights of Passover at the Seder, a festive dinner which includes rituals that stimulate all the senses. The Seder is designed to fulfill the commandment that each participant should feel as if he or she had been in Egypt, able to taste the bitterness of slavery and the sweetness of freedom. The Haggadah (literally "the telling"), is the book that is used at the Seder, and relates the story of Passover.

During the Seder, there are a number of symbolic foods placed on the Seder plate in the center of the table. The meaning of each symbol is explained as the Haggadah is read. The roasted shankbone is a reminder of the Paschal lamb which was offered at the time of the Exodus. Maror (bitter herbs) recalls the bitter suffering of the slaves. Charoset is a mix of apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine looking like mortar used by the slaves to make bricks. Karpas (parsley) dipped in salt water symbolizes spring and the tears shed by the slaves. A roasted egg reminds us of the coming of spring and hope for the future.

By Jeremy Barewin, CJE SeniorLife

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Palm Sunday March 28

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Penance Service 8:30 am,
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Holy Saturday April 3 8:30 pm

Easter Vigil
Blessing of Food Baskets
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Holy Thursday April 1

Penance Service 8:30 am, 9:00 pm
Celebration of the
Lord's Supper 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Celebration of the
Resurrection of the Lord
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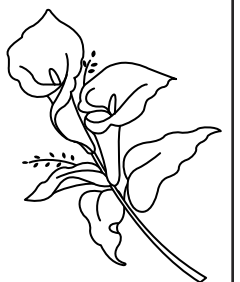
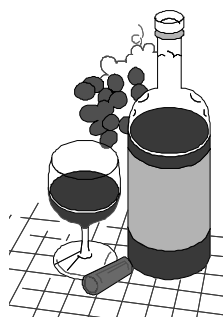
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The Easter Howliday will soon be here and we dogs are again neglected. The Easter Bunny delivers a goodie basket to all the small humans, who do they think lets him in? Without us dogs our humans would miss out on a lot. Instead the Bunny is celebrated 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 happen 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!

Bosley



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



Anti-Cruelty Society

For more info on The Anti-Cruelty Society and our adoption process, please visit our website www.anticruelty.org or call (312) 644-8338.



Malee is a very pretty 8-year old torbie! She has all the beautiful coloring of a gorgeous tortie and the subtle striping of a wonderful tabby. Malee is a quiet and calm girl who came to the shelter when her owner was moving and couldn't take her along. Malee is a bit on the shy side and only recently arrived in the adoption room. She is still getting acclimated to her new surroundings and all the changes in her life. If you come to visit, you may be asked to visit Malee at her cage as there is where she feels safest right now. Once settled in her new home, Malee is sure to relax and will be a very special friend and loving companion. Won't you come and meet Malee? She is patiently waiting for you at The Anti-Cruelty Society, just ask for #9965132. Malee is ready to go to her new home today!

Devo is a 2-year old brown Cocker Spaniel who came to the shelter because his previous owner was moving and couldn't take him along. He is a bit uncomfortable in the shelter environment and takes a while to relax with new people ... although when food or a special treat is introduced, he does relax and warms to his visitors. Devo has had minimal training (but he is house-trained!), he will sit on command and he knows to accept his treats gently, so additional obedience training would be helpful. He should do best in an all-adult home and preferably with people familiar with the Cocker Spaniel breed. Devo is waiting right now for his new family at The Anti-Cruelty Society. Visit him today and ask for #9964314. Already altered, Devo is ready for his new home immediately!



GREAT OUTDOORS

Urban Wildlife Coalition:

City Hires Company for Coyote Control Program

WHEATON, Ill. – The City of Wheaton retained the services of On Target ADC of DeKalb, Ill., for the purpose of conducting coyote control activities.

On Target ADC will be performing an inspection and assessment of the City's coyote population. Based upon that inspection and assessment, the consultant will implement a coyote control program aimed at removing diseased coyotes as well as coyotes that have been exhibiting aggressive behavior. On Target ADC will perform its activities in compliance with all federal, state and local regulations.

