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On Easter Sunday, Anastasios Andritsakis of Niles, and his family, enjoyed his home cooked specialty for their annual Easter Feast of Roast Lamb in the true Greek Tradition.

Kids & Kites: Gonna Fly Now

We'll provide the kites, Chicago will provide the wind, all you need to do is plan on attending Mayor Daley's Kids and Kites Festival, May 7 on Cricket Hill in Lincoln Park at Montrose. This year's event is presented by Cricket Wireless and will once again include free kite kits for kids to make, decorate and fly as well as professional kite flyers demonstrating their talents.

Strolling entertainment that includes still walkers and face painters add to the fun as well as a day-long musical soundtrack courtesy of 93.9 LITE-FM. Hours are 10am-4pm and it's all free.

For more information phone: 312-744-3315

web: <http://www.explorechicago.org/specialevents>



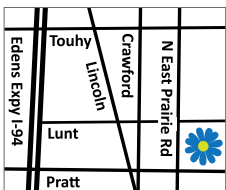
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Happy Mother's Day

Celebrate Armed Forces Day
Saturday May 21 (See page 3)

Do You Know A Hero?

The United States Air Force Thunderbirds, headliners of the 2011 Chicago Air and Water Show, are looking for nominees to be considered for a ride in an F-16 with the famed jet team while they are in Chicago during the August event.

In 2009, Brian Otto, a member of the Chicago Fire Department's dive team was selected the first Hometown Hero.

With the help of the Chicago Air and Water Show and WBBM Newsradio 780, the Thunderbirds are seeking a "Hometown Hero" who has displayed the same effort and sacrifice put forth by American's Airmen every day.

Nominations begin Monday, April 11 at noon and end Friday, May 6 at noon.

Nominees will have to meet specific requirements set by the United States Air Force to be eligible to fly. "Heroic" efforts should be described in an essay about why the nominee would be the perfect Hometown Hero and must be verifiable.

Nominees can only be submitted on-line at www.cbschicago.com

Official contest rules should be read before nominating.

For more information on the Show visit the Chicago Air and Water website or call the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events at 312.744.3316.

The Chicago Air and Water Show is August 20 and 21 at North Ave. Beach.

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Resurrection Medical Group Welcomes Established Physician in Otolaryngology Medicine

Mathew Pogodzinski, MD, an otolaryngologist who is fluent in both English and Polish, is the newest doctor to join Resurrection Medical Group in Evanston and Chicago.

Dr. Pogodzinski earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class. He completed his residency in otolaryngology at the Mayo Clinic, serving as an instructor and Chief Resident Associate in his last year. He is on the medical staffs of Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, Chicago and Saint Francis Hospital, Evanston.

"My goal is to provide the most appropriate care for my patients, working closely with them to develop comprehensive individual treatment plans tailored to meet their needs and requirements," said Dr. Pogodzinski.

A humanitarian, Dr. Pogodzinski has participated in 17 medical missions, and in his spare time he competes in local marathons and triathlons.

Dr. Pogodzinski has two locations: 800 Austin St., Ste. 363, East Tower, Evanston, IL 60202 and 5308 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60641. Patients can call 773/427-8114 to schedule an appointment.

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES ASTHMA AND EMPHYSEMA TESTING

The Polish National Alliance is pleased to announce that the May Health and Wellness Seminar will feature a Asthma and Emphysema Testine at the Home Office Building at 6100 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

There will also screenings in the lower level (cafeteria) for spirometry (breathing testing), blood oxygen levels, Alpha 1 antitrypsin testing, EKG, BMI, glucose, cholesterol, body fat composition and blood pressure testing. The take charge of you health program is free to everyone in the community. The screenings will done by the TTI Medical training.

Lectures beginning at 11:00 will feature Anna Szpindor, MD, Marta Batus, MD, Dorothy Anasinski, DDS, and Grazyna Telichowski, RRT. Their topics will cover the featured topics of Asthma and Emphysema.

Reservations are required for the spirometry and smoking cessation. To make an reservation time, please call 1-773-286-0500 ext. 380, other test do not require reservations. Refreshments will be served.

Additional details could be found on the PNA website: www.pna-znp.org

The Polish National Alliance is the largest Polish Fraternal Ethnic Insurance Organization since 1880.

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers May Health Programs

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

The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, May 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center A. 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 and the Outpatient Diabetes Program, call 773-794-8329.

Prostate cancer screenings will be given Tuesday, May 10, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. This screening for adult males includes a blood draw for a PSA (prostate specific antigen) level. Results will be mailed. There is a \$20 fee. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Thursday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, May 13, 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. A tour of the Resurrection Retirement Center will be given and transportation will be provided. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free lecture titled "**Treatment Options for Multiple Sclerosis**" will be given Wednesday, May 18, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Neurologist Shilpa Tilwalli, M.D., will discuss signs, symptoms and treatment options for multiple sclerosis, a debilitating disease that affects the brain and central nervous system, causing reduced or lost bodily function. Free medical education literature will be provided. A light dinner will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free lecture titled "**Exercise to Help Prevent Strokes**" will be offered Thursday, May 19, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Physical therapist Carrie Stalec will discuss stroke signs and symptoms and offer exercise tips to help prevent strokes. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group** will meet Wednesday, May 25, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. This free monthly support group is for anyone with or has a loved one with a pacemaker or internal cardiac defibrillator (ICD). Cardiology Services Department staff will conduct the sessions and answer pacemaker or defibrillator-related questions. Sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free informational session about **bariatric surgery** will be held Wednesday, May 25, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bariatric surgeons Alexandra Roginsky, M.D., and Stoyan Kokocharov, M.D., will discuss the benefits of bariatric surgery for obese individuals. They will explain available procedures as well as eligibility requirements and will answer questions. For this event only, register by calling VIP-RHC-THIN (847-742-8446).

The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, May 26, 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 parking is available in the hospital's parking facility on Addison Street.

Evanston's 3-1-1 Call Center

The City of Evanston's 3-1-1 call center is now available on all home, business and cellular carriers in Evanston with two exceptions: AT&T U-Verse and CLEAR. These carriers are unable to connect 3-1-1 with their phone service. Residents using these companies must dial 847-448-4311 to reach the 3-1-1 call center. AT&T U-Verse customers should have 3-1-1 access in the Fourth Quarter of 2011. No date is available for those who use CLEAR's data service for telephone service.

Know Your Neighbor, Know Your Community

Help build a strong, caring community by opening your home for a neighborhood coffee gathering during the Know Your Neighbor, Know Your Community (KYN) program being held from May 2 through June 30, 2011. The program will kick-off at the May 1, 2011 Community Potluck held at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, from 5 to 7 p.m.

All KYN hosts will receive a host 'kit' that includes invitations, maps of Skokie and the world, name tags, conversation starters and a coupon redeemable for a free coffee cake (Kosher or traditional) to serve at their coffee. The Village held KYN programs in October 2008 and May 2010, and over 100 resident hosts opened their homes to thousands of their Skokie neighbors and friends.

This year, Mayor Van Dusen, Village Clerk Marlene Williams and Trustees Michele Bromberg, Michael Lorge, Donald Perille, Randall Roberts, Pramod Shah and Edie Sue Sutker, along with one of the Village's senior management team members, will attend coffees scheduled for Tuesday or Thursday evenings or Sunday afternoon. When hosts register with the Village, they can decide if they would like the Village officials to attend their coffee event for an hour or so to meet residents and answer questions about the Village.

A wrap-up thank you coffee for all hosts will be held at the new Skokie Police Headquarters, 7300 Niles Center Road on July 11, 2011 at 7 p.m.

To register as a host, please email info@skokie.org or call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257 by April 22, 2011.

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EVANSTON150 AND EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOST NIGHT OF IDEAS

The Evanston150 Steering Committee and the Evanston Public Library invite members of the Evanston community to take part in Night of Ideas, an evening of brainstorming to generate big ideas for Evanston's future on Thursday, May 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Evanston Public Library, located at 1703 Orrington Avenue. The event will include live music, visioning activities for children and teens, and prize giveaways.

Night of Ideas is part of Evanston150, a community-wide grassroots effort to engage community members in brainstorming ideas that would make the city a better place to live, work, and play. The goal is to collect at least 2,013 ideas by midnight on July 31, 2011. The ideas will then be narrowed down to 100 by a volunteer selection jury, and voted on by the community in mid-October to determine the top 30 ideas. The selection jury will then choose the final 10 ideas to be announced on November 10, 2011. The Evanston150 Steering Committee hopes to see many of the ideas underway or completed by 2013, the 150th anniversary of Evanston's incorporation.

Evanston150 Steering Committee member Marybeth Schroeder says, "We want to create a fun atmosphere and provide an opportunity for individuals who might not be members of organizations to come together and form ad hoc brainstorming groups. Individual ideas are welcome, and being collected through the evanston150.org website, but one of the goals of this initiative is to bring community members together to envision our future with each other."

Eight conference rooms and study areas in the public library, including the Teen Loft, will be utilized for brainstorming and visioning activities during the event. The library will remain open to the public for regular library activities. Library Director and Evanston150 Steering Committee member Mary Johns states, "We aim to turn the library into a beehive of brainstorming activities." John adds, "Regular library services will continue, including a used book sale. It should make for an interesting hybrid of readers, thinkers and visionaries coming together for a night. I can't wait to see what kind of ideas come from that mix."

Reservations are not needed. Community members are welcome to drop in anytime between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to participate. For more information on Evanston150 please visit www.evanston150.org or call 847-347-2013.

DANK Haus Partnership Development Ends

DANK Haus German American Cultural Center, United German American Societies of Greater Chicagoland (German Day) and Mayfest Committee have ceased negotiations on a partnership of the three organizations.

"After nearly two years of dedicated cooperation, this was clearly not the desired end. I think it is important to note that these types of partnerships are complex and the work that has been performed in the last two years is a truly invaluable foundation for anything that may arise in the future," stated Nicholle Dombrowski, Executive Director. "We are proud of the enormous effort that everyone contributed and the new bonds that have been formed."

DANK Haus will continue to be a vendor at Mayfest this year and maintain active membership in the German Day organization. Each organization will retain control of its own assets. "This is definitely a no harm, no foul situation," said Dagmar Freiberger, President. "We all walked in with the best of intentions and are walking out with a tired smile."

For DANK Haus, the work continues. DANK offers over 100 opportunities to experience German culture and language each year, and this year will be undertaking a total first floor façade renovation. Fundraising efforts are underway to transform DANK Haus from a hidden gem into the jewel of Western Avenue. DANK Haus is a registered 501(c)3 and donations are fully deductible to the extent of the law.

Looking for Maifest Volunteers

Maifest 2011 is just around the corner! Sign up now to help build a bar, grill a brat, or pour a beer, as part of our biggest fundraiser of the year! *If you are interested in seated volunteer opportunities, such as t-shirt folding, paper cutting, etc. please let us know! Contact us at development@dankhaus.com

ARMED FORCES DAY

Armed Forces Day honors all branches of the armed forces of the United States. It is celebrated on the third Saturday of May with military exercises on land, at sea and in the air. Military installations are usually open to the public on Armed Forces Day. President Harry S. Truman proclaimed Armed Forces Day, and it was first celebrated in May, 1950. It replaced three separate celebrations for the Air Force, Army and Navy. James V. Forrestal, the first secretary of defense, helped unite the armed services under the Department of Defense after World War II ended in 1945.

