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Mayor Daley's Clean & Green Citywide Volunteer Clean-Up Saturday, April 25, 2009

On Saturday, April 25, 2009, you and community groups in your area can make an immediate difference in your neighborhood by volunteering your time and efforts to take part in Mayor Daley's Spring Clean & Green Day.



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Thank you,
The Editor



McAuliffe: Capital Bill Provides for Local Road Repair

In an effort to jump-start the state's economy, the Illinois House and Senate passed a mini-capital program Thursday evening, which includes money for local road projects, said State Representative Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago).

"I am optimistic we will see potholes filled and roads resurfaced in our district and in neighboring communities. Unfortunately I know the kind of political games that are played, so none of the projects are set in stone. However, I will work directly with the Illinois Department of Transportation to ensure our projects are completed," said McAuliffe.

The \$9 billion public works program will tackle projects already planned by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The money would also go to mass transit, repair potholes, open shuttered historic sites and speed up the payment for state services.

For the last two years, House Republicans have worked to pass an expanded capital program to take care of roads, bridges, schools and other infrastructure needs, while putting thousands of people back to work.

"This mini-capital bill does not include everything on our wish-list, but it is a good start. More importantly, it will create jobs and put people back to work," said McAuliffe.

McAuliffe will meet with Illinois Department of Transportation officials to get specific details of road work set for the 20th District.

For more information, please call Rep. McAuliffe's office at (773) 792-0749.

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OLR 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 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the second floor Community Education Room. These free sessions are tailored for adults who have Type 2 diabetes and focus on the emotional side of diabetes, allowing participants to share coping strategies, feelings and problems in living with diabetes. For further information about the Diabetes Support Group, call certified diabetes educator Kathy Byrne-Bellavia, R.N., at 773-794-8329.

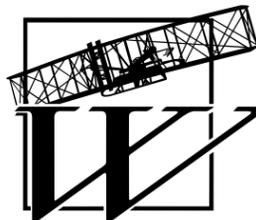
A free lecture titled "**Advances in Total Joint Replacement**" will be given Wednesday, May 6, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center A. Orthopedic surgeon Joseph D'Silva, M.D., will discuss the latest advances in knee and hip replacement surgery, including risks, benefits, recovery time, who is a candidate for surgery and how the surgery is performed. A question and answer session will be included. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, May 8, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center A. This program for seniors aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and voluntary armchair exercises. Registration is not required.

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

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

Wright College Celebrates Earth Day



Wilbur Wright College will be abuzz on Earth Day with the planting of a tree in honor of Abe Lincoln's 200th birthday and the chance to sit behind the wheel of a hybrid car.

When Wright College, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave., celebrates Earth Day on April 22, Wright President Charles Guengerich will dedicate the planting of a black walnut tree, which is the same

tree that President Lincoln used to split. This year marks the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. Planting an Earth Day tree at Wright has become a tradition of the annual ceremony.

The tree planting will take place at 10 a.m. on the east side of campus. Toyota hybrid cars will be part of the green celebration as well. Parked on campus for the day, the cars will be open for viewing.

Following the tree-planting ceremony, information tables organized by the Wright Environmental Club will educate students and the community on such topics as recycling, bird feeders and organic gardening. A reusable shopping bag provided by the Environmental Club, pizza and samples of fair trade coffee will be available for those who explore the information tables. There will also be a solar oven demonstration.

For more information, call Ed Bannon at (773) 481-8535.

Registration at Wright Starts April 15

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THEATER ON THE LAKE ANNOUNCES 2009 SEASON OF REVIVED PRODUCTIONS FROM LOCAL COMPANIES

The Chicago Park District's 57th annual Theater on the Lake season features reprisals of eight artistically diverse Chicago theater companies June 17 – Aug. 9, 2009. The season opens with Collaboraction Theater Company's production of *Jon* (June 17-21) and continues with popular productions by Redmoon Theater (June 24-28), Blindfaith Theatre Company (July 1-5), Theo Ubique Theater Company (July 8-12), Rivendell Theatre Ensemble (July 15-19), Barrel of Monkeys (July 22-26), The Artistic Home (July 29 – Aug. 2), and Eclipse Theatre Company (Aug. 5-9). Each production will be performed for five evenings only at the theater at Fullerton Avenue and Lake Michigan.

One of this year's new features includes three family friendly productions recommended for ages six and up: *Once Upon a Time* (or the Secret Language of Birds), *Woody Guthrie's American Song* and *Fun O'Clock: A Very Special That's Weird Grandma*.

Hallie Gordon, Artistic Director of Theater on the Lake, comments, "Theater on the Lake is a long-standing Chicago tradition, and we invite theater lovers to enjoy the best of the city's off-Loop theater ensembles along beautiful Lake Michigan."