Killing Coyote – Update from Wheaton

Following a coyote attack on an unleashed dog, several weeks ago the Wheaton City Council voted to hire a trapper to destroy coyotes in the area. The decision stirred debate in Wheaton and around the region, with hundreds attending recent City Council meetings.

Four coyotes were spotted via strategic video surveillance; trapped with leg traps, a method now banned in 88 countries and in several states and opposed by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the World Veterinary Association, and the American Animal Hospital Association; and were shot. According to trapper Rob Erickson of On Target, A.D.C., all four animals showed evidence of scarcoptic mange, an infestation of mites, and a necropsy revealed pet and human food in the coyotes' stomachs, leading Erickson to believe that people were feeding the coyotes.

Wheaton has halted further killing – for now. Traps have been removed and the suburb is in "wait-see" mode. Video monitoring will continue. If additional habituation behavior is observed (coyotes fearlessly approaching people) or if more coyotes with mange are detected, the City Council may opt to continue the cull.

Coexisting with Coyotes

Throughout history, coyotes have been hunted, trapped, and poisoned, yet these highly intelligent animals have managed to thrive, despite human efforts to erase them from the planet. It is no surprise that in the face of such antagonism, coyotes will avoid human beings if food sources and shelter are otherwise available. Yet, with urban development and habitat destruction, coyotes are forced into neighborhoods in an effort to survive.

Tips for keeping coyotes away.

Sounds simplistic, but when we stop destroying coyotes' natural habitat, they will be more likely to stay out of human-populated areas.

While coyote attacks on pets are infrequent, if you live in an area where coyote populations are high and you are concerned, keep small pets attended and on a leash.

Remove outdoor food sources: feed pets indoors and tightly secure garbage cans (or keep them in the garage until garbage pick-up days).

Since coyotes usually cannot climb higher than six feet, install a tall fence (with a row of rocks buried to prevent digging).

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Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured urban wildlife. 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 us at urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com.

Community Celebrated Groundbreaking at Chase Park

Alderman Gene Schuler (47), the Chicago Park District, and the Chase Park Advisory Council will celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Welles Park Play Lot on Saturday, March 20. Members of the Ravenswood community have worked collaboratively for the past three years to raise funds for the development of a new play lot in Chase Park. Fundraising projects have included productions of the Midnight Circus and the creation of The Raven, the 47th Ward's newest street fest.

"The new play lot is going to be an incredible asset to the families of the 47th Ward," states Alderman Schuler. "I'm really proud of the hard work of the Chase Park Advisory Council in raising the funds required to get this project started."

This project is a part of Alderman Schuler's goal to redevelop all of the play lots located in the 47th Ward. New play lots have already been completed at both Winnemac Park and Revere Park. A new play lot at Welles Park is currently under construction. With the help of local elected officials, Alderman Schuler is working to ensure that local families will have clean, safe, and well equipped play lots for their children to enjoy.



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City Introduces New License Category

Alderman Gene Schuler (47) is introducing an amendment to the Municipal Code of Chicago during the March 10th meeting of the Chicago City Council to create a new business license category for businesses catering to children's activities. By amending Chapter 4-5 of the Municipal Code, children's activity facilities will have separate requirements than general public places of amusement to include further safety precautions and more affordable licensing fees.

"We really need to streamline the process for entrepreneurs looking to create businesses that cater to children's activities," notes Schuler. "This is a growing niche that isn't best covered by the current public places of amusement ordinances."

The license fee for a children's activity facility will be \$500 every two years. This cost is more affordable than traditional public places of amusement licenses. In addition, the new license allows for a retail food license so that the businesses can serve food and beverages during children's events.

Requirements for the new license category will help ensure the safety of children using the facilities. In addition to the standard building and fire inspections, the children's activity facility license will include background checks for both the applicants and facility managers.