(From The World Book Encyclopedia, 1999 edition)



ATTENTION U.S. MILITARY VETERANS!

American Legion Edison Park Post #541 is having a meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2011, and also on May 26, 2011, starting at 7:30 P.M. at the Edison Park Field House located at 6755 Northwest Highway (just west of Harlem Avenue), Chicago. We are a medium-sized friendly active Post. As part of our activities, we host bingo parties for the extended-care patients at Hines V.A. Hospital, provide snacks and refreshments for the O'Hare USO, are involved in awards to local school graduations, and more. Feel free to stop by and sit in at our meeting. You may find that our Post is for you. For additional information, please contact: Post Commander Gerald Skotzko at 773-693-3448, Senior Vice Commander Robert Fuggiti at 773-736-8738

Auction of Evanston Plaza Shop. Ctr.

The Evanston Plaza Shopping Center is going to foreclosure auction conducted by the Cook County Sheriff's Office Tuesday May 3. The City's Economic Development Division is following the case closely. Any interested parties should contact Economic Development Division Manager Nancy Radzevich at 847-448-8014 for further information.

Spring Must be Here

The first Chicago Architecture Foundation architecture river cruise of the season is April 30 and tickets are available now. The architecture river cruise is offered aboard Chicago's First Lady Cruises luxury cruising yachts, with open-air decks as well as air conditioned interior seating.

The cruise features the incomparable Chicago Architecture Foundation docents and is a favorite with seasoned cruisers as well as first-timers. "Date night" cruises every Thursday and Friday evenings at 5:30 pm start in June.

Seeing the buildings and bridges from the vantage point of the river gives a whole new feel to the experience. The cruise includes all three branches of the Chicago River and highlights 53 historic and architecturally significant sites including: the Trump Tower, Merchandise Mart, 333 W. Wacker, the Wrigley Building, the Tribune Tower, the Willis Tower (You can see people out on the "ledge"), River City, and Marina City. The cruise also includes the North Branch of the Chicago River with buildings such as The Montgomery, the Chicago Tribune printing press plant; Goose Island; Kinzie Park development; Riverbend and the clustered glass River Cottages.

All Chicago Architecture Foundation cruises depart from the lower level and southeast corner of the Michigan Avenue Bridge at Wacker Drive. The staircase to the ticket window and dock is marked by a blue awning. The 2011 Tour Schedule runs through November 20.

Advance tickets and information is available at www.ticketmaster.com/river-tour or www.architecture.org. The print-at-home option allows quicker check-in for passengers at the dock. Tickets are \$35/person and are also available at the Chicago Architecture Foundation Shop, 224 S. Michigan Avenue, at the Chicago's First Lady ticket window at the dock or by calling 1-800-982-2787. Group Rates/groups of 20 or more: 312-322-1131.



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VITA Tutors Needed

Many American and immigrant adults need help with Literacy or ESL. If you would like to become a VITA (Volunteers in Teaching Adults) tutor, a required 3-part training session will be held at Oakton Community College in Skokie on the evenings of May 31, June 2 and 30. Call 847-635-1426 to set up an interview.



For more information, go to www.oakton.edu and click on continuing education and volunteer programs.

Parks & Recreation

Access to Fishing Starts May 7

Youth age 5-15 are invited to fish from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Saturday, May 7 through September 24, at Lovelace Park, Gross Point Road at Thayer St. Equipment, bait and fishing expertise are provided free of charge! Just drop by; no license is needed for those under age 16. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. This program is managed by staff from the Evanston Ecology Center. The State of Illinois' Department of Natural Resources (DNR) sponsors Access to Fishing. For more information, please call the Evanston Ecology Center at 847-448-8256.

Hooked on Fishing One-Day Program, May 7

Local fishing enthusiast Dick Peach will present "Hooked on Fishing," a beginner's guide to fishing the 'burbs from Noon until 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 7. The program and demonstrations will equip novices of all ages with basic knowledge about what to purchase, how to set up equipment and tie a proper knot, as well as tips to better bait, hook, and catch species on local waters in the Chicago suburban area. "Hooked on Fishing" will be held at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston. No fee will be charged, but donations to the Evanston Environmental Association (EEA) will be accepted. For more information, please call the Evanston Ecology Center at 847-448-8256.

Downtown Farmers' Market, Starts May 7

The Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market kicks off the 2011 season on Saturday, May 7. The Market will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Saturday from May 7 through November 5. The market is located at the intersection of University Place and East Railroad Avenue, Evanston.

Now in its 36th year, this huge market has a festive atmosphere and is a real crowd-pleaser! Over 35 vendors sell a wide variety of goods, including fruits, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese, milk, eggs and bakery items. Free parking is available in the adjacent Maple Avenue Parking Garage, 1800 Maple Ave. If you forget your shopping bags, reusable and biodegradable bags are sold on site.

Special events are held throughout the season, including food demonstrations and tastings conducted by Now We're Cookin' and "Homegrown Artists" displaying and selling their artwork. Evanston's other three farmers' markets open in early June. Complete information is available at www.cityofevanston.org/market or by calling 847-448-8138.

Beach Token Preseason Sale

A season token or daily pass is required for admission to Evanston five public swimming beaches during operating hours. One token or daily pass is required per person. A season token is valid for the entire beach season (mid-June through Labor Day).

Buying season tokens early saves money. The preseason beach token sale runs through June 10. Evanston and Skokie residents can purchase tokens during this period for \$24 each. When beaches open on June 11, season token prices increase to \$32; other nonresident fees are higher. Tokens are available at the Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., and all community centers. For hours and phone numbers, click [here](#).

A daily pass is \$8 for those age 12 and older and \$6 for children age 1-11. Children under age 1 are admitted free. Fee assistance and a limited number of free tokens are available to Evanston residents who meet income guidelines.

Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse Plant Sale

Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse will sell more than 150 varieties of organically grown vegetable, herb and flower seedlings. The annual plant sale will take place Saturday, May 14, and Sunday, May 15 from 10 am - 2 pm at 3501 N. Kilbourn Ave., just west of Milwaukee Ave. and Addison St. Plant prices range \$2 & up.

"Our large selection of organically grown tomato and pepper seedlings are always a draw, but you'll also find other interesting vegetables, flowers, and herbs," said greenhouse manager Kirsten Akre. "This year we are asking our patrons to help us and the environment by bringing their own tray or box for carrying plants".

Customers can expect more than 150 varieties of open-pollinated tomatoes, other highlights include King of the North Pepper, Rose de Berne Tomato, Lacinto Kale, and Pingtung Eggplant to name a few. The Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse accepts payment for plants by cash only.

On Wednesday, May 18 from 5 - 7:30 pm, the Kilbourn Organic Greenhouse will host their Half-Price Sale [limited quantities of organically grown seedlings]. Plus, enjoy a Free Question Answer session by the Master Gardeners of Cook County Chicago - University of Illinois Extension. Bring your gardening questions.

Kilbourn Park, home to the Park District's only teaching greenhouse, offers workshops throughout the year. For questions regarding the plant sale or to register for a class, call Kilbourn Park at either 773-685-3351 or 773-685-3359 or visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation

Join the Lincolnwood Social Club (55+)

Are you tired of staying home? Would you like to do fun and exciting things? Do you want to make a few new friends? Then why not join the Lincolnwood Social Club 55+. You do not have to be a resident of Lincolnwood to join. We go to exciting places every week in addition to the numerous special events held at our Community Center. Give us a call and find out what we are all about (847) 677-9740.

Public Libraries

RODEN BRANCH

6083 N. Northwest Highway 312-744-1478

Teen Volume Book Discussion Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 pm Join a book discussion for teens at your neighborhood library today! The book *The Knife of Never Letting Go* will be discussed. Please be sure to call your local branch library to sign up in advance for each discussion; confirm the dates and times; and reserve a copy of the book to be discussed. Registration Required

Family Book Club: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Ugly Truth Thursday, May 12, 6:30 pm School Age Programs (6-9 years) Please join us at the Roden branch for a lively discussion of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Ugly Truth* by Jeff Kinney. Children and their parents are welcome to attend together and share their views of this popular title. Contact: (312) 744-1478

Author Talk: Lee Sandlin Saturday, May 21, 2 pm From award-winning journalist Lee Sandlin comes a riveting look at one of the most colorful, dangerous, and peculiar places in America's historical landscape: the strange, wonderful, and mysterious Mississippi River of the nineteenth century.

Author bio: Lee Sandlin has been a regular contributor to the *Chicago Reader*. His essay "Losing the War" was included in the anthology *The New Kings of Nonfiction*. He lives in Chicago. Registration suggested.

Adult Book Club Saturday, May 24, 6:30 pm Please join the Roden Branch Adult Book Club for a book discussion of *Await Your Reply* by Dan Chaon. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk beginning the night of the preceding discussion.

BUDLONG WOODS BRANCH

5630 North Lincoln Avenue, 312-742-9590

Exploring Korean Past: Korean Stamp Exhibition

May 2 - May 31, 2011

The exhibit presents historic milestones of Korea including the first Korean stamp issued, the freedom of Korea, the development of diplomatic relations between Korea and the United States, and various symbols of Korean culture. The time period covered by this exhibit is from 1884 through the present.

Opening Reception: Conversation with the Stamp Collector

Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.

Come join us for an opening reception for the Korean Stamp Exhibition. The owner of the collection, Mr. Jin Lee will give a talk about the collection. Please bring your Korean stamps for a free appraisal of their value.

This program is made possible by generous support from the Keumsil Cultural Society.

Moon Festival Concert presented by Kerry Leung

Saturday, May 14, 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Leung will introduce traditional Chinese instruments and delight the audiences with a concert of traditional Chinese music.

Conversation with the Stamp Collector, Mr. Jin Lee

Wed. May 11, 2011, 6:30 pm

Come join us for an opening reception for an exhibit of Korean stamps. The exhibit presents historic milestones of Korea including the first Korean stamp issued, the freedom of Korea, the development of diplomatic relations between Korea and the United States, and various symbols of Korean culture. The time period covered by this exhibit is from 1884 through the present. The owner of the collection, Mr. Jin Lee will also give a talk. The exhibit will be on display at the Budlong Woods Branch from May 2 to May 31, 2011.

AUSTIN-IRVING BRANCH

6100 West Irving Park Road, (312) 744-6222

Information Seminar on Veterans' Benefits

Monday, May 16, 2011 6:30 p.m.

Are you an honorably discharged veteran? Are you the wife, widow or relative of someone who has served in the Armed Forces? Are you just interested in learning about the various benefit programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs? If so, please join us for a Veterans Benefits presentation by Raymond P. Toczek, current Commander of the American Legion Portage Park Post #183. Drafted in 1970, Mr. Toczek served as a military policeman for two years in West Berlin. After discharge from the service, he worked for 33 years with the Veterans Administration as a benefits counselor. Now retired, he works part-time as an accredited representative for the American Legion. Among the topics that will be covered in Mr. Toczek's presentation are: VA home loans, VA hospital eligibility, burial benefits, survivors' benefits, educational benefits, and VA pension benefits. Handouts will be available and there will be a question and answer period.