The 2009 Theater on the Lake season is as follows:

Collaboraction Theater Company *Jon* by George Saunders, Directed by Seth Bockley, June 17 – 21

Jon is a futuristic allegory about teenage love and self-discovery in a corporate universe where television commercials replace life experiences. Collaboraction's Associate Artistic Director Seth Bockley adapts the story by MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship recipient George Saunders. The production explores the boundaries of video and theater in a surreal and strangely moving coming-of-age story. The Chicago Tribune highly recommended the world premiere production calling it "a sensorial spectacle."

Performance schedule and pricing

The Chicago Park District's Theater on the Lake is located at Fullerton Avenue and Lake Shore Drive in a historic building that offers breathtaking views of Lake Michigan.

The schedule for all performances June 17 – Aug. 9 is Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

Single tickets are \$17.50 and a season subscription to all eight plays is available at a discounted price of \$110. Subscriptions are available beginning May 15 via the brochure. All individual tickets go on sale June 9, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Theater on the Lake box office at Fullerton Avenue and Lake Michigan or via phone at (312) 742-7994. Beginning June 9, the box office is open Tuesdays – Saturdays, 2 - 8 p.m. and Sundays, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

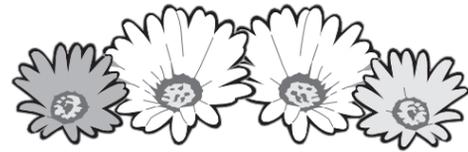
Paid parking is available at the Lincoln Park Zoo located at Fullerton Avenue and Cannon Drive. CTA bus routes 151 or 156 both serve the area; for schedules, contact the RTA/CTA at (312) 836-7000. For patrons with special needs, please contact the box office at 312-742-7994 to arrange for valet parking services. For more information about the Chicago Park District, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or call (312) 742-PLAY.

Liberty Bank for Savings to Offer Free Health Lecture and Screening

A Health Care Lecture and Screening with Dr. Francisco Sanchez will be held on Wednesday, April 22 at 10 a.m. at Liberty's Main Branch, 2392 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. There is no charge. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Marketing Department at 773-489-4471 or visiting Liberty's Resource Center on the Web at <http://www.libertybank.com/resource-center.aspx>.

Dr. Sanchez, from the Advocate Health Center in Logan Square, will show how high blood pressure affects the body. Following the lecture, take advantage of a free blood pressure screening. Part of an ongoing series of lectures, Dr. Sanchez and Liberty Bank seek to make a positive impact on the health of the Logan Square neighborhood.

Liberty Bank for Savings has been providing safe and secure banking service since 1898. The community bank, with offices on the northwest side of Chicago, in Park Ridge and Lincolnwood, celebrates its 111th anniversary in 2009. For more information call 773-489-4471 or visit www.libertybank.com.



ADD "SPRING" TO YOUR STEP IN CHICAGO!

Celebrate Polish heritage, this year, in the city that claims more Poles outside of Warsaw than any city in the world - Chicago! On Saturday, May 2, 2009, Chicago hosts the 118th Polish Constitution Day parade. Honoring the historic document, crowds along Columbus Drive recognize the first European democratic constitution of its kind. Parade viewers are expected to once again reach 250,000.

This spring season, there's more than ever for kids to do in Chicago. Chicago For Kids, an audio tour and interactive website, allows children to explore Chicago's most popular destinations while participating in games and learning about the rich cultural history of Chicago. Kids can download the audio tour to their iPods or mp3 players and take it with them while they check out "the Bean" at Millennium Park or do some shopping with mom and dad on Michigan Avenue. The tour is available in multiple languages and can be downloaded at www.downloadchicagotours.com.

Fans of the blockbuster Harry Potter movies will enjoy the upcoming Harry Potter: The Exhibition opening April 30, 2009 at the Museum of Science and Industry. Featuring displays of props and costumes used during the filming of the movies, the exhibition allows visitors the opportunity to experience a piece of movie magic. Visitors will also get a first-hand look at items from the new movie, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, due in theatres July 2009.

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

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

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

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

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

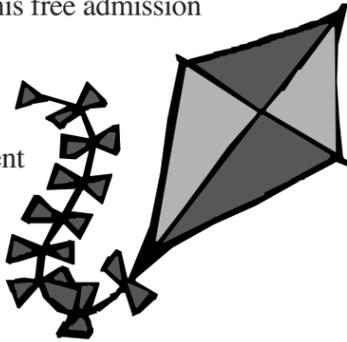
Kids & Kites Festival, Saturday, May 2

Visit Mayor Daley's Kids & Kites Festival, Saturday, May 2, 10a.m. - 4p.m. at Montrose Harbor in Lincoln Park. (Montrose and Lake Shore Drive.)

This spring will be the only time to enjoy this free admission festival that includes free kite kits for kids to make, decorate and fly, while supplies last.

In addition to the kites, new this year, it's the big kite candy drop. Imagine the excitement as candy seems to fall from the sky, twice during the festival.