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DISCOVER YOUR SUMMER ENCOUR- AGES YOUTH TO PURSUE SCIENCE

Project Exploration has released Discover Your Summer 2010, our fourth annual guide to summer science opportunities for middle and high school students. This year's guide is being distributed to nearly 10,000 students around the Chicagoland area. Nearly 200 summer camps, workshops, and other science programs from across the Midwest and the nation are highlighted in the guide. Discover Your Summer also offers guidance on completing applications and preparing for interviews.

Programs in Discover Your Summer 2010 range from daytime classes at museums to weeklong residential camps at universities. Topics cover the full array of science and mathematics, from aerospace engineering to zoology. Programs which are free or offer paid opportunities are highlighted in a special index.

Discover Your Summer is available for free. The searchable database can be found at www.projectexploration.org/dys, and print copies can be obtained by calling 773-834-3714 or by emailing ljansen@projectexploration.org.

GUERIN PREP HIGH SCHOOL SELLS PROPERTY TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Guerin College Preparatory High School has sold four acres of the former Holy Cross campus to the Archdiocese of Chicago for \$3,750,000.

Guerin Prep will be able to use the four-acre site through January 2014 at minimum rent under the terms of a lease with the archdiocese. The school has an option to purchase the four-acre site back from the archdiocese during the term of the lease.

The four acres do not include any of the Holy Cross campus currently in use by Guerin Prep. The school retains the other 10 acres of the Holy Cross campus, including the Holy Cross gym, primarily for use as athletic facilities.

The significant infusion of cash from the sale will enable Guerin Prep to re-energize its efforts to fund a long-range plan adopted by its board of directors in 2007. The plan calls for the enhancement and expansion of the four core components of Guerin Prep's mission— academics, athletics, arts and financial aid.

The sale also makes it possible for the school to announce a tuition freeze for the 2010-2011 school year.

"We had always planned on selling a parcel of the Holy Cross property as the centerpiece of funding a master plan designed to enhance the future of Guerin Prep as a co-educational institution," explained Terry Malik, president of Guerin Prep. "The sale plus the completion of a \$2.5 million capital campaign will strengthen our mission to provide college- prep education to an academically diverse population of students—that's our unique mission."

"We are grateful to the Archdiocese of Chicago for having faith in that mission. They told us that our plan to redefine college preparatory education was what sold them on buying the property. Our aim is to ensure that every student we accept is ready to attend college, not just the traditional college prep student. We have designed three programs to accomplish this: the Providence Program, which is the core college-prep curriculum; the Nolan Scholars Program that ensures both honors and AP classes, plus a vast array of enrichment opportunities; and the Sullivan Program, an individualized program of study to address academic and learning deficiencies with the goal of overcoming those deficiencies to the extent necessary to assure the program's students are admitted to college."

"I am grateful that together we have found a way to fund Guerin Prep's unique mission for young men and women," said Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago.

He continued, "By redefining 'college prep' to include students who might not otherwise be academically prepared to go on to higher education, Guerin Prep is giving hope and assuring self-sufficiency to a generation of God's children. I am confident that the excellent educational opportunities that have been provided to young men and women at the corner of 80th and Belmont for almost 50 years will continue in the years to come."

"The archdiocese's faith in us puts us on firm financial footing and will enable us to make important improvements to our campus, to our facilities and to our academic programs as well as provide additional opportunities for financial aid," Malik said.

Malik reported that thanks to the initial efforts of the capital campaign, projects outlined in the master plan have already begun. "We've installed a wireless infrastructure in the building enabling a one-to-one computing environment. For the first time this school year, all our students use a laptop computer on a daily basis in the classroom," said Malik. "An additional \$100,000 also has been earmarked for financial aid of students."

With the proceeds of the sale and continued fund-raising efforts, the school plans some immediate upgrades:

Refurbished classrooms and science lab enhancements

Holy Cross gymnasium renovations and surrounding campus improvements

Auditorium renewal including a new sound system.

These are in addition to the tuition freeze announced for the 2010-11 school year.

Guerin Prep purchased 14 acres of the former Holy Cross High Property, including the school building, located at 3000 N. 80th Ave., the Brother's residence, located to the east of the school, and the athletic fields from the Brothers of Holy Cross of South Bend, Ind., in April 2005. The total Guerin Prep campus before the sale to the Archdiocese consists of 22.73 acres of land.