Beijing Opera

Saturday, May 7 2pm

Skylinr Chinese Opera Arts Association will present a brief introduction to the art of Beijing Opera followed by two live mini-demonstrations. This free program is presented in celebration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

Public Libraries

EISENHOWER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT 4613 N Oketo, Harwood Heights, IL, (708) 867-7828

Classic Films continue at Eisenhower: Kramer vs. Kramer with Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep, directed by Robert Benton on May 12th; The Wizard of Oz with Judy Garland and Frank Morgan directed by Victor Fleming on May 26th. Discussions with Ralph J Amelio. Free popcorn at all movies! All films begin at 1 p.m.

Tired of Knitting Alone? Join our Knitting Circle! We meet the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-3:30 p.m. May's Knitting Circle will be on the 17th. Bring your needles, bring your yarn and knit over snacks and coffee. No registration, just show up!

Computer Classes Picture Perfect with Picnik Online Photo Editor: Friday, May 6, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Word Part 1 and Part 2 (\$20.00): Tuesday and Thursday, May 17 and 19 7-8:30 p.m. Intermediate Internet: Friday, May 20, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Portable Aps: Wednesday, May 25, 7-8 p.m.

Olive Oils and Vinegar With spring just around the corner, learn some new tips and tricks for using oils and vinegars to flavor vegetables, salads and more! Get some new recipes and sample some yummy creations! Presented by Camille Stagg. May 24, 6:30 - 8 p.m. \$3 tasting Fee

Please register for all programs by calling (708) 867-7828 and asking for the Answers Desk, or register online at eisenhowerlibrary.org. You must register for fee-based programs through library staff.

LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY 4000 W. Pratt Ave., 847-677-5277

Book Discussion. May 9, 11 a.m. Lincolnwood Library's adult book discussion features "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks."

Live@Lincolnwood Library. May 15, 2 p.m. Steve Hashimoto leads Suenos Latin Jazz, combining jazz improvisation with Latin and Caribbean rhythms. Free tickets are available, three weeks prior to event to Lincolnwood residents and one week prior to non-residents.

Travel Through Time Presentation. May 20, 10:30 a.m. Jerry Tomaselli presents "Hat and Coat Photography." Get an insider's view of the life of a news photographer back in the "hat and coat" days – when you had to drop what you were doing and head to the scene of a breaking story. The presentation includes dramatic photos and vivid memories that span decades of an award-winning photographer's career.

Morning Matinees. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. May 5: "Cyrus"; May 12: "The Other Guys"; May 19: "I Love You, Phillip Morris."

Friday Films shown weekly at 1 p.m. May 6: "127 Hours"; May 13: "All Good Things"; May 20: "The King's Speech."

Acting Class. Mondays, 2 p.m. through May 23. Theater games, improv, bit parts, and more for grades 3-5. Directed by Debbi Brodsky. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

EDGEBROOK BRANCH 5331 W. Devon Avenue, (312) 744-8313

The **Edgebrook Sherlockians** led by Nicholas J. De Leonardis meets on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the short story, The Adventure of the Second Stain, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. This is one of thirteen stories collected in the anthology The Return of Sherlock Holmes. A tale of spies, stolen classified documents, murder, and blackmail this is vintage Holmes! The program is open to the public free of charge. Copies of the story and questions to be discussed are available at the reference desk.

Lincolnwood Place will host the final program in their three-part **Senior Life Series: The Upside of Downsizing for Seniors**, on Friday, May 13 at 1 p.m. A panel consisting of a liaison from Lincolnwood Place, a local realtor and a senior relocation specialist will discuss why downsizing one's home can be very demanding physically, mentally and emotionally. This is the case especially for seniors as it involves a lot of planning, packing and letting go emotional ties to the home.

In celebration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, the **Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago** meets to celebrate Filipino-American Milestones in History on Saturday, May 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Presenters will discuss the 50th anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal's birth and the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps. Join the group for their banner year and enjoy many fine Filipino dishes and desserts throughout the afternoon.

In celebration of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month the Cambodian Association will present the **Traditional Khmer Ensemble** featuring three professional musicians performing Khmer music. Masters of the hammer-dulcimer, string fiddle and a fret instrument will perform. For the Cambodians, the twentieth century has been a period of conservation, preservation and revival of traditional arts. The surviving art forms from the past have been carefully conserved under the watchful eyes of many traditional masters. A brief presentation on Cambodian culture and heritage will open the program on Saturday, May 21 at 2 p.m.

Children ages 4-8 years old accompanied by an adult are cordially invited to attend **Fancy Nancy's Swanky Soiree** on Saturday, May 7 at 2 p.m. Fancy Nancy is a wildly popular children's book series comprised of thirty-six books. Nancy is a young girl with a larger than life personality, who adores all things fancy. She always dresses extravagantly, wearing boas, tutus, ruby slippers, fairy wings, and fuzzy slippers. She also loves using big fancy words such as "iridescent", "ecstatic", and "extraordinary" and anything in French. Fun events will include fancy word games, fancy curtsies, fancy crafts and an elegant, fancy snack. Come dressed in your most posh party attire. Please R.S.V.P at 312-744-8313 s'il vous plait. This program is co-sponsored with the Edgebrook Community Association.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH WITH FREE EVENTS

The Chicago Public Library's "2011 Celebrating Diversity" campaign continues in May with the observance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. Throughout the month, the Chicago Public Library presents a variety of programs that focus on Asian, East Asian and Pacific Islander cultures and traditions, as well as the contributions these groups have made to society. The overall theme for Asian/Pacific American Heritage programs in 2011 is Performing Arts, although some of the programming spotlights culturally specific Asian traditions.

The Opening Program for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month takes place on Saturday, May 7, at 2:00 p.m., at the Albany Park Branch, 5150 N. Kimball Ave. The celebration features performances by Choomsarang Korean Dance Group, Dongfang Chinese Performing Arts Association, and a Beijing Opera performance by Rosa Yeh & Susie Huang.

Additional Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month programs include:

· Moon Festival Concert presented by Kerry Leung: Mr. Leung gives a brief introduction to traditional Chinese instruments and culture. He will also perform a mini concert of traditional Chinese music.

· Art of Chinese Calligraphy presented by Bert Tan: In this presentation, Mr. Tan introduces the etymology of Chinese characters and the different calligraphic styles. He will also present live demonstration of Chinese calligraphic writing and more.

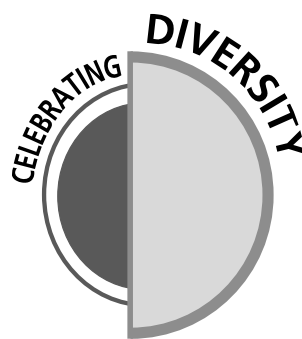
· Art of Origami presented by Joshua Koppel: Mr. Koppel demonstrates the art of origami with students folding along and creating pieces to take home.

· Beijing Opera presented by Skyland Chinese Opera Arts Association: Skyland Chinese Opera members will present an introduction to the Beijing Opera followed by two live mini performances.

· Traditional Khmer Ensemble Presented by Cambodian Association of Illinois: Professional musicians perform traditional Khmer music using a hammer-dulcimer, string fiddles and a fret instrument. A brief presentation on Cambodian culture and heritage will also be provided.

For a complete listing of programs, drop by a CPL branch or visit chicagopubliclibrary.org. In addition, a bibliography of books about Asian/Pacific Americans in Performing Arts is available at all Library locations and on the Library's website throughout the year.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY



May 2011
Asian/Pacific American
Heritage Month

Opening Program:
Performing Arts of Asia

Sat., May 7 at 2 p.m.
Albany Park Branch
5150 North Kimball Avenue

Performances by **Choomsarang Korean Dance Group, Dong Fang Chinese Performing Arts Association** and a Beijing Opera with **Rosa Yeh** and **Susie Huang**.

Throughout the month of May, Chicago Public Library features a variety of programs highlighting the culture, traditions and contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans including:

- Ancient Art of Paper Making
- Art of Chinese Calligraphy
- Art of Origami
- Favorite Tales from the Philippines
- Traditional Khmer Ensemble

For more information visit chipublib.org.



Local Arts and Entertainment

DOG & PONY THEATRE COMPANY'S 7TH SEASON

Continuing its commitment to producing new and bold work, Dog & Pony Theatre Company proudly presents the Midwest premiere of Roadkill Confidential by artistic associate Sheila Callaghan and directed by co-artistic director Devon de Mayo at The Building Stage, 412 N. Carpenter St.

Preview performances for Roadkill Confidential are Wednesday and Thursday, May 4-5, at 7:30 p.m. Regular run is May 6 – June 4. Press is invited to attend opening night Friday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. Performances are Thursdays - Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. There is an added understudy performance Wednesday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 for students, seniors and for the understudy performance. All previews plus Thursday and Sunday performances are pay-what-you-can. For tickets, call The Building Stage box office at 312-491-1369 or visit www.dogandponychicago.org.

Car headlights on a lonely, dark road. An artist at work. Eyes spying in the shadows. Gloves. Fur. Fame. Cornflakes. A mystery in the making. Callaghan's Roadkill Confidential is a noir-ish meditation on brutality and a theatrical dare in true Dog & Pony fashion.

Dog & Pony has previously produced Callaghan's Crumble (Lay Me Down Justin Timberlake) in 2005 and received an encore performance the following summer at Theater on the Lake. The second Midwest premiere production by Callaghan was Dead City at the Raven Theater in 2006.

Founded in 2002, Dog & Pony Theatre Company is committed to producing vital works by new and emerging playwrights whose use of language and convention are daring and highly imaginative. As an eclectic collective of artists with backgrounds in theatre, public broadcasting, political activism, and religious studies, Dog & Pony is particularly drawn to work with social and cultural relevance. The company has presented 13 full productions in six years including As Told By The Vivian Girls, recipient of three After Dark Awards, and The Twins Would Like to Say as part of Steppenwolf's inaugural Garage Rep series. The productions of Mr. Marmalade, The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabbler, God's Ear, Dead Letter Office and Auctioning the Ainsleys were all nominated for non-Equity Jeff Awards.

Dog & Pony Theatre Company is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and a proud member of the League of Chicago Theatres and Theatre Communications Group.

Lira's Acclaimed TOUR OF NORTHERN POLAND & LITHUANIA

The Tour Dates: THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011 through THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011

Lira's cultural tours are famous for being enjoyable and informative with great cuisine and good fun. For audience members and Lira fans. (Lira performers do not go along)

Discover the rich culture and cherished history of Poland through cities such as Warsaw, Vilnius, Gdansk, Poznan and Torun.

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The Lira Ensemble is a not-for-profit corporation and is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) charity. A portion of the tour cost is considered a donation and is tax-deductible.