As always, children will be treated to strolling entertainment, face painting, storytelling and crafts, including the popular Plaster of Paradise, where you can decorate a refrigerator magnet shaped like a kite.



National Wildlife Federation

Historic Public Lands Protections Become Law

Thanks in part to the tens of thousands of messages sent to Congress from NWF's wildlife advocates, last week the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 was signed into law.

This sweeping legislation includes more than 160 separate public lands proposals that would secure wilderness designation for more than two million acres in nine states, protect over a thousand miles of rushing rivers and permanently establish a 26-million acre National Landscape Conservation System.

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CITY OF CHICAGO LAUNCHES NEW TOURISM WEBSITE:

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ADD "SPRING" TO YOUR STEP IN CHICAGO!

The Magnificent Mile is not only home to numerous restaurants, shops and hotels but also to thousands of tulips that bloom each spring. Tulips on the Magnificent Mile takes place from April 1 through May 31, 2009. Celebrate the season and view the tulip gardens that line the Magnificent Mile while taking advantage of exclusive offers from the businesses along the colorful street. Experience the City Beautiful movement as original public art installations by well-known architecture firms are featured.

One of the largest fountains in the world, Buckingham Fountain, and its surrounding pathways and landscape have undergone a \$25 million renovation. On April 1, 2009, Buckingham Fountain will reopen to the public. Visit the famed icon and catch the impressive water display that takes place every hour for 20 minutes. Water is shot 150 feet into the air to create a majestic sight and is accompanied by a light and music display. The fountain runs daily from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

For more information on visiting Chicago this spring, or to book accommodations, visit www.explorechicago.org or call 877-CHICAGO.

Urban Wildlife Coalition

Landscaping to Deter Wildlife

The rabbits are in the lettuce again! It's hard not to be bothered when wildlife comes nibbling in our backyards. But, it is important to remember that rabbits, deer, squirrels, and others truly are not trying to annoy us. As we humans destroy more and more of their natural habitats, they are simply doing their best to adapt, to feed themselves and their families. A bit of patience and good humor, along with some humane and natural deterrents, can go a long way toward a peaceful coexistence with our wildlife neighbors.

Incorporate undesirable plants around the perimeter or woven in between plants they want to eat. Rabbits are not fond of the smell or taste of pepper plants; most animals do not like strongly aromatic plants like peppermint or sage; many animals are deterred by fuzzy (lamb's ear) or thorny (rosebush) plants.

Install fences or barriers. For rabbits, chicken wire fencing, two feet high – be sure to sink posts half-foot or so into the ground.

Save a little something for them. Lure them away from your vegetables with a small garden all their own.

Remove cover. Most animals like to dine near an exit. They seek bushes and other hiding spots near their food source.

Some say soap (Dial seems to work especially well), hung around plants and moved periodically, will deter deer and other animals.

Consider motion-activated lights (for nocturnal animals) and sprinklers.

A word about capsaicin (a hot-pepper compound). Because we believe in finding humane deterrents, and since it is impossible to determine the level of discomfort caused to animals, we do not recommend capsaicin-based products. Same is true coyote (or other animals') urine as a deterrent. Any conscientious person must wonder under what circumstances the urine is collected from these animals.

We're happy to answer specific questions about attracting or deterring wildlife in your garden and we encourage you to share your tried-and-true suggestions with us! Please contact urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com or 773-545-8136. Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured urban wildlife. Special thanks to Michael Repkin, co-founder of Urban Habitat Chicago for sharing his expertise on landscaping to attract or deter animals. For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit www.urban-wildlifecoalition.org.

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Lincolnwood Memorial Day Event

Monday, May 25 -The Lincolnwood event is a cooperative effort between the American Legion Post 1226 and the Village of Lincolnwood.

Parade, step-off at 10 am from the Kow-Kow Restaurant located at the corner of Pratt and Cicero in Lincolnwood. The parade ends at Proesel Park in Madeleine's Garden along Morse between Lincoln and Kostner at the south side of the park. It is short parade featuring the Niles West Marching Band, Community Groups and Dignitaries

Following the Parade a ceremony is held in Madeleine's Garden (the garden dedicated to the memory of Madeleine Grant, former Mayor of Lincolnwood), featuring speakers and the Niles West Marching Band playing patriotic music. A Community Picnic may follow, but details have not been discussed or confirmed.

For more information call the Village of Lincolnwood at 847-673-1540.

Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society House Tour/History Walk

Please join the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society for its 23rd Annual House Tour/History Walk featuring Germania and Eastlake Terrace.

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2009

Hours: 1:00 to 5:00 (registration open from 12:30 to 4:00)

Price: \$16 for Society members, \$20 for the public

Starting point: 1643 West Howard, at the historic Howard Theatre building immediately east of the newly renovated Howard "L" station (free parking in rear)

What major Chicago radio station started out on Howard Street? (Hint: their early slogan was "We Broadcast from the BroadMoor")
What travel film impresario had his movie studio at Rogers and Ashland? What famous radio personality swam to work from his Eastlake Terrace home to his job on Navy Pier?