Guerin Prep was founded as Mother Theodore Guerin High School, an all-girls school in 1962, and changed its name and its mission to co-education in 2004 at the request of the Archdiocese of Chicago. This enabled students to enroll from the adjacent, all-boys Holy

Cross High School, which announced that it was closing at that time, and preserved the 40-year bond between neighboring institutions. Guerin Prep proudly claims both Mother Theodore Guerin and Holy Cross high schools as its foundation schools. Visit www.guerinprep.org. Guerin Prep is sponsored by the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind.

Currently, the school has an enrollment of 610 students.

German Greeters Needed

The City of Chicago needs German speaking greeters. Chicagoans can show off their neighborhood pride and give back to the community. Greeters are encouraged to personalize visits with their own experiences (bring them to DANK!), taking guests across the city, demonstrating its walkability and the user-friendliness of its public trans system. Ideal greeters are friendly and knowledgeable about the city. Basic training is provided. Visits are generally between 10a, and 4pm. The Chicago Greeter program requests a commitment of at least 6 visits per year.

Volunteer Applications Available

Volunteer applications are now being accepted!

Get involved, meet people that share your affinity for German culture.

Opportunities range from museum docent to cook to greeter to office assistance to terrace watch to library work to beer pouring. And dare we dream - the trades: plumbing, carpentry, electricity - anything to keep 70,000 sqft in tip top shape. Spring is coming - get out of your house and into the DANK Haus

Maifest Fundraiser

That bar doesn't build itself. German engineering will one day prevail but till then... It takes over 250 people 3 days to raise about \$100k of direct support for German cultural programming and service. And? It is beyond fun! So fun, volunteer shifts filled up last year and some people missed out.

Sign up today to secure your place cutting cake, pouring beer, and dragging it all back to the DANK Haus till the next year.

CJE SENIORLIFE RECEIVES WALMART FOUNDATION GRANT TO MEALS ON WHEELS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA TO HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED

CJE SeniorLife's Home Delivered Meals program has been awarded \$12,431 through a Walmart Foundation grant to the Meals On Wheels Association of America (MOWAA). The money will provide CJE with much-needed improvements to food heating and other kitchen equipment, as well as repairs and safety upgrades to delivery vehicles, which is critical to continue serving older adults who rely on CJE for kosher meals on a daily basis.

This financial support is desperately needed as many Meals On Wheels programs across the country are struggling to survive during this economic downturn. The "Walmart Foundation Impact Grant" is intended to help CJE continue to meet the long term equipment needs of providing meals to seniors in the city of Chicago and the north and northwest suburbs.

Last year, many Meals On Wheels programs were forced to change or reduce their services, but the Walmart Foundation stepped in to help restore those meals. This year, the Walmart Foundation is spending more than \$2 million nationwide to make sure Meals On Wheels programs have the equipment they need to maintain their operations into the future.

"Seniors have been hit especially hard in this economy and we feel a responsibility to help," said Margaret McKenna, president of the Walmart Foundation. "We're proud to support Meals on Wheels programs across the U.S. who work on the front lines of ending senior hunger."

"Thanks to the Walmart Foundation Impact Grant, we now have better tools to keep feeding seniors for the foreseeable future," said Ted Starcevic, manager of CJE's Home Delivered Meals program. "This grant will help us to continue to efficiently provide meals to our many clients in need and will truly make a difference for the seniors in our community."

"The Walmart Foundation has once again stepped up to the plate as a powerful partner in the fight to end senior hunger," said Enid Borden, president and CEO of MOWAA. "They are our largest corporate partner to date and their support will make a tremendous impact in helping our programs sustain meal services well into the future. We can't thank the Walmart Foundation enough for joining us in our national movement to end senior hunger in America by 2020."

