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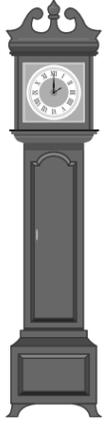
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### Evanston Public Library Initiates Planning Process for Future

The Evanston Public Library Board of Trustees and library staff have launched a planning process to engage the community in carefully charting the future of library services. The plan will be visionary and forward thinking in addressing the needs and concerns of all segments of the Evanston community. It will set out specific goals and action steps for enhancing and extending library services in the next three to five years. Additionally, it will provide a framework for library staff to develop and deliver relevant and responsive services in an ever changing environment.

"We are determined to make the Evanston Public Library a premier library and a more integral part of our exciting city," said Susan Newman, committee chair and vice-president of the Board.

The process will provide an opportunity to listen and gather input from many voices in the community through focus groups, community meetings and online surveys. This strategy will help the Library develop innovative and engaging services to meet the diverse needs and challenges of the community.

Members of the planning committee include Library Director Mary Johns, Head of Adult and Young Adult Services Lesley Williams, Administrative Services Manager Paul Gottschalk and Head of Neighborhood Services Connie Heneghan; Library Board members Susan Newman and Gail Bush; and community representatives Michael Tannen and Leora Siegel.

Miriam Pollack + Associates will coordinate the various aspects of the planning process. Ms. Pollack has extensive experience in library strategic planning, community surveys, needs assessment and research to help libraries embrace change and achieve their preferred future.

"Ms. Pollack is highly regarded in the library community," explained Director Johns. "We are privileged to benefit from the expertise she brings to the process."

The planning committee anticipates completing this project in late summer 2011. As work continues over the next several months, updates on progress will be shared with the community and available on the Evanston Public Library web site at [www.epl.org](http://www.epl.org).

"We are excited about the opportunity to help position the Evanston Public Library as an invaluable part of people's lives by providing services and programs important to the community," concluded Newman.

## Skokie Art Guild's 2011 Members' Only Spring Exhibit "Nature's Palette"

Friday, March 11 through Tuesday, May 3  
Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street, Skokie

**Opening Reception**  
Friday, March 11 7:00 – 9:00 PM



Celebrate nature with an evening of original Art  
Meet the Artists  
Refreshments will be served.  
All are welcome.



Skokie Art Guild is an affiliate of the Skokie Part District.  
More Info: [Skokieartguild.org](http://Skokieartguild.org)

## Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers March Health Programs

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

A free lecture titled **“Is Your Small Intestine Healthy?”** will be offered Thursday, March 10, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Gastroenterologist Amritbhai Patel, M.D., will explain capsule endoscopy and its benefits. Capsule endoscopy helps examine the small intestine, a part of the bowel that cannot be reached by traditional upper endoscopy or by colonoscopy. Capsule endoscopy identifies a cause of bleeding from the small intestine and detects polyps, inflammatory bowel disease, ulcers and tumors. 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, March 11, 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 physical therapist will give tips on staying active. Registration is not required.

**Cholesterol screenings** will be given Tuesday, March 15, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. A 12-hour fast is required for this blood draw that tests for total cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL and LDL. Test results will be mailed. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636). There is a \$15 fee.

A free informational session about **bariatric surgery** will be held Tuesday, March 15, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bariatric surgeon Frederick Tiesenga, M.D., will discuss the benefits of bariatric surgery for obese individuals. He will explain available procedures and their eligibility requirements and will answer questions. For this event only register by calling 708-456-7874.

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Monday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the second floor Community Education Room. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

Free **hearing screenings** will be conducted Tuesday, March 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. Audiologists Steven Wolinsky, Au.D., and Marie Vetter, Au.D., will perform this screening in a soundproof booth in the second floor Audiology Department. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group** will meet Wednesday, March 23, 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).

The **Arthritis Support Group** will meet Thursday, March 24, 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.

## Martin Judd Named Hospital CEO

Martin Judd has been named executive vice president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Resurrection Health Care’s Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 West Addison, Chicago, an acute care medical center offering emergency and general medical and surgical services. He succeeds John Short who served as interim CEO.

Judd brings more than 25 years of hospital operations and management experience. As an executive team member, his areas of expertise include oversight of clinical, ancillary and support services, business development and strategic planning, medical staff development, community relations and public affairs.

Most recently, Judd served as vice president of professional services at Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center, a Resurrection Health Care two-campus facility, where he was instrumental in the development and implementation of a consolidation and integration plan to merge services and management between the two campuses. His accomplishments included the development and implementation of a master facility plan, the creation of a new medical staff organization with more than 500 active members, and the implementation of a System-wide coding and documentation management program that enhanced revenue improvement and Medicare compliance.

Judd is a member of American College of Healthcare Executives and the Healthcare Financial Management Association. He earned a master of business administration degree from Saint Xavier University, Graham School of Management, Chicago.



**Martin Judd**

## Skokie Participates in the New SWANCC Battery Recycling Program

The Village of Skokie is serving as a recycling drop off site for alkaline and rechargeable batteries as part of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) Battery Recycling Program.

SWANCC has partnered with Interstate Batteries in Skokie to provide the recycling program at no cost to residents in Skokie or other SWANCC-member communities. Common household batteries are no longer accepted at Illinois EPA-sponsored household chemical waste events and facilities due to their benign nature and high recycling costs.

Batteries can be dropped off in the Health Department located in the lower level of Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Batteries Accepted in SWANCC’s Program:

- Alkaline: AA, AAA, C, D and 9V
- Rechargeable: NiCd, NiMh, lithium ion, lithium polymer - Before dropping off rechargeable batteries, residents need to tape the contact points on each battery or place in an individual self-locking plastic baggie to avoid sparks.

For more information about Interstate Batteries, visit [www.interstatebatteries.com](http://www.interstatebatteries.com) or [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org) for information in the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County.

The Village of Skokie supports recycling in all neighboring communities. Please visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) for information on recycling efforts in the Village of Skokie.

## Notice Regarding Evanston’s Battery Recycling Program

Battery Recycling Program Limited to Individual Residents Only - Not Institutions

The City of Evanston, as a member community of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), began a battery recycling program this January. This program was started for individual households because household alkaline batteries are no longer accepted at IEPA-sponsored Household Hazardous Waste events due to their benign nature and high recycling costs.

With that said, a situation has come up in a different SWANCC community regarding a school district collecting batteries from school families. This method of collecting materials for any of SWANCC’s special material programs is not permitted.

SWANCC operates its special material collection program under the Universal Waste Law, which is both a Federal and State rule. Even though alkaline batteries are not regulated waste, they must only be accepted from an individual resident, not by the truck load in aggregate, even if it is residentially generated.

Under this rule, it goes from being residential waste to commercial waste. As you may know, it costs money to recycle alkaline batteries because there is very little value to the recycler. They are also benign to the environment if thrown away in the garbage. The value for the recycler is in the rechargeable batteries.

Interstate Batteries is kind enough to work with SWANCC communities to provide this program at no cost. SWANCC does not want to dump a large amount of alkaline batteries at the recycler and expect them to pay for the recycling. The recycler needs rechargeable batteries mixed with the alkaline to off-set processing costs – and not in huge volumes.

Therefore, the city, in conjunction with SWANCC, will only take batteries from individuals, not from schools, institutions or businesses that have collected on their employees’ behalf.

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## McAuliffe Named Chairman of Veterans Committee

State Representative Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago) has been named Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee for the General Assembly.

"To be named chairman of a committee that directly affects the men and women who fought bravely for our country is such an honor. I look forward to working on programs to ensure all Illinois veterans get the care they need and deserve," said McAuliffe.

McAuliffe has been a champion for veterans since joining the General Assembly, and last year as chairman he made great strides to meet veterans' needs. He created legislation to support treatment of service-related challenges like Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, added members to the impactful Veterans Advisory Council and instated emergency room changes that allow ambulances to transport veterans with non-life threatening conditions to Veterans Administration hospitals.

McAuliffe was also instrumental in creating legislation to make children and grandparents eligible for Family Military Leave if a loved one is activated for more than 30 days.