Find out about all of this and much more of the colorful history of the far northeastern corner Chicago! This year's tour features a dozen homes and historic sites exploring the history and development of Howard Street in its nightlife heyday, the annexation of Germania from Evanston into Chicago in 1915, and the beautiful lake views from the private piers off of Eastlake Terrace's condo buildings.

To purchase tickets for pick-up at the starting point on the day of the event, please mail a check to the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society at 7344 North Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60645. For further information or to reserve tickets, please call (773) 764-4078, email rpwrhs@aol.com, or visit www.rpwrhs.org.

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RETAIL SERVICES TRAINING PROGRAM RELOCATES

As of April 1, JVS Retail Services Training, a program of Jewish Vocational Service, is now located at the Sampson-Katz Center, 2020 West Devon, Chicago. The two week program provides training for persons with a disability who want and need to work now.

The two week program is designed to teach participants the skills necessary to work in the retail field. Training takes place on site in a mock Walgreens store equipped with all the items found in a real Walgreens operation. Following classroom training, participants complete a 1/2 day internship. JVS professional staff then assists trainees with contacting nearby retail stores that have vacancies to set up an interview. Over the years, the program has had a placement rate of 60%. Barbara Friedman, program manager said, "In these tough times, this concise training gives individuals much needed skills to seek employment." For information and requirements call (312) 673-3439.

Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) is a non-profit nonsectarian organization that provides a wide range of employment and training services to more than 10,000 individuals each year at all economic and professional levels. The agency is affiliated with and supported by the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

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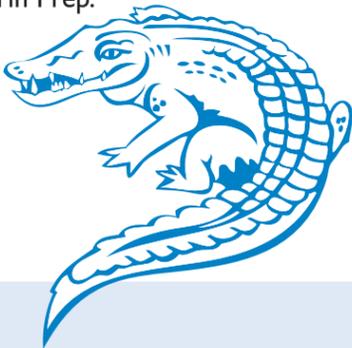
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Guerin Prep Basketball Coaches will emphasize basic skill development, including shooting skills while having fun. Drills for the outside shooter, as well as inside and post moves will be covered. Individual and team concepts will be addressed during the week and team competition will be featured. All levels of basketball players are encouraged to attend. Campers will be divided into teams based on age and skill level.

Beginning French FUN-damentals:

A special offering: This two-week long program is designed for seventh and eighth graders, incoming freshmen, or current Guerin Prep students with no previous knowledge of French. With Guerin Prep's French Teacher Ms. Valerie Krock, campers will explore the French language and culture through games, songs and arts and crafts projects. Students will learn the basics of French, including the alphabet, numbers, greetings, telling time, weather, body parts and other vocabulary. This camp is highly recommended for students enrolling in French I at Guerin Prep.

Be a "Top Chef"

You'll be ready for "Top Chef" by the end of this camp. Ms. Noreen Fitzgerald, Guerin Prep's Family and Consumer Science Teacher, will help you make your way around the kitchen, decipher recipes and put together nutritious treats. Food sampling encouraged!

Bowling at Brunswick

Board the Guerin Prep bus and roll on over to Brunswick Lanes for a few games of bowling fun. Campers will be organized into teams by Coach Karen Booth and friendly competition will be encouraged as students strengthen their bowling skills.

Ceramics

Get fired up for this camp that will introduce participants to the basic techniques needed to create ceramic pieces, including hand-building techniques to operate a potter's wheel and other techniques in working with clay. Each participant will create a clay piece that will be fired by Ms. Tina Gauthier, Art Education Instructor; then the students will learn how to glaze it.

Check Out This Chess Camp, Mate!

Want to learn to play Chess? Looking to improve your skills? Or, just want have some fun? Under the keen eyes of Guerin Prep's Chess Club moderators, both beginners as well as more advanced players will be challenged. Basic fundamentals will be taught, and individual attention will be given. Chess matches will play a big part of both weeks. Sign up for one or both weeks to become really good!

Color Me Fun

Guerin Prep Art Teacher Mr. Tom Susin will have you exploring a variety of watercolor techniques using landscapes as your focus. All levels of artist will feel comfortable as individual attention is offered.

Create Your Own Super Hero or Heroine

Guerin Prep Art Teacher Mr. Tom Susin is ready to teach you the fine art of bringing action figures to life, shading them and giving them a personality. Different materials—watercolors, pen, colored pencils—will be employed to provide a range of art experiences.

Do the Math

Looking for a challenge? Guerin Prep Math Teacher Ms. Bethany Mager will have campers focus on games and activities to explore fractions, decimals, percents and introductory algebraic concepts including equations, inequalities and number theory that will help them to succeed in pre-algebra.