Late last year MOWAA released a groundbreaking study revealing six million seniors in America face the risk of hunger. The report, entitled, "Senior Hunger in the United States: Differences across States and Rural and Urban Areas" was sponsored by MOWAA and shows that the number of seniors facing the hunger risk jumped an astonishing 20 percent in just one year. The Walmart Impact Grant Program is intended to help combat the problem of senior hunger.

City Sticker & Residential Zone Permit Parking Stickers

Alderman Stone will again be hosting a local City Sticker, & Residential Zone Permit Renewal Day at his 50th Ward office

Residential Parking Permits for parking your B-Plate Truck or your Taxi by your home will also be available on that day, at 6199 N Lincoln Avenue - 2nd Floor (Elevator Available) Chicago, IL 60659

ONE DAY ONLY Tuesday June 15, 2010 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

(City Stickers and Residential Zone Permit Parking Stickers are no longer available at the Secretary of State on Elston Ave.)

During sticker renewal season June 1st - July 15th (Only) they are also available at 5430 W. Gale St. (Former 16th District Police Station)

Business Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Wednesday from 8 am - 7 pm. Saturday Hours 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

During sticker renewal season June 1st - July 15th (Only) and at City Hall, 121 N LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60602 and by mail, & at currency exchanges.

Late Fees Apply after July 15, 2010

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"

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Lorraine Heinichen Memorial Book Review. Apr. 2, 10:30 a.m. Suzanne Hales reviews "The Longest Trip Home" by John Grogan. Program preceded by 10 a.m. coffee time.

Morning Matinees. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Apr. 1: "A Serious Man."; Apr. 8: "Sherlock Holmes."

Friday Films shown weekly at 1 p.m. Apr. 2: "Adam."; Apr. 9: "The Time Traveler's Wife."

Humanities Treasures. This free discussion group meets Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. at the Lincolnwood Library to explore current events and selected readings. Humanities Treasures is affiliated with the Oakton Community College Emeritus Program.

English as a Second Language Class. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. through May. Free weekly class for adults who want to learn to speak English. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call (847) 635-1426 for more information.

Literacy Class. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to improve reading, writing, and math skills. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call (847) 635-1426.

Knitting for Adults. Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Adults can learn to knit or work on knitting projects. All skill levels welcome.

The Friends of Library meet the third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

The Adult Stamp Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

The Mac Users Club meets the second Thursday of each month, 7-9 p.m.

Afterschool Café. Mondays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Students of all ages can buy a snack and relax before tackling homework.

Acting Class. Mondays through April 12, 2 p.m. Games, skits, bit parts and more "acting out" for students in 3rd-5th grade, directed by Debbi Brodsky. Possible show in April. Register with Lincolnwood Library's Youth Services Department, 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Beginning with Books. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Spring session begins Apr. 7. Stories, songs, and activities for infants to 2-year-olds and a caregiver. Families are welcome to stay for Playtime program that follows. Register with Lincolnwood Library's Youth Services Department: 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Playtime at the Library. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Spring session begins Apr. 7. A friendly, social time for young children, ages 3 and under, and their caregivers. Toys and snacks are provided for the children.

Stories & More. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Spring session begins Apr. 6. Children ages 3-5 enjoy language-rich activities including fingerplays, songs, and crafts during each 45-minute session. Siblings welcome. Register for morning or afternoon session with Lincolnwood Library's Youth Services Department: 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Family Storytime. Apr. 8, 7 p.m. Feel free to wear your pajamas to the library for "Move with Me," a storytime filled with movement, music and fun.

Monday Movies. Films for children on early release Mondays after school, 3:30 p.m.

Knitting for All Ages. Fridays, 3:30-5 p.m. Adults and children, ages 10 and up, can learn to knit or work on a project.

When Father Time Catches Up With Our Parents



Chester M. Przybylo

We all expect it to happen eventually—our parents getting older. Not just older chronologically, but physically and mentally older as well. It's a difficult and sometimes painful process to realize that our parents are in fact aging. With each passing year, your parents, too, may be showing more obvious signs of time gone by. Even the spryest of spry eventually start to slow down and need more help than they did before.

Sometimes it happens slowly and you have time to adjust to your new reversed role as the caregiver.