"Art Under Glass" Program Seeking Artists

The Art Under Glass program is seeking applications for large-scale art work. The program was initiated by the Arts & Business Committee of the Evanston Arts Council to place the work of Evanston artists in vacant storefront windows, thereby promoting local artists and enhancing the aesthetics of our community.

We are excited to announce that that next round of the Art Under Glass program will expand beyond the confines of downtown Evanston. We are seeking large-scale work to display at Evanston Plaza in the West Village neighborhood. The work will be displayed in a highly visible location, a free-standing building that was formerly a China Buffet restaurant site near the intersection of Dempster Street and Dodge Avenue. We anticipate hanging the work in late May.

This is an excellent opportunity for artists to participate in helping to beautify and energize Evanston's new West Village community. Submissions will be reviewed by an independent jury and final selections will be made based on the suitability of the work for the available window spaces. Again, we are particularly looking for large art to pique the interest of drivers passing by.

EVANSTON150 SEEKS SELECTION JURY APPLICANTS

Dedicated Citizen Volunteers Sought to Review Submitted Ideas and Identify Top 10 Ideas for Evanston's Future

The Evanston150 Steering Committee invites members of the Evanston community to be part of the exciting Evanston150 process as members of the Selection Jury. All Evanston and Skokie/Evanston residents age 15 and over are invited to apply, and 15 - 20 residents will be chosen in a blind review process by the Evanston150 Steering Committee. Applications are being accepted now through the June 1, 2011 application deadline. The Selection Jury will be notified on July 1, 2011 of their appointment.

The Evanston150 Selection Jury is responsible for reviewing the 2,013 or more ideas submitted by community members and organizations now through midnight on July 31, 2011. The Selection Jury will work together to select the top 100 ideas to present to the community. The entire community is invited to turn out for a public vote in early October to further narrow down the 100 ideas to 30.

On November 10, 2011 the Selection Jury will announce the final 10 ideas promising broad support and long lasting impact to the community. Once the ideas have been announced, community members and organizations are invited to collaborate, adopt projects, and start implementing the ideas. The Evanston150 steering committee hopes to see many projects underway and some completed by the 2013 celebration of Evanston's 150 years.

Interested applicants will find Selection Jury applications on the Evanston150 website at www.evanston150.org.

SKOKIE ART GUILD

Skokie Art Guild Live Model Figure Drawing Workshops

Figure Drawing Workshop and meet as follows:

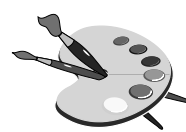
Thursdays - 7:00 PM - 9:45 PM

Saturdays - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

* Devonshire Cultural Center,

4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, IL 60076

www.skokieartguild.org Members: \$12.00 / Non-Members: \$20.00



CALL FOR ARTISTS:

Skokie Art Guild's 50th Annual Art Fair. July 9-10, 2011. Original Fine Art. Prizes and Awards. Held on Skokie's beautiful Village Green at 5211 W. Oakton. Want to exhibit? For information/application contact: skokieart@aol.com www.skokieartguild.org (847-677-8163).

BACH & BEYOND

Spring Concert, 22 May at 3 pm

Robert Schumann "Frauenliebe und -leben", Ludwig von Beethoven - Trio, Op.1, No.1

TICKETS PRE SALE:

Youth \$12 | Adult \$20 | Senior \$18 | DANK Member \$15

Reservations before May 13th include buffet dinner

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Upcoming Events

22 May Bach Concert	19 Aug Hawaii Stammtisch
2 Jun Maifest	24 Sep Oktoberfest
26 Jun World Cup opening	Pilates Every Saturday 9.15a \$10

FREE Zoo Passes

These passes were made available because DANK Haus is a Core Member of the Chicago Cultural Alliance, a consortium of ethnic museums and cultural centers in Chicago area. Together, the Alliance and the Chicago Zoological Society are working to provide admission tickets to the audience we serve. Each pass is valid for one adult OR child. Passes expire 12/31/11. Valid for free admission only. Some attractions require an addtl fee. Parking is \$9. Passes available for pickup at Core Programming, Fridays 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm and in the Museum, Saturdays 11am - 3pm.

Fine Arts Raffle

Our first ever raffle will directly benefit Fine Arts programming at DANK. 1st Prize is Skyline Lounge rental (\$1300 value) 2nd Prize is a Private Dinner for 2 on the Terrasse (\$400 value) Tickets are \$5 each - Available from the Office and at Core Programming As agencies reduce funding, it is more important than ever that we work together to fulfill this primary part of our organization's mission. Fine Arts is already planning on several classical & traditional concerts as well as bringing a jazz group from Berlin and an art exhibit from Austria. Drawing will be held October 16 2011 at the Fall Bach & Beyond Concert. DANK Haus is a registered 501(c)3 City of Chicago Raffle License #1276155

Chicago Farmers Markets Program Kicks Off in May!

This year marks the 32nd Anniversary of the Chicago Farmers Markets, presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs & Special Events and COUNTRY Financial and sponsored in part by the Chicago Tribune. The City of Chicago Farmers Markets system includes 19 markets located throughout the metro area. Find the fruits of the Midwest, May through October, including asparagus, lettuce, onions, spinach, corn, tomatoes, collards, watermelon, herbs, apples and baked goods. Markets are held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sundays. Farmers and producers who grow or produce their own products participate. Other items you will find, but not limited to, include organic and non-organic fruits and vegetables, fresh herbs, cheese, breads, flowers, honey, jam, pies, nuts and plants. The Chicago Farmers Market system's goal is to become more sustainable and consumers can help by bringing their own grocery bags.

Markets Opening in May:

Daley Plaza, May 12 - 7am-3pm
Division Street, May 14 - 7am-1pm
Lincoln Park, May 14 - 7am - 1pm
Beverly, May 15 - 7am - 1pm
www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us



Maxwell Street Market Upcoming Events

The entire family will enjoy the many events coming this Spring to the Maxwell Street Market. The Maxwell Street Market is located at 800 S. Desplaines Street, hours are 7 am - 3 pm every Sunday.

Sunday, May 8 - Blues Is Back At Maxwell Street

Fruteland Jackson will perform at 12pm in the performance area in the parking lot located at Maxwell Street.

Sunday, May 29 Through Sunday, September 4 - Jumping Jacks

The City of Chicago's FREE Jumping Jack inflatable will be in the Market from 1-2pm at the North End of the Market. The Jumping Jack is available only to children with adult supervision. Encourage your customers and their children to walk North and participate.

Taste the Wine, Help the Pantry May 22nd

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry's 2011 Wine-Tasting Benefit will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 22nd at Las Tablas Columbian restaurant. The steakhouse is located at 4920 W. Irving Park Road, at Laporte Avenue, a half-block west of Cicero Avenue.

Tickets are \$40 and all proceeds benefit the Pantry's programs and services as well as enable the Pantry to procure food from the Greater Chicago Food Depository at the rate of 7 cents per pound. So your contributions go a long way to helping us keep our pantry and refrigerators full!

The Pantry's last wine-tasting event was held in October 2009, and the board decided it was time to host another of the popular fundraisers.

"Our supporters have enjoyed the wine-tasting parties in the past, and this year's program at Las Tablas will provide an enjoyable atmosphere to sample a variety of wines and learn more about them while helping the Pantry raise much-needed funds," says John Psiharis, executive director.

For more information about the event or to order tickets, contact Jennifer McGowan at 773-844-9900 or jennifermcgowan@comcast.net. You also can order tickets at our website, www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org (lower right).

The event is being held in the afternoon so guests can stay for dinner afterward if they choose. Reservations for the evening can be made by calling 773/202-0999.

The Pantry provides a monthly three-day supply of food to qualified clients in the 60641 and western half of 60618 ZIP codes. It relies primarily on volunteer efforts and donations to operate. Each month, the Pantry serves approximately 2,500 people, including children, in about 780 neighborhood households.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities or tips for holding your own food drive, contact Lee Stein at volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org.

Auditions Announced for "From the Mississippi Delta"

Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre will hold auditions for its summer 2011 production of "From the Mississippi Delta" from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14. Auditions are open to African American women age 18 and older who have singing and acting talent. Auditions will be held at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Rehearsals will take place weekday evenings starting June 13; show dates are weekends, July 8-24. To schedule an appointment, please call Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre at 847-448-8260.

Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre is a municipally-supported theatre program. From the Mississippi Delta will be directed by Tim Rhoze, the Theatre's Artistic Director. Delta is an autobiographical work by the late playwright, Dr. Enidha Ida Mae Holland. It traces her journey through poverty and abuse in the Jim Crow South, activism in the civil rights movement, academic achievement, and her ultimate triumph as a Pulitzer Prize-nominated playwright.

KIDS GET DOWN AND DIRTY WITH NATURE

The Chicago Park District invites families to get down and dirty with nature at an outdoor nature event called Family Adventure Day from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 21 at Northerly Island, 1400 S. Lynn White Dr., on the Museum Campus. The event is admission free. This event will officially kick off Chicago Wilderness' June Leave No Child Inside Month.

Each year, thousands of children across the greater Chicago and northwest Indiana region participate in a variety of Leave No Child Inside activities that encourage them to get outside and experience nature, to benefit their health and foster a sense of stewardship of our natural resources.

Family Adventure Day will offer families the opportunity to explore the great outdoors on Northerly Island, focusing on nature activities such as fort building, kite flying, nature hikes, fishing, creating nature-inspired crafts, and much more. This day of outdoor fun is targeted towards early childhood aged children, but has activities available for kids of all ages. The following features and activities will be available at Family Adventure Day:

Discover Illinois Wildlife: Presented by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, kids will learn about the different wildlife that lives throughout this region.

Build a campfire: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources will teach kids about fire safety, how to build a safe campfire, sing songs and enjoy marshmallows!

Discovery Hike: Kids and families can partake in a naturalist-led walk around Northerly Island starting every 15 minutes.

Mayor Daley's Fish'n Kids Program: Free fishing instruction for kids 6 and up. Kids are guaranteed to catch a fish!

Fort Building: Kids will use found materials from the natural surroundings to build their own forts.

Fairy Houses: Do fairies really exist? If you build it, they will come. Kids use their imagination and create a fairy house from nature.

Frogs and Toads, Oh My!: Feel the difference between a frog, toad and a turtle with crazy educator David Stokes. Everyone will learn something new!

Mud Painting: Create your masterpiece from mud! Imagine Art Studio will help kids create a masterpiece using natural elements such as mud.

Kite flying: Kids and families can enjoy flying kites for free! Check out a kite and let them take to the skies. Wind dependant!

Nature Journaling from the Swedish American Museum: The journal allows children to decorate the covers as they wish. The inside gives kids ideas of what to do on a nature hike.

For more information, call 312-742-PLAY. For more information about Leave No Child Inside Month, visit www.chicagowilderness.org



WE HONOR OUR MOTHERS

We Pay Tribute to All of Our Wonderful Mothers on their Special Day and Every Day of the Year

The second Sunday in May has been set aside in the United States as an annual national observance since 1915. Many people follow the custom of wearing a carnation on Mothers' Day. A colored carnation means that a person's mother is living. A white carnation indicates that a person's mother is deceased.