"Getting veterans the best resources and support is one of my priorities as a legislator, and I am honored to lead a committee dedicated to our military heroes," said McAuliffe.

House Republican Leader Tom Cross also appointed McAuliffe to serve on other committees for the General Assembly, including: Transportation: Regulation, Road and Bridges; Business and Occupational Licenses; and Health Care Licenses.

Rep. McAuliffe can be reached at his district office located at 6650 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, or by calling (773) 792-0749.

## Irving Park Community Food Pantry

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry has been serving our community's needs for 27 years. Our service area is all of zip code 60641 and part of 60618 (Montrose to Diversey, Central to Kedzie).

We are proud to do the work we do, but we know there is much more that can still be done. For this reason, we are asking for your opinion on how our pantry has met the needs of our community and for your thoughts on how we can better serve our community in the future. Your feedback is important to this process.

We ask you to follow the link to a short community survey; it should only take about 5 minutes to complete and it would help us greatly in our on-going attempts to improve the way we reach out to our clients and our community.

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Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.

Irving Park Community Food Pantry

Kate Roche, Board President

John Psiharis, Executive Director

## Liberty Bank for Savings to Host Free Digital Photography Workshops

Liberty Bank invites you to free digital photography workshops entitled "You Have a New Digital Camera, Now What?" The workshops will take place on the following dates: Thursday, Mar. 10, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Lincolnwood Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood; Friday, Mar. 18, from 6-8 p.m. at Liberty's Norwood office, 6210 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago; and on Thursday, Mar. 24, from 6-8 p.m. at the Logan Square Library, 3030 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago. Reservations are required.

The workshops are for those who want to learn how to operate a digital camera. Participants should bring a camera, charged battery, owner's manual and memory card. Make your reservation to attend one of these fun and informative workshops by visiting the bank's website or calling Liberty at 773.489.4471.

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 113th anniversary in 2011. For more information on all events visit [www.libertybank.com](http://www.libertybank.com) or call 773.489.4471.

## Share the Gift of Learning

Many adults need help with basic English reading, writing, or speaking skills.

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Call Oakton Community College at 847-635-1426 to learn how to become a

**VITA tutor**

A required three-part training will be held at the Skokie Campus on Mar. 3, 8, and Apr. 16.



## ATTENTION US MILITARY VETERANS

American Legion Edison Park Post #541 is having a meeting on Thursday March 10TH and also March 24TH starting at 7:30PM at the Edison Park Field House located at 6755 Northwest Hwy. (just west of Harlem Ave) Chicago. If you've been thinking about joining a veteran's organization feel free to stop by and sit in at our meeting. Our post has a long and proud history going back to 1920. It includes a member (Thomas A. Pope) who was awarded the Medal of Honor for bravery in France on July 1918.

Currently our members are veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Cold War, Gulf War, Iran and Afghanistan.

For information please contact: Post Commander Gerald Skotzko at 773-693-3448 or Sr Vice Commander Robert Fuggiti at 773-736-8738

## Many Veteran's Benefits Left Unclaimed by Unknowing Vets

Many Veterans and their spouses are unaware of Veteran's Benefits they have earned—Aid and Attendance benefits that could pay monthly up to \$1,056 for an individual, or \$1,949 for a couple.

On February 14th, Chester Przybylo, and his associate Michael Otte made a presentation to the American Legion Post in Lincolnwood on these benefits. Przybylo, who served during the Vietnam Conflict, stated, "We were surprised that a good majority of those who attended were unaware of the benefits that might be available to them and their spouses. During these difficult economic times, it is important to get the word out to those who can benefit from their service to the country."

The rules apply to vets who served during specific times of conflict, as defined by the VA. A vet does not have to have served overseas during that time, and may qualify for benefits if they spent as little as 1 day during the specified dates. With Aid and Attendance benefits, it is possible to pay caregivers, even if they are family members, who help care for vets who qualify, or their widows or widowers.

The firm of Chester M. Przybylo and Associates is planning a presentation for others who may be vets, or who have family members who were vets. For information on an upcoming presentation open to the general public, call the office at 773-631-7100.

*Chester Przybylo is a founding member and on the Board of Governors of the nationally recognized American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys.*



Chester M. Przybylo

## Evanston to Launch 3-1-1 Call Center

The City of Evanston is changing the way it does business with the official launch of its 3-1-1 Call Center on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. The 3-1-1 Center, the fourth such system in the State of Illinois, will be a one-stop-shop for all non-emergency questions and requests for city services. Residents will simply have to dial 3-1-1 or go online at [www.cityofevanston.org/311](http://www.cityofevanston.org/311) for city services.

### "Your Key to the City"

The City of Evanston's 311 Initiative which includes a call center and an online citizen support center will go live on March 1, 2011. The goal of this initiative is to improve customer service City-wide by:

- Providing a simple to remember phone number for all non-emergency City services.
- Providing 24/7 access to city information through a web portal that will allow citizens to submit requests for service, ask questions, and track the status of their open requests.
- Utilizing Customer Relationship Management (CRM) technology to address information and service requests in a more efficient and effective manner.
- Improving accessibility of City services to all constituents via phone and internet.
- Providing exceptional customer service to all residents, businesses and visitors.
- Improving staff accountability in providing non-emergency services to constituents.

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# Public Libraries

**EISENHOWER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
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The **Adult Book Discussion Group** will be meeting on Monday, March 7 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. or Tuesday, March 8 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Attend either session to discuss *Driving Mr. Albert* by Michael Paterniti. Copies in both regular and large type are available at the library.

**Classic Films continue at Eisenhower:** *The Train* with Burt Lancaster and Paul Scofield, directed by John Frankenheimer on March 17; *Winchester '73* with James Stewart and Shelley Winters, directed by Anthony Mann on March 31. 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. March's Knitting Circle will be on the 15th. Bring your needles, bring your yarn and knit over snacks and coffee. No registration, just show up!

#### Computer Classes

Excel Parts 1 and 2: Tuesday, March 8, 7-8:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 10 from 7-8:30 p.m.; Saving computer documents: Thursday, March 17, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Intermediate Internet: Wednesday, March 23, 7-8 p.m.; Email Basics: Monday, March 28. 6-7 p.m.

#### Cover Letters and More

Before you've interviewed, cover letters count. After an interview, thank you notes count just as much. Learn just what to say in this workshop conducted by two experienced job coaches. Saturday, March 5, 1-3:30 p.m.

#### Golden Age of Radio

Steve Darnell, host of the weekly radio show *Those were the Days* will pull you back into the time when the radio was one of the most important gathering places in the house. Tuesday, March 8, 7-8:15 p.m.

#### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Eisenhower Public Library will meet on Wednesday, March 16th from 6-8 p.m.

#### Cheese Boards for Entertaining

\$3.00 tasting fee. Cheese Boards for simple entertaining. Cheese categories explained; International and All-American Cheese Boards with fruits, nuts and other accompaniments. Crackers, breads suggested. Samples. Wine pairings suggested. Tuesday, March 22, 6:30-8 p.m.

#### NORTHTOWN BRANCH

6435 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 312-744-2292

#### Pillows and Pages

Families with children of all ages.  
Tuesdays, March 15th at 6:30 p.m.

This calming program combines bedtime books, lullabies, and comforting rhymes that encourage the quiet atmosphere of sleep. Children are welcome to come dressed in their pajamas with a favorite stuffed animal or blanket.

#### After-School Authors

Ages 4 years old - 8 years old (children 6 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver)

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## CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS FREE EXHIBITS TO THE PUBLIC

### First-Quarter Exhibit Schedule Highlights WPA, Chicago River & Mayor Harold Washington

Looking for interesting multimedia exhibitions in Chicago? There is always a free exhibit collection at the Chicago Public Library's Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St., which highlights a specific person, theme, group, event or art form. Throughout the year, the Special Collections Division features a host of short-run and extended-run exhibitions for public viewing either in the 9th floor Special Collections Exhibit Hall, the 3rd floor Chicago Gallery, or the ground level Congress Corridor. Previous CPL exhibits have acknowledged President Abraham Lincoln, Chicago's Riverview Amusement Park, Theater in Chicago, Millennium Park, Chicago Bridges, Golden Books and more.