Download a Registration Form

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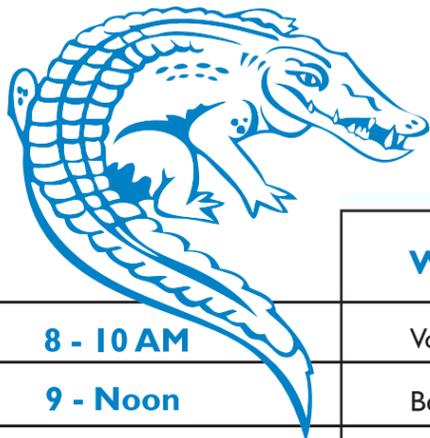
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Camp Schedule

	WEEK #1: June 15-June 19	WEEK #2: June 22-June 26
8 - 10 AM	Volleyball for the Serious-Minded	Volleyball for the Serious-Minded
9 - Noon	Beginning French FUN-damentals	Beginning French FUN-damentals
9-10:30 AM	Check Out This Chess Camp, Mate! Create Your Own Super Hero or Heroine Knit One, Purl Two	Check out this Chess Camp, Mate! Color Me Fun RG-CSI
10:30 - Noon	Bowling at Brunswick Explore the World of Musical Theater Do the Math	Be a "Top Chef" Ceramics
12:30 - 2 PM	Photography Playing with Water	Photography Games People Play Get Hooked on French Films

Summer Camps (continued)

Explore the World of Musical Theater

Have you dreamed of being one of the orphans in the lively musical Annie? Or, even one of the chorus members from Grease or Joseph or High School Musical? Then, come spend the week with Guerin Prep's Musical Director Mrs. Sandy Koslowski and learn the fine art of singing, dancing and working in an ensemble. She will be assisted by GP Dance Teacher, Tina Gauthier and GP theatre students, who will help get your feet dancing in the right direction. By the end of the week, you should be ready to put on a performance of your own.

Games People Play

Looking for some organized fun and good exercise while you're at it? Recreational games like kickball, whiffle ball, floor hockey and nerf football may be among the games campers play during this week of fun and sportsmanship. Guerin Prep Coaches will encourage friendly competition through some team sports like flag football, basketball or volleyball.

Get Hooked on French films

This camp is designed for seventh and eighth graders, incoming freshmen, or current Guerin Prep students interested in learning more about the French culture through watching films. Students in the French Fun-damentals camp might find this session a great follow-up session. All movies will be shown in French with English subtitles. Movies will be age appropriate. Guerin Prep's French Teacher Ms. Valerie Krock will prep campers on the cultural significance of each film and lead students in sharing their impressions following the film. Popcorn (and other snacks) will be provided!

Knit One, Purl Two

Explore the latest rage in crafting—putting those knitting needles together and creating something cool. With GP's Family and Consumer Science Instructor Ms. Noreen Fitzgerald's help, you'll learn to cast on/ bind off, increase/ decrease, yarn over and knit all while producing a project to wow your friends.

Photography

Thanks to cell phones, taking pictures has become everyone's favorite activity. Join Professional Photographer Lex Alexander and his daughter, Kristi Alexander, a recent Guerin Prep graduate, as they collaborate to show you the fundamentals of taking really good pictures. Please bring a digital camera to camp; we'll take care of the rest, including printing out some prize-winning photos. There also will be computer time to teach you how to enhance your photos once you take them. This session will be offered each week of the camp. Campers may wish to enroll for more than one week to become proficient.

Playing with Water

Hey ecology buffs, here's your chance to learn about important water issues. Under the direction of Guerin Prep Science Teacher Ms. Becky Kneibusch, water experiments and adventures are part of the camp.

RG-CSI

Welcome budding scientists to the world of forensics under the direction of Guerin Prep Science Teacher Ms. Becky Kneibusch. Get ready for another adventure into "whodunit" at Guerin Prep. You'll have to sign up for the camp to learn the techniques needed to determine whose skull has been discovered.

Volleyball for the Serious-Minded

A special offering: New Guerin Prep Volleyball Coach Dominic C. Di Silvio, with the assistance of current Guerin Prep Coaches Dee Susin, Karen Booth and Jen Butera, have created a two-week intense volleyball experience. The first week will focus on skill analysis, skill building and individual instruction. The second week will include team competition so that game-time situations can be experienced and instruction can take place. Campers will be divided into teams based on skill level. Guerin Prep's facilities enable three nets to be in play at the same time. Check out www.guerinprep.org for details.



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All ages and community members are welcome! For more information, call Ellen at: (773) 763-4020 or call the school at: (773) 534-1189

Poet Janet S. Wong to Read at Hirshfield Awards on April 19

Janet S. Wong, a nationally recognized children's poet, will read from her poetry on Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m. in the Evanston Public Library's Community Meeting Room. Wong is the judge for this year's Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Poetry Awards at the Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue in downtown Evanston. The competition winners in the adult, high school, middle school, and elementary school categories will receive their awards at this event and will read their award winning poems.