A day for honoring mothers was observed many years ago in England. It

was called Mothering Sunday and came in mid-Lent. People in other nations have observed similar days throughout history beginning in ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods.

No matter what the tradition, Mothers' Day should be celebrated each and every day of the year - afterall, if it weren't for our Mothers, none of us would be here to celebrate anything.

Illinois Woman's Soft Herbed Potato Rolls Win Idahoan Foods® Recipe Contest

Idahoan Foods® has announced the winner of its March 2011 Idahoan Chasing Supermom Recipe Challenge is Danielle Bronkema of Broadview, Illinois for her Soft Herbed Potato Rolls recipe.

For her winning recipe, Danielle will receive a three month supply of Idahoan products. The two runners-up also won gift packs containing an assortment of Idahoan products for their recipes; Idahoan Potato and Sausage Quesadillas and Idahoan Southwest Fish Fillets.

Soft Herbed Potato Roll Recipe

Ingredients:

5 cups of sifted all-purpose flour
1 pouch Idahoan Roasted Garlic and Parmesan Mashed Potatoes
1 package active dry yeast-make sure it's fresh
3/4 cup milk (2% or higher only) 1 large egg
4 tbs. butter 2 tbs. dried parsley flakes
1/4 cup sugar 1 tsp. ground sage
1 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. celery seed
1 can of Cream of Potato Soup

Instructions

In a very large mixing bowl, combine 2 cups of the all-purpose flour and dry yeast. In a medium saucepan, heat together the milk, butter, sugar and salt until warm. Add the warm liquid to the flour and yeast mixture. Add the un-prepared potatoes, cream of potato soup, and egg and beat with an electric mixer at a low speed for about half a minute, scraping the sides of the mixing bowl often. Beat at high speed for another 3 minutes. Stir in parsley flakes, ground sage and celery seed and enough of the remaining flour to create a soft dough.

Knead dough on a lightly floured surface until smooth - approximately eight full minutes. Place the dough in a greased bowl. Turn the dough ball once in the greased bowl, just to make sure all sides are lightly greased. Cover the bowl and let rise in a warm area for about 60 minutes, or until dough has doubled in size. Punch the dough down. Begin shaping small amounts of dough into balls. Place the balls on a greased baking sheet and once again, let the balls rise until they are about doubled in size (about 30 minutes).

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Bake the delicious rolls for about 12 minutes or until lightly brown.

Each contest entrant's recipe was made and judged by Bekki Lindner, author of Chasing Supermom, a blog devoted to the interests of mothers. The contest was open to anyone from March 4 through April 3 and the only rule was that recipes must utilize an Idahoan Foods genuine potato product as an ingredient. The runners-up recipes can be found on Idahoan's facebook page or on Chasing Supermom.

German-American Children's Chorus Mother's Day Concert and Dance



The German-American Children's Chorus, together with the German-American Singers of Chicago, are pleased to announce their 76th annual Mother's Day Concert and Dance to be celebrated on Sunday May 15th, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. It will be held at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago.

This choral presentation will feature songs in both German and English. The admission price is \$9.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door for adults; children under 14 are admitted free. The ticket price also includes admission to the social immediately following the concert. Food and beverages will be available at a moderate price.

For more information, please visit our website at: www.dakinderchor.org

Ding Dong AVON's Calling...

Your Little Beauty Tip Corner...

by Amanda Morris

My name is Amanda and I am your go-to-gal when it comes to beauty! Every month, I will be giving you beauty advisor tips that will guide you through the beauty world. But first, I want to introduce myself...

I am a stay at home mom with two wonderful boys. I started my Avon business when my first son was just 6 months old. Shortly after, I was blessed with a second son who has a Complex Congenital Heart Defect. Having an ill child is a full time job and requires me to work from home. With Avon, I am my own boss, I make my own schedule and I control my own paychecks and it is just wonderful to know that!

I believe that being a mother is the most wonderful gift that I could have been given! I bless every day that I have with my two little boys!

Mother's Day is just around the corner so cherish all the Mothers in your life on this special day and give them a **LOVE TO THE FULLEST 4-PIECE MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION** by Reese Witherspoon only from Avon! This perfect Mother's Day gift is only \$30! Please visit my website below for all of the Collection's details. For the mom who has it all, give her an Avon Gift Certificate.

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- Once a bottle is opened, it should be used. An opened fragrance will begin to fade or change its scent over time, especially if it is exposed to extreme cold or heat.
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- Try not to test more than three scents at once, as your nose will lose its ability to differentiate between the scents. (Try keeping a clarifying scent on hand, such as coffee grinds to clear the "nose palette.")
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- If you dab or rub your perfume, you will "bruise" or break up the layers in the fragrance and it will typically disrupt the scent.

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1 Cup finely diced Potatoes
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1 cup finely chopped Onions (browned)
Desired spices - salt - pepper & other

Add barley to stock and cook until almost tender. Add mushrooms (washed), carrots, potatoes, celery and onion. Cook all until tender. Add cream to desired thickness. Add spices to taste. Serves 12 - 6 oz. Portions.

Thank you, Patricia (Ryan) Michalski For All of Your Years of Service to Our Great City and State



Over her many years of public service to the State of Illinois in several capacities, Pat Michalski has accomplished astounding things through her tireless efforts and seemingly endless hours, both day and night.

In her role as Ethnic Affairs Liaison for two Governors, Jim Edgar and George Ryan, she orchestrated the outreach from 10 to 50 different ethnic communities. In her parallel position in Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas' office, from which she recently retired from her full time job, she expanded contacts to over 145

various ethnic groups locally and to 85 countries to which she traveled reinforcing the bond between their people and ours.

Her public speaking engagements to local business, private and scholastic groups are too many to list. These, along with her countless appearances on local radio and television, kept her on-the-go 24/7, leaving her without peers in her levels of energy and involvements.

Chicago, as we all know, has probably the most diverse ethnic heritage in the United States, with 125 ethnically based newspapers carrying the news for their communities. We dare to say that Pat Michalski is known to all of them, both personally and by reputation and has been a great friend, confidant and source of connection to all of the many cultures that call our City and State home.

No greater accomplishment, however, has been gained through her 62 year marriage to Harry Michalski, with whom she raised 6 children, who in turn have blessed Pat and Harry with 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

We salute her dedication as a Mother, Wife, Grandmother and Friend to our community. Hers is a legacy which will remain long after her retirement from public life, but we have every confidence that we will continue to see Pat and Harry out-and-about the town they love for many years to come.

Pat, words are lacking to describe your community's gratitude for a lifetime of selflessness and devotion to duty. There will never be another Pat Michalski!!!



Pat and Harry Michalski celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with their entire family onhand.

In Memory ...

**Rosemary Luecke
(nee STEGMAYER)
Born 2-10-1921
Died 2-13-2011**

Rosemary Stegmeyer was the youngest and third child of Frances Minnewagen and John Stegmeyer. She spent her first years in the St. Michael's community on the near North side of Chicago. The family moved to Morton Grove in 1925, when her father was appointed the first police chief of that town. She attended grade school there and very much enjoyed her family's 10 years in that suburb. The family returned to the St. Michaels area in 1935, where she graduated from Waller High School (now Lincoln Park High) At Waller she developed lifelong friendships, and joined a "girls club" that remained together and active into the 1990's.

During WWII she worked for the Department of the Navy in Chicago. In 1947 she married Howard Luecke Jr. and became a 60+ year member of St. Benedict's Parish. She was active as a member of the Society of the Little Flower, and a promoter of the Association of the Miraculous Medal. She passed away peacefully on February 13 at Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care Center. She is survived by her children, Pat (Michael) Heidkamp and Howard Luecke III, who continue to live in the St. Benedict's area.



Please refer to the Mirabell article and recipe on page 15.

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For years now, people from far and wide have been making the "outing or excursion" as it was in the early days, to only a quick trip on any of the major roadways today to feast on the "conservatory" atmosphere of Urhausen's Greenhouse, where they can stroll among the living world of beauty the Urhausens provide. And then to be able to take some of that beauty home with them and enjoy their choices for months afterwards is the ultimate treat.

Gerard and Nick add, "We appreciate all of our customers and the support they have given us through the years and always try to make their experience with us an enjoyable one. Our patrons love to be able to shop in a place where their future plants are actually growing."

We at Our Village thank the Urhausen family for all the service and beauty they have shared with us through these many years and are pleased to announce they will be doing an article for us on a regular basis in which they will continue to share their expertise with us.

Urhausen Greenhouses is located at 6973 N. East Prairie Road in Lincolnwood. Their phone number 847-675-1573. www.urhausengreenhouses.com



Mighty Acorns Program

School administrators, teachers, and parents should be aware of and concerned about a program being offered by the Cook County Forest Preserve District... a "field trip" touted as environmental education for children.



The Forest Preserve District of Cook County's (FPDCC) Mighty Acorns program is contacting Chicago Public Schools (CPS) to schedule field trips. This program supposedly "teaches third through seventh grade students the importance of preservation and restoration through fall, winter, and spring stewardship activities such as planting native seeds and pulling or cutting invasive weeds and brush." We have documented activities that are potentially harmful to children while observing "field trip" activities on multiple occasions.

As current and former CPS teachers, students and parents, members of three not-for-profit environmental groups (Urban Wildlife Coalition, Trees for Life, and National Forest Advocates), have serious reservations about the Mighty Acorns program. Here is why we are concerned:

- Children use sharp tools such as lopper blades and saws to cut down trees. The areas they are cutting in are also an obstacle course of tree stumps. We were unable to document any first aid kits and the field trip locations are often inaccessible to emergency vehicles in the event of an injury.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics urges parents to "try to limit your child's unnecessary exposure to pesticides and herbicides."
- Garlon 4 has been linked to an increased incidence of breast cancer as well as an increase in types of genetic damage called dominant lethal mutations. It also is damaging to kidneys and has caused a variety of reproductive problems.
- The herbicide residue may persist in the soil from 10 days to 2 years. Children are often working in areas where herbicide has been applied several times within a 30 day period. Children may inadvertently bring this herbicide back home and to school on shoes, hands, and clothing.
- Despite Garlon 4 label warnings to avoid application in wet conditions, FPDCC volunteers often apply Garlon 4 in rainy or snowy conditions which can cause contamination of ground water.
- These practices are promoted as an environmental field trip, but are bereft of scientific content. The primary focus is on cutting down healthy native and non-native trees and shrubs. Having children remove vegetation as "alien" or "invasive" outside of a fundamental understanding of ecology is age inappropriate and failing to inform parents and teachers about the ethical and safety concerns of these activities is deceptive.

We cherish our forest preserves and encourage children to explore them. We believe there are myriad ways to enjoy the wilderness in safe, responsible ways that promote educational growth and an appreciation of nature. The Mighty Acorns program is not one of them. We urge you to decline participation in it and we would be happy to work with you to develop alternative, safe and healthy standards-based educational programming free of charge. Please contact us at 773-545-8136 or urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com for more information.