#### Current Exhibits:

*The Chicago River 1999-2010*

February 25, 2011-September 2, 2011

Congress Corridor - Ground Level

The *Chicago River 1999-2010* features 28 black and white photographs taken by Richard Wasserman. The images reveal the historical use of the river, its evolution and its changing beauty. From industrial transportation to contemporary recreation, the Chicago River has defined the region's character, environment and landscape. Wasserman describes his photos as "an historical, visual document of the Chicago River." A book of more than 100 of Wasserman's Chicago River images will be published in 2012, by The Center for American Places at Columbia College Chicago.

*Made by WPA: Illinois Art Project Chicago*

Current through April 3, 2011

Chicago Gallery, 3rd Fl.

This exhibition and film highlights the history and legacy of government funded arts programs during the 1930s in Illinois.

*Called to the Challenge: The Legacy of Harold Washington*

Ongoing

Harold Washington Exhibit Hall, 9th Fl.

This exhibit highlights three themes from Washington's personal and political legacy - his life, his image and his work. Harold Washington, 42nd mayor of Chicago, was the city's first African American mayor. He was a reformer who changed Chicago politics and a person who never lost sight of the place from which he came and the influences that inspired him. This exhibition is drawn largely from the Harold Washington Archives & Collections of the Special Collections & Preservation Division of the Chicago Public Library.

#### EDGEBROOK BRANCH

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

**Members of the Lyric Opera's** award-winning Education Corps will entertain and educate with the final lecture of the season. The lecture will highlight the music of Hercules on Friday, March 11th, at 11 a.m. George Frideric Handel's brilliant music in Hercules matches Sophocles' drama every step of the way as Dejanira, wife of supreme warrior Hercules, waits years for him to return from battle. Finally, he does, and it is to a hero's welcome. But there is danger in his latest victory. This time Hercules did not kill some mythic monster; he has killed a mortal enemy and enslaved the man's lovely daughter. Now he has brought her home...threatening everything Dejanira holds dear.

Lincolnwood Place hosts the first of three programs in their **Senior Life Series: Skilled Nursing vs. Home Care**, a program for seniors and their families on Friday, March 11th at 12 p.m. Have you or your loved one been hospitalized? Were you unsure of your options after hospitalization? Learn the differences and benefits of skilled nursing and home care and how each functions when being discharged from the hospital. Medicare coverage will also be discussed.

**Chicago Chess Kids (CCK)** begun in 2002 is a free club open to children of all ages. They meet on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Each two-hour session begins with an instructor giving a lesson on chess strategy and tactics. The remainder of the session is reserved for practice games or participation in informal club tournaments. Through the guidance of highly trained coaches the CCK has attained national prominence and, since its beginning, the team has won numerous awards and trophies both locally and nationally.

**Mother Goose on the Loose**, a fun-filled, interactive program featuring simple picture books, nursery rhymes, puppets, musical instruments and movement for children ages 3 months to 2 years old, will meet on Tuesdays, March 1st through April 19th from 10:30-11:15 a.m. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver: no registration is required.

**Preschool Story Time**, an engaging program of stories, songs, rhymes and games for children ages 3-5, will meet on Thursday, February 24th through March 17th from 10:30-11 a.m. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver: no registration is required.

# Public Libraries

## CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY IS CELEBRATING DIVERSITY WITH FREE PROGRAMS DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The Chicago Public Library continues its Celebrating Diversity campaign in March, during Women's History Month. As part of the celebration, the Library will present a variety of free programs and events illustrating the achievements and contributions of women in Women in Performing Arts: Women Take the Stage.

An important event scheduled for the Library's Women's History Month observance is Decades of Dresses: 1905 - 1991, on Tuesday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room (Lower Level) at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. In this showcase, witness 100 years of change in women's fashions as Ruth Thomas and Chloe Berg model their collection of historic dresses of the 20th Century. Each decade's fashion presentation is accompanied with a fascinating narrative on existing women's history, fashion trends and events current to that period in time.

Additional highlights from the Chicago Public Library's 2011 Women's History Month observance include:

### Women "Firsts" in the Performance Arts

Gwen Hilary and Enoch Williamson tell stories about the lives of inspiring, innovative and talented women of different ethnic backgrounds who were pioneers in dance, opera, theater, music and film in this program for children, 8 years and older.

### Art Talk with the Women of Hexagon

Members of the artist group Hexagon give a presentation about their current exhibit at the Harold Washington Library Center.

### Birth of a Label

Karla "Fryemouff" Armour talks about the founding of Chicago's first and only urban record label, T'izm Sound Productions, and the key events that led her and partner DJ Jazznosis to start the label.

### St. Patrick's Day Celebration with Irish Harp

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with harpist Aislinn Gagliardi as she describes and plays a variety of traditional Irish music including dance tunes, slow melodies and O'Carolan tunes.

### Film Screening: Say My Name

In a hip hop and R&B world dominated by men and noted for misogyny, the unstoppable female lyricists of Say My Name speak candidly about class, race and gender in pursuing their passions as female MCs. Directed by Nirit Peled.

Moreover, a selected bibliography on Women in Performing Arts, as well as the Chicago Public Library's 2011 Women's History Month Calendar of Events, are available at [chicagopubliclibrary.org](http://chicagopubliclibrary.org).

## BUDLONG WOODS BRANCH 5630 N. Lincoln Avenue, 312-742-9590

### Korean Book Discussion

Saturday March, 12th, Time: 11:00 a.m.

Please join us as we discuss Pam un norae handa (밤은 노래한다) by Kim, Yon-su. This discussion is in Korean. Copies of this title are available at the Budlong Woods Branch circulation desk while supplies last.

### Family Story Time and Puppet Show

Mon. March 14, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an entertaining evening for the entire family as we read, sing, and dance together. This program will end with an engaging puppet show.

### Meet the Harp!

Saturday, March 19, 2011, 11:45 a.m.

Meet the Harp! Join Chicago harpist Janelle Lake in an interactive presentation of harp music in celebration of Women's History Month. All ages welcome!

### Conversation about Bullying

Join Zak Mucha, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, in a timely conversation about bullying on Monday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Mucha will meet with teens, parents, and educators to discuss possible solutions to school bullying, and Heart Transplant, the stunning graphic work of Andrew Vachss and Frank Caruso. Registration is requested. Please call or stop by.

### Toddler Story Time

Join the children's librarian for songs, stories, puppets, and finger plays. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. during March

### Mother Goose on the Loose

Start your baby out right with a story time just for them. Bond with your baby as we sing, stretch, rhyme, and dance. Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. in April

## MARCH INTO SPRING WITH FREE AUTHOR EVENTS AT CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

During the month of March, the Chicago Public Library will host several fascinating and free events in continuation of its ongoing monthly Authors Series. In addition, the Library will be the venue for several free author discussions included in Columbia College Chicago's 15th Annual Story Week Festival of Writers series. All of the author events will be held at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. For more information, please call (312) 747-4050 or visit [chicagopubliclibrary.org](http://chicagopubliclibrary.org).

### SUSAN JACOBY

Thursday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. Cindy Pritzker Auditorium

Susan Jacoby, renowned author of *The Age of American Unreason*, will discuss and sign her new book, *Never Say Die: The Myth and Marketing of the New Old Age*. Combining historical, social, and economic analysis with personal experiences, Jacoby turns a caustic eye on the modern fiction that old age can be "defied" and the American culture that it perpetuates.

### 15TH ANNUAL COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO STORY WEEK FESTIVAL OF WRITERS: "CLASS ACTS"

Cindy Pritzker Auditorium

Monday, March 14 at 2:30 p.m. – Acclaimed author Jennifer Egan in conversation with Joe Meno.

Monday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. – A second event with author Jennifer Egan reading and in conversation with Donna Seaman.

Tuesday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. – Reading and conversation with authors Audrey Niffenegger, Karen Tei Yamashita, Gerard Woodward, and host Alexis Pride.