Wong's successful switch from corporate law to children's literature has been the subject of several articles and television programs, most notably "The Oprah Winfrey Show," and the Fine Living Channel. Janet and her books have received numerous awards and honors, such as the International Reading Association's

"Celebrate Literacy Award" and the prestigious Stone Center Recognition of Merit, given by the Claremont Graduate School. Janet's poems and stories have been featured in many textbooks and anthologies, and also in some more unusual venues. Poems from Behind the Wheel have been performed on a car-talk radio show. "Albert J. Bell" from A Suitcase of Seaweed was selected to appear on 5,000 subway and bus posters as part of the New York City Metropolitan Transit Authority's "Poetry in Motion" program. Wong also travels to schools and universities across the country sharing her talents and conducting poetry workshops.

This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The Library's Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Fund sponsors the award competition.

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This program is presented with the support of the West Ridge Chamber of Commerce.

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Saturday, April 25, 10:00 a.m. National Puppetry Day

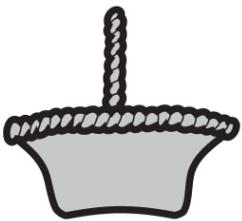
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If your spouse is ailing now, there are ways that you can protect them, even after you are gone. Let's say your spouse has a slowly degenerative disease, like Alzheimer's disease. Hopefully, their illness may be kept at bay. As long as you are there, you may intend to care for your spouse at home.

But, what if you die first? At least one

study has shown that caregivers themselves often get sick or die early because of the stresses on them.

If you die first, your assets would pass to your spouse. Then, without your support, your spouse may need nursing care and would need to spend the resources you've built over a lifetime together to pay for that care. Eventually, they would have "spent down" those resources and would qualify for financial assistance. But, then they would have little money left for incidentals and luxuries, like birthday gifts for the grandchildren.

There is a better way. You could leave your assets to your spouse in a "Testamentary Special Needs Trust," which is a unique kind of Special Needs Trust. The assets in the Special Needs Trust may not be used for items covered by government assistance, such as medical care. However, the assets may be used for whatever costs government assistance does not cover, such as a special medical procedure, extra therapy, a private room in the hospital or nursing home, travel, an art class, birthday gifts for the grandchildren, and in some cases, even everyday living expenses.

A Special Needs Trust is a good strategy for any loved one needing substantial care. However, a Special Needs Trust for your spouse can only take effect upon your death. Further, it must be set up in a precise manner to qualify, so that the assets you leave to your spouse will not be deemed "available resources" when seeking government assistance and have to be "spent down" before the government will help with the bills.

You would do anything for your spouse. But, statistics show that you may go before your spouse. Plan now to protect and provide for your spouse, even after you are gone. A qualified estate planning and elder law attorney, one who focuses his or her practice in that area, can help you set up a plan that meets your concerns and your spouse's needs.

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

DON'T BE AN APRIL FOOL WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY PAYMENT

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Chicago, IL

No one likes being the target of an April fool's prank. If you're receiving Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, don't let anyone fool you regarding your special one-time recovery payment of \$250 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

To make sure no one does, we'll state this as clearly as possible:

- All Social Security and SSI beneficiaries who are eligible for the special one-time recovery payment will have their payment issued in May;
- The payment is automatic; no action is required on your part; and
- There are no requests to make, no applications and no fees to pay.

If you receive a visit, call or email from anyone claiming to want to help you obtain your payment, be skeptical. Do not pay anyone to help you receive your payment. And do not reveal any of your personal information to them, such as your full name, date of birth, or Social Security number. If someone requests this information for this purpose, it's more likely they're "out to get you" than out to get your payment for you.

In addition to people who receive Social Security and SSI benefits, people who receive benefits from Veterans Affairs and the Railroad Retirement Board will receive one-time payments of \$250. Note, however, that only one payment of \$250 will be made per person, regardless of any combination of benefits that may be received.

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To assist in processing the payments as efficiently as possible, please do not contact Social Security — unless you have not received your payment by June 4. More information is available at www.socialsecurity.gov/payment and will be updated as needed.

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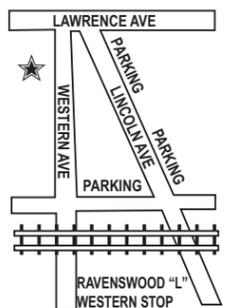
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We R What We Eat!?

By Bosley

Hello my furry friends, I hope that everyone is doing well! Any itching and scratching out there? Been licking those paws raw? How about ear infections? Raise your paw if it is happening to you right now! Unfortunately, many of you are suffering from the effects of allergies. I stress I am not a Veterinarian, but I have noticed a trend and have done some research that I think is important. So, I want to share my new knowledge with my friends.