Urban Wildlife

Spring Urban Wildlife Tips

Spring is a wonderfully busy time for urban wildlife. Take advantage of the season and our wild neighbors by enjoying nature hikes, watching the dazzling array of birds in our area, and following these tips.

Drive carefully, especially near forest preserves, parks, and other natural areas. Especially later in the spring, inexperienced young animals may venture out into the road. Be especially cautious during the dawn and dusk hours. Keep to the speed limit; allow enough space between cars; and scan the edges of the road.

In spring, animals like squirrels, mice, raccoons, and foxes are looking for ideal nesting sites. If you prefer not to host wildlife in your home, prevention is key - so much easier than trying to rid your home of unwanted visitors later. Take an hour or two now to inventory your home for possible entry sites, and seal them before new residents move in. If wildlife has already started unpacking, a bit of patience goes a long way. Try to wait until newborns are on their own before trying to evict visitors.

Keep cats indoors. Pets are the leading cause of wildlife deaths in the spring.

Animals are establishing new nests in the spring, so avoid cutting trees and shrubs and applying pesticides and herbicides.

Think strategic gardening. Want to attract wildlife to your backyard? Consider plants and landscaping that lure birds, butterflies, and others. Hoping to deter animals from your garden? Now's the time to think about growing plants they do not enjoy and building fences around the types they do. Look to the next issue of Our Village for specific gardening tips.

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.

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Beach Token Preseason Sale Began April 1

Save money by buying your Beach Tokens early. The 2011 preseason beach token sale begins Friday, April 1 and runs through Friday, June 10.

Evanston and Skokie residents can purchase tokens during this period for \$24 each. When beaches open on June 11, token prices increase to \$32. Fees for residents of other municipalities are higher. [Beach map.jpg](http://Beachmap.jpg)

Tokens are available at the Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., and all City of Evanston community centers. A daily pass is \$8 for those age 12 and older and \$6 for children ages 1 to 11. Children under 1 are admitted free. Fee assistance and a limited number of free tokens are available to Evanston residents who meet income guidelines. For more details, call 847-866-2900.

Evanston's five public swimming beaches are open seven days a week during the beach season, which begins in mid-June and runs through Labor Day. Beach hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., weather and beach conditions permitting.

Evanston has three beaches that are accessible to people with disabilities: Greenwood Street, Lee Street and Lighthouse. Smoking is prohibited on Evanston's public beaches (Ordinance 38-O-08 Section 8-21-5). The Dog Beach will open on April 1. Season passes are required for the Dog Beach.

Yard Waste Pick-up Season is Here

Evanston's weekly yard waste pickup began on Monday, April 4 and continues on residents' regular refuse/recycling collection day through Friday, Dec. 9.

To ensure compliance with state laws, yard waste must be collected separately from other household waste, and residents are required to use any of these three options for disposal of yard waste:

* Place yard waste in paper yard waste bags, such as 30 gallon Kraft paper lawn waste bags, available in packages at local stores. Plastic bags will not be collected. A Yard Waste Sticker must be purchased and affixed to each lawn waste paper bag. Plastic bags will not be collected. Yard waste stickers are \$1.75 each and must be affixed to each yard waste paper bag and/or tree trimming bundles for pick-up. Residents can buy Yard Waste Stickers at all Evanston Dominick's and Jewel stores, Whole Foods, Lemoi Hardware, The Chalet (Wilmette), Harold's Hardware, Home Depot and the City Collector's office;

* Compost and mulch to recycle the earth's nutrients. For further information, call the Ecology Center, 847/448-8256; or

* Fill a City of Evanston issued 90-gallon yard waste cart, available for purchase. These reusable carts do not require the use of bags. To order a Yard Waste Cart, complete the form on the City's web site, www.cityofevanston.org, and return it with your payment to the City Collector. Carts cost \$82.50. The City will perform minor repairs to yard waste carts at no charge.

Brush must be bundled and no longer than four feet in length and two inches in diameter. Raking or blowing yard waste or leaves into the streets is illegal. Violators will be fined. Special pickup fees for yard waste collection will be assessed after 48 hours for bags without stickers, three (3) bags will be charged at a rate equal to \$25, with each additional three (3) bags being charged \$10.

For further information or questions on street sweeping or yard waste, call 3-1-1 (847/448-4311) or visit www.cityofevanston.org/public-works.

LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

Is Travel in Your Future?

Become a Facets Film Ambassador

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STEM CONFERENCE FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE GIRLS WHO WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Niles North High School is holding the first annual STEM Conference for 7th and 8th grade girls on Saturday, May 21. Presented by Niles Township High School District 219 and Girls Empowered by Math & Science (GEMS) which previously held similar conferences for younger girls, this special conference is for all 7th and 8th grade girls who want to explore how science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education can empower them to make a meaningful difference in the world. The STEM conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 21 at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler, Skokie. Parents and girls are both invited to attend. Girls will attend exciting science/math sessions with hands-on activities while their parents will attend programs on the STEM program at District 219 as well as learn how to prepare their daughter for high school and beyond. Due to a grant from the National Girls Collaborative Project, admission to the conference is free. Space is limited, and parents must register online by May 1 at <https://sites.google.com/a/d219.org/stem4girls>.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Diane Witt, neuroendocrinologist from the National Science Foundation. Session presenters are from Abbott Laboratories, Argonne National Laboratories, Northwestern University, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Raffle prizes such as a telescope, microscope and science kits will be awarded.

For more information, please visit the website or contact Niles North science teacher Susie Posnock at suspos@d219.org or (847) 626-2256.

NILES WEST SCIENCE STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR STATE COMPETITION

Twenty-three Niles West High School students competed in the regional Illinois Junior Academy of Science (IJAS) Fair held on Saturday, March 19. Participants were members of the STEM Inquiry and Research (SIRs) class taught by Ruth Gleicher, Brit Czupryna and JulieAnn Villa. Fifteen students qualified for the state competition which will be held May 6 through 7 at the University of Illinois, Champaign Urbana.

Niles West students Lauren Langer, Chirag Ghandi and Felix Angelov earned special awards and Langer also was awarded a "Best in Category" plaque in the senior division in Behavioral Science.

Felix Angelov was selected to participate in the Intel International Science and Engineering Foundation (ISEF), the world's largest pre-college celebration of science. The ISEF, held in May, brings together nearly 1,500 students from more than 40 nations to compete for scholarships, tuition grants, internships, scientific field trips and the grand prize of a \$50,000 scholarship.

List of participants (an * indicates they qualified for state): Jack Thornton*, Zoya Momin*, Thidar Khine, Michelle Kim, Lauren Langer*, Robert Svaia*, Vasilios Stefanis, Armon Saeed Vafa, Chirag Gandhi*, John Wheeler*, Joanne Kwak, Felix Angelov*, Desiree Garcia*, Eric O'Neill*, Andrew Rappaport*, Kristine Park*, Callie Sher*, Sheryl Cherian*, Riyushi Mahadak, Shana Nissan*, Ryan Marohn*, Julia Zasso and Jammie Thai.

The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club

Leaders of the Future Scholarship Award Luncheon on Tuesday, April 12th

Since 1984, The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Clubs Scholarship Program has offered our teen youth leaders the opportunity to earn college tuition funds. Students in 8th grade through junior year of high school are eligible for awards of \$500 to \$1,000. High School Seniors and College students are eligible for \$3,000 to \$10,000. The committee will award up to \$30,000 this year.

Thirty-Two scholarship winners have progressed through the program, and have graduated from a school of their choice. Over Eighty-Two students have received awards. The NBGC Leaders of the Future Scholarship Program has been able to encourage members to remain active participants and become staff. Twelve scholarship winners have served on the Board of Directors of NBGC with two of them serving as President. We believe that the success of our club in recent years is due to the dedication and the giving back by these men and women. As our program continues to grow, we are always looking for new scholarship sponsors.

This years event was held at The Chicago Brauhaus, 4732 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago. In attendance were the NBGC Staff members, Scholarship Recipients, Scholarship Sponsors & Donors, Parents, Alumni, Friends and community members.

The event was on Tuesday, April 12th, 2011.

WHO: The students that were honored this year were Baylee Cabrera (Lake View High School), Jennifer Haslwanter (Gordon Tech High School), Lilyanna Lebron (Lake View High School), Aric Werstein (Maine West High School), Sarah Zarymbksi (Gordon Tech High School), Christian Marquez (North Town Academy), Jaime Espinoza (Lake View High School), Valin Myers (North Town Academy), Denise Hearn (Lane Tech College Prep), Patrick O'Connell (Lane Tech College Prep), Jessica Anetsberger (Lane Tech College Prep), Tim Jensen (Christian Liberty), Cassie Kielnik (Lincoln Park High School), Michael VanDenBosch (University of Illinois - Chicago), Mariah Myers (North Park University), Kathi Jensen (Wright College), Sam Jensen (Northeastern Illinois University), Samantha Prodromos (Harold Washinton College).

SPONSORS: These Scholarship Awards were sponsored by local businesses, NBGC alumni, and foundations. Sponsors include Alderman Gene Schuller, Arrow Messenger Service, Chicago Brauhaus, Community Savings Bank, The John Barrett Family, The Baumhart Family, Ferris Enterprises, Hoellen Family Foundation, Jim Kartheiser, The Krier Family, Lake View Realty, Lakeview Kiwanis Club, Lincoln Park Community Bank, Morici, Figlioli & Associates, NBGC Scholarship Club, Past Scholarship Recipients, Patrons of Laschett's Inn, Ravenswood Kiwanis Club and Leslie Fisher.

Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club, 2501 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 60618; (773) 463-4161; (773) 463-5392 fax. Visit our web site: www.nbgc.org/leadersofthefuturescholarship.asp





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“A Theater Review”

“42nd Street”

Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive
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Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Marriott Theatre has assembled a top-drawer cast for its production of “42nd Street” but not only that it’s a show I’d go back to see and pay for again and again. It’s very entertaining and a wonderful evening of musical theatre.

This musical is definitely a dance extravaganza with songs to match and a show business story that makes for a great evening out on the town.

Tammy Mader has her ensemble working up a sweat with the dance routines that will knock your socks off. She has twenty-three with which to work.

Tom Galantich plays Julian Marsh, the producer of “Pretty Lady” that must be a major hit but he must deal with his star Dorothy Brock played by Catherine Lord. Ms. Lord gives one of the best performances I’ve seen in this role in a long time. She is a major hit.

The songs are familiar from “You’re Getting to be a Habit With Me,” “We’re in the Money,” “Dames,” “Lullaby of Broadway,” “Go Into Your Dance,” and “Shuffle Off to Buffalo.” All the music is by long gone veterans Harry Warren and Al Dubin under the musical direction of Doug Peck, one of Chicago’s finest.

“42nd Street” has a book by Michael Stewart and Mark Bramble and while the show runs two and a half hours with intermission you won’t miss the time spent.

Director Rachel Rockwell has a superstar of a cast with Kaitlyn Davidson as Peggy Sawyer the girl who is about to be a star; newcomer to Chicago Drew Humphrey as Billy Lawlor, the role Dick Powell played in the movie and is the young romantic lead of “Pretty Lady.” Andrew Lupp has the role of Andy Lee, the show’s dance director, Michael Weber is Bert and his songwriting partner is Nancy Voights as Maggie and their comedy delivery will have you in stitches.