Thursday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m. – A conversation with playwrights Regina Taylor and Tanya Saracho with host Lisa Schlesinger.

### JOYCE CAROL OATES

Thursday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Cindy Pritzker Auditorium

This event is part of the Chicago Tribune's Literary Series of Trib Nation events. Joyce Carol Oates, recipient of the Chicago Public Library's 2002 Carl Sandburg Literary Award, discusses and signs her work including her memoir, *A Widow's Story*, in a conversation lead by Chicago Tribune columnist Julia Keller

## City Seeks Members for New Resource Development Committees

The City of Evanston is looking to secure additional revenues from non-traditional sources such as corporate, foundation and government resources. As a first step in this process, the city is seeking a diverse array of community members to serve on two eleven-member resource development committees that will support the Police and Fire Departments and another to support an Evanston-based Federally Qualified Health Center. The deadline to submit an application is February 25, 2011 at 5 p.m.

"Nearly 75 percent of all charitable giving in the U.S. comes from individuals, the city is looking to more fully engage our own residents and community members in meaningful ways to sustain and enhance programming and services," explained City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz. "Public-private partnerships are key to sustaining the highest caliber of city services for residents; this is a unique way for local governments to approach many of the funding problems we face as we emerge from an economic recession that has seriously challenged us on every economic level."

Each committee will be community-based and tasked with the sole purpose of increasing individual human and financial engagement for their respective initiatives. Both committees will be supported by City Development Officer Davon Woodard who will provide staffing, as well as fundraising planning and execution consultation.

Committee members will: provide insight and support in committee strategic visioning and fundraising planning; contribute personal and professional expertise in achieving committee priorities; dedicate 5-6 hours per month to committee responsibilities; attend all in-person and conference call meetings and special events; outreach to and engage Evanston residents and community members in committee mission and fundraising efforts; and, work to reinforce positive relationship between committee and Evanston community.

Evanston residents are encouraged to play an active role in helping the city provide the much-needed services to the community by applying for the open positions on these two resource development committees. To apply, please fill out the application online at [www.volunteerevanston.org](http://www.volunteerevanston.org), keyword search "Evanston fundraising" or contact Davon Woodard, Development Officer at 847/448-8103 or [dwoodard@cityofevanston.org](mailto:dwoodard@cityofevanston.org).

# Parks & Recreation

## Gain Patience and Control From Karate.

Instructor Zachary Bradley, a 30-year veteran with four black belts, teaches the popular martial art to students of any age. The class for ages 7 to 13 meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., while the 14 and older class meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. Both classes meet on Saturdays from March 19 to May 28 at Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St. The fee is \$60/resident and \$65/non-resident. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8254.

## It's Never Too Late to Learn Tennis.

Adults age 15 and older can take indoor tennis lessons in levels from beginning to advanced. Instruction includes stroke development, strategy, court positioning, shot selection and match play. Lessons are on Sundays from March 13 to April 17 at the Evanston Township High School Fieldhouse, 1600 Dodge Ave.; times vary. The fee is \$121/resident and \$139/nonresident. For more information about the program, call E-Town Tennis at 847-498-1360. To register by March 9, call 847-448-8252.

## Is Your Child Itching to Learn an Instrument?

In Beginning Guitar 1, children ages 7 to 12 will learn to appreciate music in a fun environment! Students will study parts of the guitar, notes, chords, sight reading, and some songs. Class meets from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays from March 8 through April 26 at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave. The fee, which does not include guitar rental, is \$100/resident and \$120/nonresident. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8250.

## Your Life is a Work of Art!

In this special, one-day class for ages 8 through 18, participants will make art using collage, scrapbooking, journaling, and dioramas. Participants will choose what to make by using inspiration from their pasts and their hopes for starting afresh in the spring. Class meets from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 26 at Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St. The fee is \$20 per person; the family rate is an additional \$10 per person. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8260.

## Tiny Trekkers

Introduce your child to the wonders of nature in Tiny Trekkers, an eight-week class for preschoolers and their caregivers. The theme is "Green & Growing," which covers life cycles and metamorphoses in nature. The class includes stories, songs, outdoor adventures, crafts, and snacks. Tiny Trekkers meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays beginning March 18. The fee per pair is \$110/EEA member, \$128/resident, and \$136/nonresident. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8256.

## Your Child Can be a Hoops Star

One-week clinics are offered to children in grades K through 5 (divided into K-1, 2-3, and 4-5) so they can develop and improve their basketball skills and techniques through games, drills, and fun! Grades K-1 Clinic is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. March 21 through 25, Grades 2-3 Clinic meets from 4 to 6 p.m. March 21 through 25, and Grades 4-5 Clinic meets from 4 to 6 p.m. March 28 through April 1. All meet at Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St. Fees vary. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8252.

## Spring Break is a Time for Adventure and Activity!

Fleetwood-Jourdain Center's Spring Excursion Camp for children ages 5 to 12 offers three days of field trips, in-center activities, and a Friday Fun Day with face painting, games, and more. Camp meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 4 to 8; the fee is \$200/resident and \$225 nonresident. Robert Crown Center's Soccer Camp is led by ETHS coach, Marx Succes. This morning camp for children ages 4 to 12 improves soccer skills and game strategy. It meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. April 4 to 7. The fee is \$100/resident and \$120/nonresident. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8254 (Fleetwood-Jourdain) or 847-448-8258 (Robert Crown).

## Soldier Field Hosts 8th Annual Spring Egg-Stravaganza

More than 4,000 adults and children are expected at the 8th Annual Spring Egg-Stravaganza, the largest free candy grab in Chicago, at Soldier Field Stadium, 1410 S. Museum Campus Dr., Sunday, April 17. A ticketed brunch will be held at the United Club from 8:30-10 a.m. and an admission-free festival at 9 a.m. and candy grab on the field follows at 10 a.m.

Guests are asked to park in the Waldron Garage for \$10 and to enter the stadium on the south end at Gate O. For more information, call 312-235-7000 or visit [www.soldierfield.net](http://www.soldierfield.net).

## Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club

Dear NBGC Community,

You may have heard that, during the blizzard, Gloria Ottesen and her husband, Jerry, experienced a significant house fire. Both Gloria and Jerry are okay, but they have suffered significant personal loss.

St. Benedict's has start a collection for them, and the NBGC would like to do the same. Gloria has served the NBGC community for more than 30 years. She is most famous as "Mama Gloria", volunteering for over 25 years to run the Food Tent at our Family Fest. In addition she spent many years in the moms club, is a past president and has spent more than 25 years as a board member. Similarly, Jerry has been a volunteer, board member, dads club member for just as long. Both have given extraordinary service to this Club and community.

They have lost just about everything and will need of clothing, food and basic necessities for now. If you are in a position to assist by donating cash and/or gift cards that you think may be useful it will help them get back on their feet. Feel free to drop off donations at our office, or you can donate online via our web site, [www.nbgc.org](http://www.nbgc.org). Just note the purpose of the contribution as you fill out the online form. If it is more convenient, feel free to drop your donation at St. Benedict.

Thank You,

Jim McNulty, Executive Director  
Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club  
2501 W. Irving Park Road  
Chicago, IL 60618

773-463-4161, ext. 13; 773-463-5392 fax; [www.nbgc.org](http://www.nbgc.org)



## ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER ANNOUNCES MARCH EVENTS

### SPECIAL EXHIBITION: BEYOND SWASTIKA AND JIM CROW: JEWISH REFUGEE SCHOLARS AT BLACK COLLEGES

Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow reveals the little-known story of German-Jewish refugee scholars who were expelled from their homeland by the Nazis and found new lives at historically Black colleges in the American South. This compelling exhibition explores the profound connection that developed between the professors and students and the ways in which these relationships impacted the Civil Rights Movement and American society. This exhibition was created and is circulated by the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust.

Daily: Through May 31, 2011

Free with Museum admission. For information on hours and admission prices, please call 847-967-4800 or visit HYPERLINK "<http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org>" [www.ilholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org).