When you visit, you notice they are not keeping up with their normal routines, they may need more help around the house, or help managing their checkbook and bills. And other times, the caregiver role reversal is thrust upon you suddenly and unexpectedly due to an illness or accident which can cause much stress and concern for your parents' well being. When these turns of events happen, there may also come a time when your parents will need more care than you can provide on your own. They may need in-home care, an assisted living facility, or even a nursing home. The good news is you can help them plan now for these eventual needs and help them prepare for this next stage in life when the time comes.

Set up an appointment for them to meet with a qualified estate planning attorney, one who focuses their practice in that area. That attorney can help your parents with a comprehensive estate plan, including a Revocable Living Trust, Pourover Will, Financial Power of Attorney, Health Care Power of Attorney, and "HIPAA" Authorization Form.

A Revocable Living Trust will hold your parents property and facilitate your management, as successor Trustee, of that property in the event of their disability. Similarly, as "Agent" under your parents' Financial Powers of Attorney, you can manage any assets which are outside their Trust, file their income tax return, etc. Their Trust and Financial Power of Attorney should contain "Medicaid triggers" which allow you, as their decision-maker, to engage in planning strategies which will enable them to qualify for Long-Term Care Medicaid for nursing home care. That way, their assets may not have to be exhausted on medical bills and nursing home costs and can be retained instead to provide them a better life.

Health Care Powers of Attorney enable you, as their Agent, to make medical decisions for them if they are unable to make them for themselves. A Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act or "HIPAA" Authorization Form allows for you and others to have access to your parents' protected health care information, when needed.

If the time comes that one of your parents need care in a nursing home, you'll have the tools you need to help facilitate that. At that time, of course, you'll want to choose a facility carefully. Consider the following factors: proximity to you and other family members, the ratio of nursing staff to residents, the facility's safety and overall ratings, etc. You can find a listing of nursing homes in your area and their ratings and ratios at: www.Medicare.gov/NHcompare.

If you plan now, you and your parents will be ready whatever the future might bring. A qualified estate planning attorney can help tailor a plan to your parents' unique needs.

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. For more information or to attend an upcoming seminar, call (773) 631-2525.

Social Security to Provide Helpful Health Care Information to Over 3 Million Disability Applicants Each Year

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, announced the agency is providing helpful health care information and website links to the more than three million individuals who apply each year for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits. The website links take disability applicants to two U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) websites – www.healthfinder.gov where they will find information and tools to help them better understand and cope with their conditions; and www.healthfinder.gov/rxdrug where they may be able to get help paying for prescription drugs.

"This year over three million Americans will apply for disability benefits. Whether they meet the statutory test and qualify for benefits or not, almost all of them are facing difficult economic and medical challenges. One of the advantages of our fully electronic system is that our notices can provide applicants with valuable information provided by HHS that might help them make good choices faster," Commissioner Astrue said. "Twenty five years ago, I had the experience of filing for disability benefits on behalf of my seriously ill father. It would have been a blessing to have had easy access to this kind of important information."

The website at www.healthfinder.gov provides detailed information about specific diseases. For example, an applicant with breast cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, or other diseases can go to the site to gather information about diagnosis, symptoms, treatment, ongoing research, and local resources available to people with those diseases. The website at www.healthfinder.gov/rxdrug links people to the Partnership for Prescription Assistance, which directs people to information on reduced cost or free prescription drugs offered by drug companies, state and local governments, and local organizations.

The helpful health care links also are available on Social Security's website at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability.

FAST FACTS ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

When you think of Social Security, you probably think about a monthly payment for retired and disabled workers. But Social Security has a rich history full of interesting facts. The program has been around for almost 75 years, so there has been ample time to put together a list of fun facts and figures. Here are a few. Social Security paid benefits to about 55.8 million people in 2008. Fifty-six percent of adult beneficiaries were women.

Here is some trivia about wages over the past few years. In 2007, the average annual wage was \$40,405. In 2008, it went up to \$41,679 (estimated). And in 2009, the average wage was \$42,041 (estimated). Looking at the average wages, it's plain to see how easy it is to reach your full Social Security credit each year. For example, in 2009, a wage-earner needed to earn and pay taxes on \$4,360 of wages to earn the full four credits of Social Security coverage for the year.