Spending my days in my Human's Dog Spa, I see too many friends suffering from allergies. I believe allergies can be caused by 1) Genetics which we can't do much about 2) The Environment, well not much we can do there either unless we move to another state, which actually not a bad idea because I am sick of this cold. Opps got on the wrong subject, anyway 3) you're Dog Food, which we CAN do something about. Yes, your hearing is correct I said the Dog Food. We are what we eat, and when we don't eat healthy things in our body go weird, i.e. allergies or irritations on our skin, ears, and eyes occur.

Did you know that we dogs have wolves as ancestors? Our wolf cousins hunt and kill their food making them carnivorous. Therefore, we are too! Thankfully we don't have to kill our food because this Poodle thinks that is gross! The majority of our diet needs to be a meat protein. Many of the new dog food commercials are showing all the vegetables that are great for us, well really are they? If we our carnivores then we really don't need the veggies in large quantities. I know that I am just a Poodle, but that makes sense to me!

Here is the hard part; you have to educate your Human on dog food. Not all dog foods are created equally, and just because they advertise that it is great for us, doesn't mean that it is. I will help you in my next few articles educate ourselves. Our Humans want the best for us, but sometimes don't have the knowledge to do so. So, we are now taking matters into our own paws and educating them! Keep your ear pricked to hear what I have discovered. In the meantime, read the ingredients of your current bag of dog food, what are the first 5 ingredients? You may be surprised!

Stop licking those paws! Bosley

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



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Recognizing Illness in Pet Birds

Continued from last issue

Peter S. Sakas DVM, MS

Beak

The beak grows constantly and with normal activity should wear down, if this does not occur and the beak overgrows it must be trimmed. However, if the beak quality changes or if the beak suddenly grows rapidly and abnormally it could serve to indicate disease. For example, in fatty liver disease (mainly in budgies eating an all seed diet) the beak overgrows, deteriorates and black/brown spots of hemorrhage are noted on the beak and toenails. Therefore, do not be fooled into thinking that an overgrown beak is strictly due to "not using the cuttlebone". Always check for any unusual crustiness, scaling or enlargements around the beak and mouth.

Feet/Legs

Infections of the feet occur despite precautions. Pressure sores on the bottom of the feet may develop from improper perch sizes and could lead to ulcerations/bumblefoot. Keep the perches clean, vary the sizes, and provide a soft or non-rigid type perch. If you notice weight shifting, redness, swellings, sores on the feet/legs or lameness, veterinary care should be sought quickly.

The sole purpose of the leg band is for identification, it should be removed to prevent problems. We very often see irritation of the leg due to the band or injury (such as fracture or dislocation) if the band becomes caught on an object. If the leg band is necessary always check the leg for free movement of the band and any unusual irritation.

Unusual crustiness/flakiness on the legs may indicate a nutritional or parasitic condition and should be properly evaluated. One strong caution-care must be taken whenever cream or ointment are applied to a bird. Never apply it to the feathers as it will spread and destroy the insulative properties of the feathers. If it is to be used on the feet or legs, use it sparingly.

Respiratory Tract

When a bird breathes there should be very little effort. Breathing hard while at rest or heavy breathing for prolonged periods after exercise/exertion can indicate a problem. Any noises heard while breathing such as clicking, wheezing or frequent sneezing are signs of sickness; a bird should breathe with no noticeable respiratory sounds.

Upper respiratory tract infections are very frequently seen in birds. A nasal discharge may appear as fluid in the nostrils or staining of the feathers above the nostrils. Conjunctivitis (pink eye) may also be seen with swollen, reddened eyelids and discharge around the eyes. Frequent blinking or partial closing of the eyes for prolonged periods may indicate early signs of conjunctivitis. If the condition worsens into a sinusitis there can be swelling around the eyes. Early recognition of respiratory disease in birds is important because pus in birds is not liquid, rather it becomes "cheesy." Thus when the pus builds up in the sinuses and air sacs removal is very difficult.

A bird that is dyspneic (difficult breathing) with mouth open and gasping is extremely ill and must be handled with extreme caution, if at all. Not all dyspneic birds have a respiratory tract infection. One possibility is a space occupying mass in the abdomen that may prevent full expansion of the air sacs so that air flow through the lungs is greatly reduced. Tail bobbing is another sign of an impaired respiratory tract, whether it is a primary respiratory disease or abdominal enlargement. Heart disease can also cause labored breathing.

Extreme breathing difficulty can lead to the development of cyanosis, indicated by a bluish color of the skin, legs and beak. However, do not be fooled by the normal bluish color of the legs of some birds, particularly budgies.

The incessant, high-pitched squeaking sometimes heard in budgies may be due to goiter and pressure of the enlarged thyroid gland on the syrinx (voice box)/trachea (windpipe). The condition responds nicely to iodine therapy.