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

### BOOK & AUTHOR DISCUSSION: FIGHTING FOR DARFUR: PUBLIC ACTION & THE STRUGGLE TO STOP GENOCIDE

Human Rights Activist and Washington Post Special Correspondent Rebecca Hamilton takes us inside the corridors of power addressing Darfur, the first genocide of the Twenty-First Century.

Thursday, March 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Free with Museum admission. Reservations required; HYPERLINK "<mailto:education@ilhmec.org>" [education@ilhmec.org](mailto:education@ilhmec.org) or 847.967.4844.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Goodman Auditorium, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

### FILM & CONVERSATION WITH GWENDOLYN DUBOSE ROGERS

Following a screening of the Pacific Street film, From Swastika to Jim Crow, Laura Washington, Chicago Sun-Times Columnist and Political Analyst for ABC-7 News, will facilitate a conversation with Gwendolyn DuBose Rogers, one of the students taught and inspired by a Jewish professor at Talladega College.

Sunday, March 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Free with Museum admission. Reservations required; 847.967.4889.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Goodman Auditorium, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

### LECTURE: NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD

Dr. Elliot Lefkowitz, Loyola University and Spertus Institute faculty member, discusses Christopher Browning's Remembering Survival: Inside a Nazi Slave-Labor Camp, a 2010 National Jewish Book Award recipient.

Thursday, March 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended; 847.967.4889.

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\*\*2011 MUSEUM ADMISSION PRICES\*\*

General Admission: \$12 Seniors (65+): \$8

Students (12-22): \$8 Children (5-11): \$6

## McAuliffe Truth-in-Sentencing Bill for Domestic Battery Offenders Passes Committee

State Representative Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago) passed legislation February 17 out of the Judiciary II Criminal Law Committee to ensure offenders of domestic battery serve 100 percent of the jail time awarded by the court.

“Domestic abuse is not an accident and instead is an intentional act used to control a loved one. Domestic battery is a serious issue that should not be taken lightly. The offenders know what they are doing at the time of the crime and therefore should not get a slap on the wrist from our courts. Therefore, I have filed legislation that will ensure those convicted of domestic battery serve 100 percent of their sentence and will not receive good conduct credit to be released early,” he said.

House bill 196 provides that a prisoner in the Department of Corrections who is serving time for domestic battery and aggravated domestic battery should serve 100 percent of their sentence. Currently prisoners can receive good conduct credit that would allow them to get out of prison early.

“I am proud to be a voice for victims of these heinous crimes. This piece of legislation is just one more step in standing up to abuse and preventing violence in Illinois,” said McAuliffe.

For years, McAuliffe has been a champion in the General Assembly for victims of domestic violence and has received a Hero Award from the Illinois Victims Organization. He previously pushed a new law to allow global positioning satellite tracking to be used on domestic abuse offenders who violate orders of protection.

Rep. McAuliffe can be reached at his district office located at 6650 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, or by calling (773) 792-0749.

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## Early Voting Spring 2011 in Skokie

Early voting for the Tuesday, April 5, 2011 election begins on Monday, March 14, 2011 and ends on March 31, 2011 at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie. Any registered voter in suburban Cook County may vote early at this location or any other designated early voting location.

Any person who will be 18 years old by April 5, 2011 may register to vote. Persons who have moved or changed their names must re-register. The registration deadline is March 8, 2011, although there is a grace period to register at certain Cook County courts.

The offices up for election include positions for the following:

Skokie Public Library Trustee  
Skokie Park District, Park Commission  
District 65 School Board  
District 68 School Board  
District 69 School Board  
District 73.5 School Board

For further information please contact the office of Skokie Village Clerk Marlene Williams at 847/933-8203.



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## MAYOR RICHARD M. DALEY ADDRESSES O'HARE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM MEETING IN WASHINGTON D.C.

I would like to thank United States Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Senator Richard Durbin and Senator Mark Kirk for arranging a meeting with the airlines to continue the conversation on O'Hare Modernization.

I met with Secretary LaHood and the CEO's of United and American airlines in what was a candid conversation. Now, members from the United States Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration, the airlines and the City continue to meet and I look forward to a solution that will benefit everyone involved.

The modernization of O'Hare International Airport is a project of national significance and essential to Chicago's future. The O'Hare Modernization Program is a vital economic development tool for our city which, keeps business local, brings jobs to our residents, increases capacity, reduces delays and secures Chicago's leading position in the global aviation system.

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## Be Prepared for Litter After the Snow Melt

The Village urges all residents to keep Skokie clean by picking up litter and debris in their neighborhood and around their homes and businesses. If everyone does their small part, Skokie will remain a clean and beautiful place to live and work.

The Village of Skokie also would like to remind all pet owners to clean up after their animals and deposit any animal waste in an appropriate refuse receptacle. If a person is caught not properly cleaning up after their dog, the Village can issue a citation. Proper disposal of animal waste will not only assist the Village in keeping alleys and sewer inlets clean, but also will reduce rodent infestation.

For more information on pet owner's etiquette and being a good pet owner, please contact the Skokie Health Department's Animal Control Division at 847/933-8484. For information on litter control and property standards please, contact the Property Standards Division at 847/933-8223.

## 50th Ward Updates Parking Ticket Relief and the Federal Healthcare Bill Effects

Dear Neighbor,

I wanted to drop you a quick note to let you know that I introduced an ordinance in the City Council to help motorists who may have unfairly received tickets from "red light cameras" during the blizzard.

Because of horrific road conditions, many motorists accidentally slid into intersections -- or were unable to safely stop -- and could be issued expensive tickets. Just as the City of Chicago stopped issuing parking tickets during the blizzard, I think it is only fair that red light tickets be forgiven as well. We all faced challenges during the blizzard, and the city should not make problems worse.

In other City Council news, I am introducing an ordinance to help fight corruption by establishing an Auditor General for the City of Chicago. An Auditor General could be an independent and powerful voice for taxpayers. There is currently a state Auditor General -- a highly respected and effective position. City government needs the same type of oversight.

The new Office of Auditor General would:

- Combat waste, fraud and mismanagement in the use of taxpayer funds, services and property by city agencies.
- Strengthen budget and expenditure accountability and transparency for taxpayers.
- Broaden City Treasurer and City Council oversight powers to examine performance by city agencies.
- Ensure proper and efficient use of public funds.
- Keep city agencies and officials accountable to the people of Chicago through its elected City Treasurer and City Council.

I welcome your thoughts on my proposals for ticket relief and for the creation of the Auditor General position. Please note that I am also still taking requests for help with snow removal from neighborhood residents, especially senior citizens and those with disabilities or medical conditions.

Nearly every day I get questions from 50th ward residents about how and when the federal health care reform bill that was passed last year will impact them, and how they can take advantage of new rights and services.

I wanted to let you know about an important website, [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov), that can answer many of your questions. [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov) helps you find insurance options, learn about prevention, compare care quality and understand the law. You can explore your coverage and pricing options here in Illinois. You can also look up specific information for individuals, families with children, people with disabilities, seniors, young adults and employers.

Utilizing [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov) is a good way to start understanding a complex but important issue.

As always, please know that you can also contact my team anytime at 773-764-5050, e-mail me at [BernyStone2011@gmail.com](mailto:BernyStone2011@gmail.com), join me on facebook or follow me on Twitter at [Stone4The50th](https://twitter.com/Stone4The50th). I also encourage you to visit my website at [www.Goodforthe50th.com](http://www.Goodforthe50th.com), where you can watch a new video about our efforts to assist residents of the 50th ward during the recent blizzard.

You are also always welcome to visit me any Monday or Thursday evening between 6:30 and 8:30 PM at my office; 6199 N. Lincoln Avenue #201 in Chicago. At these "Ward Nights" I meet with my constituents individually about any needs they may have. I would love to have you join me so I can hear your thoughts on issues.

I look forward to working with you and continuing to serve you in the years ahead.