Veteran actor Roger Mueller as Abner Dillion and Adam Pelty as the romantic interest of Dorothy Brock couldn’t be in better hands.

At first it looks like the show might not go on when an accident happens and Dorothy Brock breaks her leg and she gets Peggy fired.

Peggy decides to go back to Buffalo but a miracle brings her back and a new star on Broadway is born. Go and see this wonderful show.

“42nd Street” runs through May 29th. For show days, times and reservations call 847-634-0200. Tickets are \$41 - \$49. There is plenty of free parking.

-Four Stars-

Renowned Musicians Produce a Tribute Cabaret Concert of Glee

Voicequest, Inc is pleased to announce that a concert tribute show to Fox’s Emmy Award winning television series, Glee, which is a quirky comedy-drama series focusing on the talents, trials and tribulations of a glee club, will be remounted in May due to popular demand.

Saturday, May 21st, The Skokie Theatre will feature ten Chicago-based singers bringing your favorite Glee songs to life in a cabaret-style show, Gleetastic Cabaret: A Glee Tribute Show.

Directed by Gillian Kelly with musical direction by Glaire Bigley, this show is sure to be a hit! Come out and watch our gleeks perform your favorite songs made famous by The Beatles, Queen, Journey, Beyonce, and many more. Featured songs will be performed by: Natalie Carlascio, Steven Dokich, Brian Fimoff, Sam Heindl, Leah Johnston, Lydia Krupsky, Tommy Lucas, Jade Phillips, Mallory Sears, and Andrew Sheils, with Joe Kieca on drums and guitar.

The Skokie Theatre is located at 7924 Lincoln Ave. in Skokie, IL. Performances begin promptly at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

DOWNTOWN SOUND: NEW MUSIC MONDAYS THE CUTTING-EDGE INDIE ROCK AND POP CONCERT SERIES RETURNS ON MONDAY NIGHTS TO MILLENNIUM PARK MAY 23 – JULY 25, 2011

The highly anticipated free music series, Downtown Sound: New Music Mondays returns to Millennium Park for a third summer, featuring an eclectic mix of music discoveries, cutting-edge indie rock, pop bands and rock veterans. Presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, in partnership with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture, the series will include ten double-bill concerts on Monday nights, running May 23 through July 25, 2011. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m.

Some of the highlights of Downtown Sound include Iron and Wine, Blonde Redhead, Low, Bonnie “Prince” Billy, Ted Leo, the UK’s Seefeel, France’s Ben L’Oncle Soul and Niger’s Bombino, along with Chicago favorites Rachel Ries and Andre Williams.

Downtown Sound is co-curated by Mike Orlove, Director of Music Programming, Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture, Jack McLarnan, Program Manager, Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture and Mike Reed, Director for At Pluto LTD.

Downtown Sound is supported by Goose Island’s 312 Urban Wheat Ale. The Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park is the official hotel and WBEZ 91.5 FM is a media sponsor of Downtown Sound.

For more information about Downtown Sound and all of the programming in Millennium Park, visit www.millenniumpark.org, call 312.742.1168, visit Millennium Park on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

May 23 at 6:30pm Bonnie “Prince” Billy featuring the Cairo Gang + Special Guest to be Announced

Known for bringing a no-nonsense demeanor to the post punk/indie folk scene, Will Oldham, better known by his stage name Bonnie “Prince” Billy, has been crafting incredibly poignant and often haunting albums for almost 25 years. Along with the Cairo Gang, he opens the Downtown Sound series for the summer and audiences can expect an evening of swooning vocal harmonies, raucous country-rock riffs and Oldham’s trademark yelp-croon. <http://www.dragcity.com/artists/bonnie-prince-billy-and-the-cairo-gang>

May 30 at 6:30pm Justin Townes Earle + Andre Williams and the Goldstars

Named after legendary country-folk artist Townes Van Zandt, Nashville-born and bred Justin Townes Earle has had the rich artistic roots of the deep-south flowing through his veins since birth. Putting that heritage to use, Earle has created a clean and simple aesthetic style that is truly all his own. After winning the prestigious American Music Award for “Emerging Artist of the Year” in 2009, Earle released the increasingly mature Harlem River Blues in 2010 to vast critical acclaim. <http://www.justintownesearle.com/>

Chicago native Andre Williams is truly an R&B legend. As a songwriter and producer for overtly influential acts such as Ike Turner, Edwin Starr, and Stevie Wonder, Williams has left a vitally important mark on the music industry as a whole. Known today as “Mr. Rhythm,” he continues to bring his eccentric and exciting musical style to every performance he gives. <http://www.myspace.com/68691228>

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- May 8 • 3:00pm & 6:00pm Acrocats
- May 11 • 1:30pm Marcus Gentry’s A TRIBUTE TO NAT KING COLE
- May 13 • 8:00pm Roxy in Concert: Cabaret Sensation
- May 14 • 10:30am & 2:00pm Three Cat Education presents Cinderella
- May 14 • 8:00pm Sons of the Never Wrong
- May 15 • 2:00pm Ester Hana
- May 15 • 7:30pm Northshore Opera Hour
- May 18 • 1:30pm Jimmy Niteclub’s COOL GENTS (Dean-O & Tony Bennett)
- May 18 • 8:00pm The Adam Larson Quintet
- May 20 • 8:00pm Jann Klose and Emily Hurd
- May 21 • 10:30am & 2:00pm Three Cat Education presents Cinderella
- May 21 • 8:00pm Gleetastic Cabaret
- May 22 • 2:00pm Evan Sh’sayah
- May 22 • 7:00pm Evanston High School Jazz Band
- May 25 • 1:30pm Jack Miuccio’s THAT’S AMORE
- May 27 – 29 Romanian Film Festival

Comedian Couple Deliver Solo Laughs in Stand-Up Revue

Comedians Hollie and Steve Himmelman share their independent comedic voices in, “Memoirs of The Married Meshuganas”. The show is Friday June 10, 2011 at 8:00pm, at the Skokie Theatre 7924 N. Lincoln Ave. Skokie, IL. 60077. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. To purchase tickets call 847-677-7761.

Hollie likes to share stories about her neurosis along with a twisted perspective on many topics, including her childhood and growing up in Skokie. The seeds were planted for Hollie’s comedy career in Kindergarten. During that year she compulsively organized her crayons by height and sharpness and always ventured outside the lines during coloring training.

Steve looks at simple and every-day situations and voices his unique point of view. Due to grabbing the attention of his fellow classmates, Steve spent most of his grammar school years with his desk in the hallway. Steve realized a comedic career was launched and owes it all to his childhood experiences.

For more information, please contact Hollie Himmelman at 312-576-8373 or holliehimmelman@gmail.com. For more information on Skokie Theatre contact Al Curtis, 847-677-7761, info@skokietheatre.com

Distracted Driving: Did You Know?

Research on distracted driving reveals some surprising facts:

- 20 percent of injury crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving. (NHTSA).
- Of those killed in distracted-driving-related crashes, 995 involved reports of a cell phone (18% of fatalities in distraction-related crashes). (NHTSA).
- In 2009, 5,474 people were killed in U.S. roadways and an estimated additional 448,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes that were reported to have involved distracted driving. (FARS and GES).
- The age group with the greatest proportion of distracted drivers was the under-20 age group – 16 percent of all drivers younger than 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported to have been distracted while driving. (NHTSA).
- Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves. (Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety).
- Using a cell phone use while driving, whether it’s hand-held or hands-free, delays a driver’s reactions as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08 percent. (Source: University of Utah).

Learn more at www.distraction.gov.

Companion Pets/Wildlife



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

Cricket

Please come meet Cricket! This pretty girl is a happy, friendly and lovable 2-year old Shepherd mix! Cricket has a coat of soft brown and has the cutest ears! Cricket has a "smile" that goes from ear-to-ear and a never-ending wagging tail! Cricket came to the shelter when her owner was moving and couldn't take her along. Cricket is a very gentle girl who will gladly give you doggie kisses whenever you want! Our vets noted that Cricket recently had a litter, and is healthy, happy and ready for her forever home. A wonderful addition to just about any family, this sweet girl will bring you a lifetime of love and doggie kisses! Hurry on over to The Anti-Cruelty Society and ask to meet our friend, Cricket, #12748667. Don't wait, Cricket is a doll and will be adopted quickly! Cricket is ready to go home with you today!



Missy



Sweet and gentle little Missy! This little girl is a pretty 7-year old brown and white tabby who also happens to be polydactyl -- meaning she has extra toes on her front paws making her one very special girlie! Missy is a shy little lady who came to the shelter when her owner was moving and couldn't take her along. Well, she may be shy, but spend a little time with her and you will soon see the sweet, gentle and lovable angel that lies within. Missy enjoys attention and chin scratches, and is hoping to find someone who will give her plenty of both. Our vets did note that Missy has done some over grooming to her tummy and thighs which may be stress-related or possible allergies, but either way, nothing that takes away from the wonderful girl she is. A lovely addition to a quiet and calm household, Missy will be a devoted companion and friend to some lucky adopter. An endearing girl who will easily steal your heart, Missy is patiently waiting for you at The Anti-Cruelty Society, just ask for #11805259. Pretty Missy is ready to go home with you today!

For more information about any of our pets, visit www.anticruelty.org or call (312) 644-8338.

Bark in the Park

It is officially that time of year – time to get outside and enjoy a walk with your dog. And you won't find a better walk than at Bark in the Park! Thousands of Chicago-area dogs with their humans will be high-tailing it for the 17th Annual Bark in the Park, Saturday, May 7th at 9 a.m., at Chicago's Montrose Harbor. Bark in the Park is an annual tradition and dog's spring rite of passage, created to raise funds and awareness for The Anti-Cruelty Society's programs and services and to celebrate the bond we have with our pets!

More than 3,000 walkers, most joined by their canine companions, are expected to congregate at this year's event creating a great day of camaraderie amongst animal lovers. Emcees, ABC 7's Hosea Sanders and Roz Varon, The Rewind's Brian Middleton, and Steve Dale will be on site kicking off the walk and making sure everyone has a great time.

Activities include pet talent scout, Bill Casey, animal intuitive, Denise Zak, Hawk City K9 agility demonstrations, dog/owner look-alike contest, cutest pet tricks and even a doggie fashion parade. Cat owners can make a pin to show their love to their cat's that can't attend this dog friendly event. Or walk in honor of Dr. Lester Fisher – you can also purchase buttons in his honor that will benefit the Dr. Lester Fisher Veterinary Care fund.

Additional specials include a family fun tent, free snacks for the walkers, and goodies for the dogs. Walkers can also enjoy free product samples from our sponsor's tents, and no one should go home without a souvenir photo. Click here for more information or to register!

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For more information or to send us your vehicle donation form, please contact: Alyssa Dillon, The Anti-Cruelty Society, 157 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60654; (312) 645-8014, adillon@anticruelty.org.