When you retire, you'll fully appreciate just how useful Social Security can be. In 2007, 88 percent of married couples and 86 percent of single people aged 65 or older received Social Security benefits. Social Security was the major source of income (providing at least 50 percent of total income) for 53 percent of aged beneficiary couples and 73 percent of aged single beneficiaries. Social Security made up 90 percent or more of income for 21 percent of aged beneficiary couples and 44 percent of aged single beneficiaries.

New benefits were approved for about 5.1 million people in 2008. Of these new beneficiaries, 44 percent were retired workers and 17 percent were disabled workers. The remaining 39 percent were survivors or the spouses and children of retired or disabled workers.

Then there's Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a program that provides income to needy people aged 65 or older, or who are blind or disabled. Payments under SSI began in January 1974, with 3.2 million people receiving federally administered payments. As of December 2008, the number of recipients was 7.5 million. Of this total, 4.3 million were between the ages of 18 and 64, 2 million were aged 65 or older, and 1.2 million were under age 18. To learn more, read our online publication *Fast Facts & Figures About Social Security, 2009* at www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/chartbooks/fast_facts.

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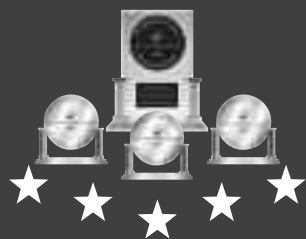
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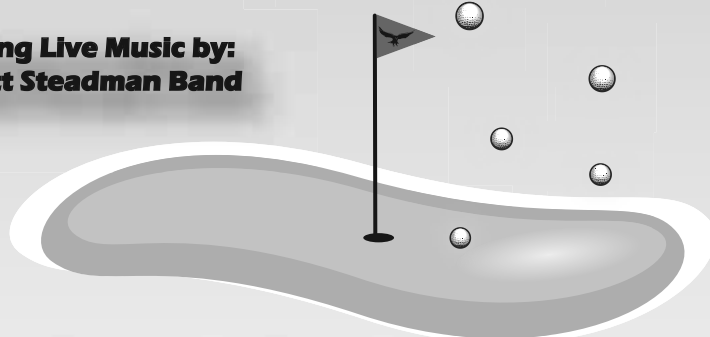
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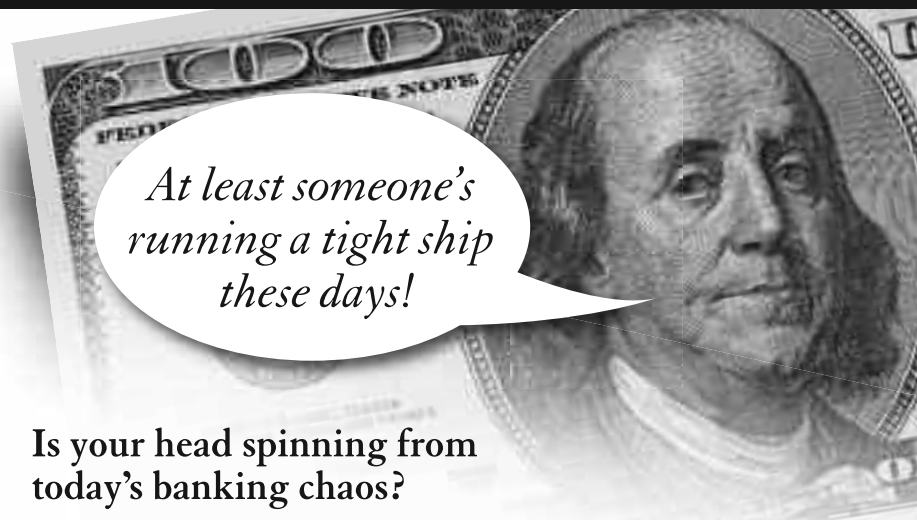
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