Digestive Tract

Food Consumption - A bird that is not eating well is at great risk due to its very rapid metabolic rate and its condition can deteriorate rapidly. It is important to check daily that your bird is eating, and if so, how much. A bird may be picking at the food cup and not actually eating. You must determine if the seeds are being hulled or if they are just being scooped out of the dish onto the floor of the cage. Sometimes a bird may hull the seed but not ingest it. Check the seed cup and bottom of the cage for seed hulls as well as making sure there is not an increased amount of hulled seed present.

If there is hulled seed on the bottom of the cage it must be determined if the bird is not ingesting the seed, regurgitating or vomiting. Regurgitation is a normal part of the courtship behavior. During courtship, regurgitated seeds may be seen on or near the mirror or toys. The bird may even begin to regurgitate to you in a courtship gesture. However, vomited seeds can be seen in sticky clusters throughout the cage - often adhering to the bars of the cage. Further evidence of vomiting is that the head feathers of a vomiting bird are pasted together with vomitus, and this can occasionally mixed with seed.

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"A Theatre Review"

"Curtains"

Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane Rd.
Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

"Curtains," the new musical murder mystery on view at the Drury Lane Theatre thanks to Kyle DeSantis, Drew De Santis and William Osetek and they have done it again as they have a new winner on their hands.

The musical played over 500 performances on Broadway and Drury Lane is the first regional theatre to get the rights before a road show tours the country.

The show has a book by Rupert Holmes with songs by Kander and Ebb based on a book and concept by Peter Stone.

William Brown is directing his first musical and is a Jeff Award winning actor who has assembled a dynamite cast of actors, singers and dancers. The show has fantastic choreography by Linda Fortunato and the show is under the musical direction of the amazing Doug Peck.

All I can say is Nancy Foigts as Carmen Bernstein the producer of the musical that is being staged when the leading lady gets murdered Jessica Cranshaw played by Paula Scrofano is a standout and Sean Fortunato as Detective Frank Cioffi all give an award winning portrayals. John Reeger as the British director Christopher Belling shows audiences why he is in demand whether it's a musical, comedy or a drama. Christine Sherill and James Rank as Georgia Hendricks and Aaron Fox as the estranged song writing partners have both beautifully trained voices and great acting skills. It's great to see Mark David Kaplan as one of the show's investors and Jim Corti as Sidney Bernstein, the husband of the producer and the second murder victim back on Chicago stages. Jessie Mueller as Niki Harris an actress in the show and is a performer audiences should watch as she is talented with a capital "T" who has a big singing voice and is a terrific actress.

Niclle hren as Bambi who is the daughter of the producer is fun to watch in her role. The ensemble of eleven others, some of whom are Matt Raftery, Joey Stone, Gary Carlson, Angie Schoofs and Cessa Lee Martinez sing and dance up a storm.

Other standouts are Michael Parker Ayers, Eric Parks and Jeff Cummings. I won't reveal who the murderer is – you have to see this entertainment to find out.

"Curtains" runs through May 17. For show dates, times and reservations call 630-530-0111. Tickets are \$29 to \$35.

"Mary Poppins"

Cadillac Palace Theatre
151 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The world famous nanny with her umbrella in hand has flown into town and it's a show one shouldn't miss. It might have its dark moments but it is an absolute delight and it brings with it two of its original stars. Chicagoans cannot only thank Disney but the London producer Cameron Mackintosh and Thomas Schumacher.

If audiences like "Wicked" and kept it here for three years, then this show should draw audiences for that long. And not just until July 12 as it is now scheduled. It's a show as much for adults as it is for the kids but then maybe I'm a kid at heart.

Ashley Brown as Mary Poppins won the Outer Critics, Drama League and Drama Desk nominations for the role. Gavin Lee as Bert the Chimney Sweep played the role in London and New York and received Tony and Oliver nominations. The show has a cast of 38 and features 16 songs. The show runs two hours and forty five minutes and I didn't want the evening to come to an end.

The musical is based on books by P.L. Travers and has been adapted by Julian Fellowes. The songs are by Richard M. and Robert B. Sherman whose songs you'll remember from the movie and there are new songs by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe.

The sets, costumes, special effects, choreography and direction are awesome and incredible.

I was very impressed with the charismatic performance of Ashley Brown as Mary Poppins as she can act, dance and sing like a Lark. As Bert her friend says when a day is gray and ordinary Mary "makes the sun shine bright" and it does just that.

The Banks family are well cast and Karl Kenzler the father George is much darker than portrayed in the movie and Megan Osterhaus is Mrs. Banks and the children are Abigail Droeger as Jane and Christopher Flaim as Michael are all a delight.

The special effects are amazing as you watch the multi-talented Gavin Lee limb the wall and ceiling of the theatre and once Poppins' job has been completed with her umbrella in hand ascends into the air and disappears into the balcony.

The supporting cast that includes Chicagoan Michael Gerhardt are all tops and also deserve a standing ovation.

It's a perfect show for our troubled times. Mary Poppins runs until July 12. For show times and reservations call 312-902-1400. Tickets are \$25 to \$90.

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