Take care and stay safe,

Alderman Berny Stone, (773) 764-5050, [BernyStone2011@gmail.com](mailto:BernyStone2011@gmail.com)

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## The Ravenswood Reporter

Welcome to 2011! The Ravenswood Community Council hopes everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday celebration. The RCC has been busy since the new year has started finalizing contracts with the City Department of Housing and Economic Development and The Department of Family and Support Services. The RCC will now be taking over the responsibilities of the Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce. Several programs are also in place again this year, including SARFS, CSS, and the Intensive Senior Advocacy program. The RCC will be hosting a Business Breakfast in March where a representative from Metra will address the Ravenswood Metra station and viaduct upgrades along the corridor. We hope you'll join us!

The Greater Ravenswood Technology Development Plan is moving forward. Meetings and discussions that include Alderman Schuler, The City of Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development, City of Chicago Department of Innovation and Technology and the RCC have been ongoing. The broadband project will provide services to small businesses and their customers. It will deliver a range of cutting-edge wired and wireless "last mile" broadband services directly to business and consumers, as well as local institutions that serve as community anchors. Alderman Schuler has proposed to create a Greater Ravenswood Technology Council made up of business leaders, community groups, and his office once the plans and funds for the project have been finalized.

**Join The Ravenswood Community Council Business League! Become a Member Today!**

Non-Profit: \$75; Small Business (1-10 employees): \$100; Large Business (more than 10 employees): \$250

To receive an application contact the RCC at 773.784.0400 or via e-mail at [dan@ravenswoodcommunity.org](mailto:dan@ravenswoodcommunity.org)

# LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

## HITCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL "MAIN EVENT"

Rufus Hitch Elementary School is having our first ever "HITCH MAIN EVENT" on Saturday March 26, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. The Main Event will be held at the Edgebrook Golf Course Clubhouse located at 6011 North Central Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. This is an adult only 80's themed evening which includes an all you can eat appetizer buffet, unlimited wine, beer, or soda, live music, silent auction and lots of in-house raffles. This school fundraiser is to raise much needed funds for our school. Tickets are \$40.00 each and are available at the Hitch School Office or by calling Ellie at (847) 553-4699.

## Teacher in the Library

Through this program teachers provide after-school homework assistance at the Chicago Public Library where they assist both students and parents.

- All students through 8th grade are welcome.
- All teachers are fully accredited.
- No appointment is necessary.

Teachers help students to:

- Focus
- Use appropriate learning strategies
- Find the best resources for completing their homework assignments

Teachers help parents:

- Learn how to help their children at home with school assignments
- By answering questions they have regarding their children's homework

This program has been extremely successful in providing children and their families with academic support and encouragement.

Chicago Public Library locations receive funding for the Teacher in the Library program through the generosity of the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

Local Schedule:

Monday through Thursday, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Budlong Woods Branch, 5630 N. Lincoln Avenue, 312-742-9590

Albany Park Branch, 5150 N. Kimball Avenue, 312-744-1933

Northtown Branch, 6435 N. California, 312-744-2292

Please visit [chicagopubliclibrary.org](http://chicagopubliclibrary.org) for additional locations.

## Maine South High School wins

### Argonne Rube Goldberg Machine Contest

A team from Maine Township High School South, Park Ridge, Ill., won Argonne National Laboratory's 16th annual Rube Goldberg Machine Contest, held today at the Chicago Children's Museum on Navy Pier. By winning Argonne's contest, the Maine South #1 team advances to the National High School Rube Goldberg Machine Championship to be held Saturday, March 19, at Ferris State University located in Big Rapids, Mich.

Maine South #1 defeated eight other teams by building a complex machine that takes at least 20 steps to water a plant.

Second place in today's competition was won by Hoffman Estates High School, Hoffman Estates, and third place went to Luther High School North, Chicago.

The People's Choice Trophy, awarded by popular vote by people attending the Chicago Children's Museum during the contest, also went to Maine South #1.

Other teams in the contest were:

- Chicago Christian High School, Chicago
- Joliet Central High School, Joliet
- Maine Township High School South #2
- Nobel Street College Prep, Chicago
- Timothy Christian High School, Elmhurst
- Wilmington High School, Wilmington

In addition to advancing to the national championship, the winning team received a traveling trophy to display until the 2012 contest and a tour of Argonne, which will include the Advanced Photon Source and lunch with Argonne scientists. The first-place team also will have the opportunity to demonstrate its winning machine at Argonne on the day of its tour. In addition, each team member and the team's faculty advisor received an Argonne National Laboratory Rube Goldberg Machine laptop backpack and an Argonne Rube Goldberg Machine Contest T-shirt.

Second-place team members and their faculty advisor received Argonne National Laboratory Rube Goldberg Machine laptop backpacks and Argonne Rube Goldberg Machine Contest T-shirts.

Third-place team members and their faculty advisor received Argonne National Laboratory Rube Goldberg Machine Contest T-shirts.

Rube Goldberg machine contests are inspired by Reuben Lucius Goldberg, whose cartoons combined simple household items into complex devices to perform trivial tasks. The machines combine the principles of physics and engineering, using common objects such as marbles, mousetraps, stuffed animals, electric mixers, vacuum cleaners, rubber tubes, bicycle parts and anything else that happens to be on hand.

## D219 STUDENTS ATTEND MODEL UN CONFERENCE

Niles Township High School District 219 students competed at the Model United Nations conference hosted by the University of Chicago (MUNUC) earlier this month. MUNUC is one of the largest and most prestigious Model UN conferences in the United States, drawing approximately 3,000 participants from across the nation and around the world, including delegates from Jordan and China. Niles North student Miriam Prosnitz won an Honorable Mention for her work on the Drug Enforcement Administration committee. Niles West students Alex Knorr and Nicholas Flatley won Verbal Commendation awards for their performance representing the country of Sierra Leone in the African Union committee. An Honorable Mention may be compared to a silver Olympic medal, whereas a Verbal Commendation is akin to a bronze medal.

Model UN is a competitive activity where students take on the role of representing a particular country and its interests in committees that model real life UN committees. Students research the country's history, current events politics and government, in addition to learning about issues that affect the entire world. At conferences, students practice public speaking, the creation and support of arguments, and cooperation. Students learn how to work together in teams to solve crises and consider others' viewpoints while at the same time getting their points across. The Model UN clubs at Niles North and Niles West are open to new members.

The Niles West Model UN coach is Matt Wiemer and the Niles North coach is Sarah Stucky.

## NILES WEST VARSITY POMS QUALIFIED FOR STATE

For the first time, the Niles West High School Varsity Pom Squad qualified for the state competition after placing second in the AAA Hip Hop category at the Stevenson Invitational on February 6. The Varsity Poms will compete at state on Sunday, March 6 in Peoria, IL. The Varsity squad: Kirstie Beck, Jessie Barajas, Jenny Menchavez, Anne Kim, Mimi Kapechuk, Elizabeth Tountas, Denise Tossi, Aundrea Martinez, Teagan Smith, Mary Vo, Elizabeth Mangulabnan, Nicole Bonner, Sandra Lee, Nicole Kim, Emme Deamont and Marie Castillo. The Niles West Varsity Poms are coached by Christine Selander.

St. Peter School in Skokie  
Invites You to Their Annual

**St. Patrick's Day Party**  
With A  
**Silent & Live Auction**

**Featuring:**  
Live Music by Velvet Green  
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Harrington's complete Comed Beef & Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings  
Cash Bar  
... fun for everyone

**Date: Saturday, March 19, 2011**  
**Time: 7:00 pm to 11:00pm.**  
**Location: St Peter School Auditorium, 8140 Niles Center Road, Skokie**

\*\*\*\*\*All Proceeds to Benefit St. Peter School\*\*\*\*\*

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Yes, I can attend. Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$35.00 per person  
(\$40.00 at the door, Must be 21 yrs old)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please return reservations to St. Peter School office or St. Peter Rectory or by mail to:  
St. Peter School  
8140 Niles Center Road  
Skokie, IL 60077-2520

Sorry, I cannot attend, but please accept my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to benefit St. Peter School.

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If you wish to pay with Credit Card please contact Andrea Stentert at 847-673-1492 or Ms. Lloyd at 847-673-0918.

# LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

## NILES NORTH VIKETTES TO COMPETE AT STATE

The Illinois Drill Team Association (IDTA) Regional Competition was held at Niles North on February 20. The Niles North Junior Varsity (JV) and Varsity Vikettes competed, along with 14 other teams, for a chance of qualifying for the JV Finals and Varsity State Finals. The Varsity Vikettes took first place in AAA Hip Hop and qualified for state for the fourth straight year. The team will compete on March 12 at the University of Illinois' Assembly Hall in Champaign, IL.

The JV Vikettes qualified for the IDTA JV Finals in both Pom and Hip Hop. They will compete on March 5 in Bloomington, IL.

In addition to the team victories, Varsity Vikette Lilly Jamoua took third place in the solo performances and earned a chance to compete in the Miss IDTA Finals. This contest will be held in conjunction with the JV Finals in Bloomington.

Varsity Vikettes: Stephanie Kost, Luciana Brakha, Jeanette Camacho, Alison Grosch, Rizina Hakimiyan, Lilly Jamoua, Janet Perez, Lena Zouzani, Nicole Pena, Martyna Tos, Julieta Vaklin, Erin Ray, Kari Ross and Isabella Schaps.

JV Vikettes: Ashley Ochoa, Maytal Maor, Siobhan Davis, Kalyeen Enriquez, Michelle Grinberg, Becky Lenart, Cindy Lawando, Brooke Reotutar, Paola Rojas and Jennifer Steffens.

The Vikettes Head Coach is Jody Klenetsky.

## PROJECT EXPLORATION FUNDRAISING DINNER OFFERED DISTINCTIVE EXPERIENCE

Project Exploration's annual benefit dinner, Dinner with a Dinosaur XI, took place on Friday, February 25, 2011 at 1460 North Halsted Street in Chicago. Upon their arrival, guests came face-to-face with an Ornithomimid plaque, cast from the original 95-million-year-old fossil mold. They also had the opportunity to interact with live reptiles and participate in hands-on science activities facilitated by Project Exploration students.

National and local leaders in the business, civic, education, policy, and philanthropic communities gathered to support this innovative organization that is changing the face of science. The dinner was chaired by Cheryl Sandner from Brokers' Risk Placement Service, Inc. Former Project Exploration student Tommie Collins is the evening's emcee. Dinner with a Dinosaur XI was sponsored by Abbot, National Geographic Society, University of Chicago, Pearson Foundation and The Whitten-Newman Foundation.

## NILES NORTH GIRLS GYMNASTICS MAKING HISTORY THIS SEASON

This is a record-making season for Niles North Girls Gymnastics. For the first time in Niles North history, the entire team qualified for the Sectional competition which will be held on Thursday, February 10 at Niles North High School.

The march to Sectionals began on January 28 when Niles North won their conference (CSL North) for the first time in the school's history with a school record-breaking score of 136.65. In that contest, Niles North's Citlali Cuevas won the all-around title for the third year in a row. Then on February 5, Niles North changed the record books again with its first Regional championship with another record-breaking score of 137.2. Cuevas took first place in the All-Around, Vault, Balance Beam and Floor. Viking teammates Deborah Steinberg, Maddy Neuhaus and Jessie Neuhaus also placed in the meet.

The Head Gymnastics Coach is Charlie Friedman and the Assistant Coaches are Adrian Batista and Angel Simonini.

## Niles Township 'Raising Teens' Town Hall Meeting is March 15

**Raising Teens: A Risky Business**

**Niles Township Youth Coalition Town Hall Meeting**

**Wednesday March 15, Niles North High School, 9800 N. Lawler, Skokie**

Parents and guardians in Niles Township are invited to a Town Hall Meeting to discuss "Raising Teens: A Risky Business" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15 in the Niles North High School Auditorium at 9800 Lawler, Skokie. The Niles Township Youth Coalition (NTYC) is sponsoring this meeting to inform parents about the kinds of lifestyle choices young people are making.

This meeting is your chance to learn the results of the social norms survey recently completed at Niles North and Niles West High Schools. This survey is conducted annually and measures teens' own behavior and what they perceive to be the behavior of their peers. The meeting will begin with a summary of results from the survey to give parents a true picture about the usage of drugs, alcohol and tobacco among the high school students. These findings dispel some myths but also underline what parents of teens and pre-teens should know about the use of these substances.

Most of the meeting will give parents time to ask questions of professionals from Niles Township who represent social service agencies, schools, law enforcement and local government. If you prefer, you can email your questions to [rosbha@d219.org](mailto:rosbha@d219.org), and your questions will be presented at the meeting anonymously.

There will be an Information Fair after the meeting, hosted by members of the NTYC, where you can pick up literature on different agencies and ask specific questions of the agency representatives.

Please attend this important meeting to help your children make healthy life choices. Translation services will be provided in Assyrian, Arabic, Spanish, Korean and Urdu. If you need translation in any other language, please call Rosamin Bhanpuri at 847-626-3959.

The Niles Township Youth Coalition (NTYC) [www.nilestownshipyouth.org](http://www.nilestownshipyouth.org) is composed of local community agencies that serve Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles and Skokie. Its purpose is to bring together the key social service agencies that support children and families in Niles Township, to help provide a safe and secure community.

Contact Information For general information on NTYC, contact: Niles Township Youth Coalition, 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077, Phone: 847-626-3959. Email: [rosbha@d219.org](mailto:rosbha@d219.org) Visit the NTYC website at [www.nilestownshipyouth.org](http://www.nilestownshipyouth.org).

## Local Teens are Needed for the Skokie TeenLink Program

Due to the current weather conditions, more teen contacts are needed for the TeenLink program. Many Skokie residents are in need of your help with clearing snow.

The Village of Skokie offers the TeenLink program to unite Skokie residents who are in need of outside seasonal yard work, including snow shoveling, raking and lawn care, with Skokie teens that are available for hire to do the work.

The TeenLink program list provides contact information for Skokie teens available to do seasonal yard work. The list includes the name and address of the teen, days available, type of work they are willing to do and their expected rate of pay. Residents can receive the list by mail or email.

The resident is responsible for contacting the teen and for making financial and scheduling arrangements.

If you would like the TeenLink contact list please call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257. Skokie teens can also complete an application to be added to the TeenLink program by contacting the Village Manager's Office or visiting [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) to download an application.





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**Digital Camera Workshop.** Mar. 10, 6:30 p.m. Learn tips to take digital photographs, transfer them to your computer, print, email, and correct images. Demonstration includes how to crop an image, add color, make a collage, and other conversions. Bring your camera, manual, batteries, and a memory card. Sponsored by Liberty Bank and presented by Jerry Hug. Reservations are requested by calling 773-489-4471 or registering online at [www.libertybank.com](http://www.libertybank.com).

**Job Search Techniques.** Mar. 17, 6:30 p.m. Learn strategies to help you plan, prepare and organize your job search. Join Mary Wehrle, JVS Chicago Career Counselor, for this workshop that will touch on all three of these components making your job search as effective and efficient as possible. Free tickets available, three weeks prior to event to Lincolnwood residents, and one week prior to non-residents.

**Live@Lincolnwood Library.** Mar. 20, 2 p.m. Chicagoland's original Klezmer band, Ensemble M'chaiya, performs hot Klezmer melodies, bitter sweet Yiddish songs, exotic Sephardic songs in Ladino and French, as well as rhythmic Israeli dance songs in Hebrew, big band tunes, world music, and more. Free tickets available, three weeks prior to event to Lincolnwood residents, and one week prior to non-residents.

**Morning Matinees.** Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Mar. 10: "Dinner for Schmucks"; Mar. 17: "Easy A"; Mar. 24: "Knight and Day." March 31: "The Social Network".

**Friday Films** shown weekly at 1 p.m. Mar. 11: "Never Let Me Go"; Mar. 18: "The City of Your Final Destination"; Mar. 25: "Robin Hood."

**Book Discussion.** Mar. 14, 11 a.m. Lincolnwood Library's adult book discussion features "Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro. This month's title is a "Read It/See It" feature with the film showing Mar. 11, 1 p.m.

**Travel Through Time Presentation.** Mar. 18, 10:30 a.m. Hy Speck presents "A Walk in Millennium Park." Program preceded by 10 a.m. coffee time.