CJE SENIORLIFE HELPING OLDER ADULTS AGE-PROOF THEIR HOMES THROUGH IN-HOME SAFETY ASSESSMENTS

Research shows that four out of five Americans want to stay in their homes for as long as possible. For some, however, unexpected falls or other accidents force them to move from the confines of home into assisted living or skilled nursing before they are ready. In many cases, these situations could've been avoided if the proper steps were taken to age-proof the home.

CJE SeniorLife is working with older adults and families across the Metropolitan Chicago through its new home safety assessments program to help spot possible safety hazards in the home. Through the service, a Certified Aging in-Place Specialist (CAPS) comes out to the home to discuss changes that may help the individual(s) live in the house longer, walks through the residence and presents a list of suggested modifications, repairs and preventative safety measures, and also provides a list of available resources for making these changes.

Some overlooked items that a CAPS professional can help with include eliminating hazards caused by area rugs and frayed carpeting, reduction of clutter from walkways, installation of grab bars in the bathroom, securing railings that lead up and down staircases, fixing uneven steps, rerouting of electrical cords, modification of how to organize cabinets to avoid unnecessary reaching and bending and much more.

"People often overlook the importance of safety in their homes until grandchildren visit or someone actually falls," says Rachel Tanzer, CJE's Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS). "Making your home safer doesn't always mean you need to hire a contractor to update the kitchen or bathroom. In most cases, making small adjustments before there's an accident can help you stay in your home as long as possible."

CJE SeniorLife's home safety assessments by a CAPS professional provide an objective review of the home's safety. The new service costs \$125 and most assessments last 90-minutes. Those scheduling a home safety assessment with CJE by April 30, 2011, receive \$25 off the fee. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call CJE SeniorLife at 773/508-1000.

CJE SeniorLife is an innovative provider of community-based and residential programs, and services for older adults throughout the Chicago area. Over the past 39 years, CJE's wide range of services has grown to include assisted living, counseling and care management, long-term skilled nursing, Alzheimer's care, home health, wellness programs and much more. CJE is a partner in serving the community, supported by the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation. For more information about CJE services, call 773/508-1000 or visit www.cje.net.

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Alzheimer's Disease, Nursing Homes, and Long-term Health Care



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A recent report from the National Center for Health Statistics will raise the spirits of every American. According to the report, the chances of living to a ripe old age of more than 75 years have reached an all-time high due to advances in medical science, a more health-conscious population, and a reduction in the number of deaths resulting from accidents

However, the increase in the number of golden years has a dark side as well. According to the National Institute of Nursing Research in Bethesda, Maryland, "More than 70 percent of patients afflicted with Alzheimer's disease are cared for at home by family members, who experience tremendous stress, both emotional and financial. As the disease progresses, many of these patients will eventually live in nursing homes, away from family and friends."

This assumes, of course, that facilities and treatment programs are in place to serve Alzheimer's patients. A recent study issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reveals a shortage of services for Alzheimer's patients; only 13 percent of nursing homes contain units for residents suffering from Alzheimer's. According to Dr. John Eisenberg, administrator of the HHS Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, "Almost half (47.7 percent) of all nursing home residents have some form of dementia."

These reports point to the need for Long-Term Health Care and effective estate planning as a crucial element to ensure a long and happy retirement. With proper estate planning, you can take steps to avoid financial disaster in the event of long-term illness, including protecting your home from a potential lien and repositioning your assets so you'll be entitled to government assistance if you are eligible. You can also take steps to avoid a costly and time consuming guardianship, in the event that you are no longer able to manage your own affairs.

As these reports illustrate, the major obstacle to a happy retirement may not be a catastrophic illness, but a long-term disease that can threaten your well-being and financial health as well. Effective estate planning helps to remove some of the worry from retirement, and helps provide you and your family with greater peace of mind.

In planning your estate, the best course of action is to seek the assistance of an attorney whose practice is focused on estate planning. Members of the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys receive continuing education on the latest changes in laws that affect estate planning, allowing them to provide the highest quality service.

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. To register for an upcoming seminar on "Medicaid and Veteran's Benefits" on May 5th, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at www.PlanOurEstate.com.



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George Takei and Patty Duke Join Forces to Tell Americans to Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov

Cyberspace: the final frontier. These are the voyages of George Takei and Patty Duke. Their mission: to seek out baby boomers and people of all ages and tell them to "Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov". Entertainment icons George Takei and Patty Duke have teamed up to tell Americans to Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov to apply for retirement, disability, Medicare, and so much more. The two celebrities are joining forces in a new campaign to help the Social Security Administration promote its online services as an easy and secure way for people to do business with the agency.

"Social Security has a great website and the top-rated online services in the U.S.," said Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security. "We now have a fun new way to get the word out. Having George join forces with Patty will help us reach the millions of people who can take advantage of this convenient way of doing business with Social Security. Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov to plan for your retirement and to apply online so that you too may live long and prosper."

"Won't filing for Social Security benefits online be confusing?" George asks Patty in one of eight new commercials. "It's simple and easy," Patty assures George. "It's so easy, even Kirk could do it."

Those ready to retire, apply for disability benefits, or delay retirement and apply only for Medicare, can do so from the comfort of their home or from any computer. Two million people took advantage of Social Security's convenient online benefit applications last year. People already receiving Social Security benefits can go online to let Social Security know about a change of address or phone number, start or change direct deposit, get a proof of income letter, or replace a lost Medicare card.

Social Security's website "is for everyone," Patty tells George in another spot. Workers can get an online estimate of their future retirement benefits and use Social Security's planners to plan for a secure retirement. In addition, Patty says, "Young people can help their grandparents with retiring online or getting extra help with their Medicare prescription drug costs." To which George concludes, "Everyone, of all ages, should go to www.socialsecurity.gov."

Social Security's online services not only provide a convenient option for the public, they are a lifeline for the agency in a time of fast growing workloads as baby boomers begin retiring in record numbers and millions more need Social Security's services due to the economic downturn.

To learn more about Social Security's online services and to view the new George Takei and Patty Duke public service announcements, Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov. Like George, you may find yourself saying, "Oh my!"

Andrew Salata, Social Security Administration

The 41st Ward Zoning Advisory Board

The 41st Ward Zoning Advisory Board will meet at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at Olympia Park Fieldhouse, 6566 N. Avondale Avenue in Chicago. There will be no items on the Agenda.

Old Business: 1. Consideration of the Minutes of the April 6, 2011 meeting.

New Business: None

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ald. Brian Doherty's office at 773/792-1991.

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Village Cooking Corner

Zuricher Porksgeschuetzeltes Pork in White Wine and Cream

Makes 4 servings

1 1/2 lb. Pork Tenderloin Tips
1/4 cup melted butter
1/2 cup dry Rhine Wine
10 oz. Sauce Burgundy or 1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup fresh whipping cream
1/2 cup flour
1 tbs. fresh lemon juice
1 1/2 lb. fresh medium mushrooms sliced (not canned)
Pinch of salt
Ground white pepper
2 tbs. chopped parsley

1. Slice pork in thin slices and pound until flattened, then cut into strips 1/4 inch wide by 2 inches long.
2. Add salt and pepper to flour and mix, sprinkle flour on pork and shake off any excess flour.
3. Saute pork in hot butter until lightly browned.
4. Add sliced mushrooms, sprinkle with salt and continue cooking until pork and mushrooms are browned (not blackened).
5. Drain off excess butter, add lemon juice, whisk in wine and burgundy sauce (or mushroom soup) heat thoroughly.
6. Add cream (not half & half) and cook until sauce thickens.

Serve with Spatzel or egg noodles, place noodles in a circle on a platter and add the Zurich in the center of the plate, sprinkle with parsley and serve! Serve with good German Pilsner beer or Riesling wine to top off the meal.

Recipe from Chef Werner Heil – Mirabell Restaurant & Lounge

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One of the largest of these communities is of German and Austrian descent. Besides the well known beers and wines the delectable and satisfying comfortableness of the cuisine is enjoyed by all who have had the opportunity to dine at a restaurant featuring this fare.

One cannot say they have experienced authentic German/Austrian dishes in Chicago if they have not dined at Chef Werner's Mirabell Restaurant and Lounge on Addison Street. The history of this darling, cozy spot is known to its faithful followers, but just on the chance you are not one of them, here is your introduction to this well respected place.

The Mirabell menu is extensive with a full range of categories, each more mouthwatering than the last. 18 imported beers and a large selection of imported wines compliment either lunch or dinner.

Even the Weiner Schnitzel rivals the dish as it is prepared in the finest places in Europe, so say the Mirabell patrons who rank it #1 in the world, not just in Chicago.

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* Be placed out in an orderly fashion, i.e. bagged, contained or bundled, no loose garbage. Crews cannot go on private property. Absolutely no hazardous materials will be collected, including batteries, gas, oil, asbestos, medical wastes, paint, etc.

* Glass should be broken up, boxed, taped and labeled as glass.

* Must be placed on the alley line or parkway. Crews will not remove items from private property.

* Absolutely no construction material will be picked up.

* No tires or appliances will be picked up. Please call 311 or (847) 448-4311 to arrange for the free removal of these items.

* Crews will only remove bulk items; no garbage carts will be emptied.

For complete schedule go to <http://www.cityofevanston.org/recycling-waste/bulk-trash-days/index.php>

Village of Skokie Seeks Resident Support to Fight State Move to Reduce Municipal Funding

Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen and the entire Village Board are asking Skokie residents to join them in expressing concern to Skokie-area state legislators regarding a possible drastic reduction in the Village's share of the state income tax.

Since 1970, when the Illinois constitution was amended and then-governor Richard Ogilvie and the State legislature imposed the first Illinois income tax, municipalities throughout the State were guaranteed ten percent of the tax each year in return for supporting establishing the tax. For the Village of Skokie, this amounts to approximately \$5 million annually and is used to fund emergency services, roadway improvements and other essential municipal services.

In its efforts to rectify the state budget crisis, Springfield lawmakers are considering a move to reduce – or even eliminate – this decades-old funding distribution originally presented to municipalities as an irrevocable commitment. This significant funding revocation would mean decreased municipal services and increased local taxes for Skokie residents.

"At a recent presentation to the Illinois Municipal League, a high-ranking legislator said there must be 'shared pain' in addressing state budget issues. It seems that the decision to strip the municipal share of the state income tax in whole, or in part, is at hand," said Mayor George Van Dusen. "A \$5 million loss would be devastating to the Village of Skokie. This amount is equivalent to 50 full-time firefighters, 50 full-time police officers or 63 public works employees, inclusive of wages and benefits."

"I ask Skokie residents to contact their state legislators now to express their concern over this proposal. The Village of Skokie saw the economic crisis coming and for two consecutive years reduced its budget, took action to reduce its workforce and enhance local revenues, even in the face of local opposition. By contrast, the State of Illinois has long ignored their economic troubles by refusing to make difficult and responsible decisions. It seems that now the state is looking to force Skokie and all other municipalities to provide a bail out."

Contact information for Skokie-area legislators is found on the Village web site, www.skokie.org, through a link from the 'Village Government' section.

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