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

**NILES NORTH STUDENT INVITED  
TO PRESENT RESEARCH AT  
OPHTHALMOLOGY ANNUAL MEETING**

Niles North High School student Jeffrey Gaynes has been invited to present his research at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)

2011 Annual Meeting – Visionary Genomics in Ft. Lauderdale, FL in May.

Gaynes, a student enrolled in the STEM Inquiry & Research (SIRs) class at North, will present in the Poster

Session - Category: Retina Physiology and Pharmacology. The purpose of Gaynes' research entitled, "Melanin Binding Characteristics of Alpha-1 Adrenergic Receptor Antagonists," is to determine the binding constants of the alpha-1 adrenergic receptor antagonists tamulosin, terazosin, doxazosin, and alfuzosin using chloroquine as a positive control.

The ARVO annual meeting, Visionary Genomics, showcases groundbreaking research and discoveries in the fields of Visual Science and Ophthalmology from scientists, doctors, and scholars from around the world.



**RESURRECTION WYSE TEAM**



The Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering (WYSE) Team at Resurrection College Prep High School.

The Resurrection College Prep High School Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) Team competed in the WYSE yearly regional competition at Wilbur Wright College on Friday, February 4, 2011. Sixteen Resurrection students competed in academic competitions in a variety of academic categories, including: mathematics, physics, biology, chemistry, English, and engineering graphics. Seven Resurrection students won medals and the Resurrection team came in 2nd place overall out of four teams in the division. The Resurrection team will advance to the sectional competition held on March 17, 2011 at North Central College in Naperville.

The Resurrection College Prep High School WYSE Team members who won medals at the regional competition were: Sara Sedivy '11 (Chicago, 60646); Amanda Rage '11 (Chicago, 60641); Jacquie Fegan '11 (Chicago, 60631); Lena Stefani '12 (Chicago, 60656); Kelly Lechowski '12 (Norridge, 60706); Gabrielle Carsello '13 (Glenview, 60025); and Hannah Zver '13 (Park Ridge, 60068).

Resurrection College Prep High School is a Catholic Christian college preparatory high school for young women located at 7500 West Talcott in Chicago. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129.

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## Students Doing Good for Others – Bears of Hope

National Louis University's PACE (Professional Assistant Center for Education) students wanted to spend their time doing something good for others. PACE is a special program for adults ages 18-30 who have multiple learning challenges. This program teaches students to live independently and work in the community. Since PACE students have worked with Bears of Hope, a Skokie based volunteer organization that makes handcrafted fabric bears they give to sick and needy children and adults, PACE Student Life Instructor, Lauren Kornhauser, contacted them to see if the organization could use assistance from the students. Carolyn Reiner, founder of Bears of Hope, told Kornhauser they had very special bears the students could stuff with poly-fiber.

Last fall Bears of Hope presented its children's craft program as a community event sponsored by North Shore Community Bank, Skokie branch. Children ages 7-15 came to the bank to design bears on unprinted cotton with fabric paint



(above) PACE students stuffing bears.



(at right) Kids designing bears at community event sponsored by North Shore Community Bank last fall.

markers. Bears volunteers sewed the children's designs into bears. These bears needed to be stuffed with Fairfield poly-fiber to make them huggable. Once completed, these bears will be given to the Skokie Police Department. Police Officers give bears to children in trauma from accidents, domestic disturbance, and criminal incidents.

Thirty-five PACE students came to NLU's Skokie campus on a Saturday afternoon to stuff bears. PACE student, Ryan Murphy exclaimed, "These bears are really cool!"

Kornhauser said, "Helping Bears of Hope gave our students a firsthand experience how doing things for others can be very rewarding. It was great to see how much they enjoyed themselves." Reiner thanked the students and added, "They did a terrific job stuffing and making the bears huggable! The bears will be cuddled and will bring comfort to distressed children."

Bears of Hope gives bears to clergy and social service organizations to bring to children and adults they serve facing difficult life situations. Volunteers make the bears from purchasing fabric; sewing it into 15 inch bears; stuffing and sewing openings closed; ironing on facial features; tying bows around the necks; to packing and delivering the bears. Last year they made 320 bears which are bringing comfort and hope to individuals needing TLC.

The organization relies on monetary donations to do its work. All funds received are used to purchase materials to make bears. They have no paid staff. Contributions can be sent to Bears of Hope, 8331 N. Kostner, Skokie, IL 60076.

For more information contact: Bears of Hope 847-673-4098 or Bears@bearsofhope.com. Visit their website [www.bearsofhope.com](http://www.bearsofhope.com)

Contact NLU's PACE program at 224-233-2670. Visit their website [www.nl.edu/academics/pace](http://www.nl.edu/academics/pace)

### RESURRECTION SENIORS JESSICA NORTON & CASSIE KOWALSKI TO PLAY COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Resurrection College Prep High School senior Jessica Norton '11 (60646) has signed a NCAA Softball National letter of intent with the University of Wisconsin, Parkside, DII. As a member of the Resurrection athletic program Jessica has been a key player as a starting infielder throughout her career and was also a four year cross country participant. "Throughout the years I got more confident and became stronger," said Jessica. "The combination of team experiences made me stronger." At Resurrection, her slugging average was .306.

Raven Gengler, Resurrection Head Varsity Softball Coach said, "Jess has an amazing work ethic and is dedicated to growing as an athlete. She is an all-around athlete who has a clear passion for the game. Last season, Jess showed immediate leadership qualities to go along with her talents both offensively and defensively. I was extremely proud to hear that Jess committed to UW-Parkside for softball. It has been a pleasure coaching someone with her dedication and I have nothing but high expectations for her this season as well as in her college career."

At the University of Wisconsin, Parkside, Jessica Norton plans to double major in communications and business management. She aspires to a career as a news and sportscaster. "I feel confident that Res prepared me well for college," said Jessica "I am excited for what is ahead."

Resurrection College Prep High School senior Cassandra Kowalski '11 (60634) will be signing a NAIA Softball letter of intent with St. Ambrose University in Iowa on March 2, 2011 at Resurrection College Prep High School. Cassie is in the starting pitching rotation for the Resurrection softball team, and has played on several travel softball teams, including the Elk Grove Heat, the 2009 State Champion Norridge Reckless and the 2010 USSA National Champion Roselle Rockers.

Coach Gengler said that Cassie has been a "coach's player." "She does everything that is asked of her and does it with a smile," said Gengler. "I foresee her making an immediate impact at St. Ambrose due to the confidence, work ethic, and talent that she already possesses. I am nothing but proud of Cassie for being the stellar softball player that she is but, even more importantly, being a stand-up person both on and off the field."

Last year, Cassie Kowalski was the Resurrection Bandit's starting pitcher with a 4.41 ERA last year defensively. From an offensive standpoint, Cassie had a batting average of .316 and a .435 OBP (on base percentage).

According to Cassie, highlights of her time at Resurrection have included being selected for the Junior Varsity team as a freshman and the Resurrection 2nd Place GCAC Championship in 2009. "I am very grateful for all the opportunities I have had at Resurrection, both athletically and academically over the last four years," said Cassie. "I feel that I am well prepared for my future at St. Ambrose and I am very excited about the new challenges and accomplishments ahead of me."

Cassie cites her parents, John and Lori Kowalski, as her major influences. Her father acted as her coach and her mother as her primary support. "We are very proud of Cassie," said her mother. "She has worked very hard and her efforts are paying off. The weekends she sacrificed and the extra hours she has put in have helped her reach her goals. She has realized some of her dreams and she is well on her way to realizing even more. The education she has worked so hard at has well prepared her for her future at St. Ambrose and her continued hard work will serve her well in the years to come. We could not be any more proud of her." Cassie plans to study elementary education at St. Ambrose.

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Some of the films to be discussed include:

Trouble in Paradise (1932)	It Happened One Night (1934)
The Thin Man (1934)	Twentieth Century (1934)
Easy Living (1937)	Topper (1937)
Bringing Up Baby (1938)	Holiday (1938)
His Girl Friday (1940)	My Favorite Wife (1940)
The Palm Beach Story (1942)	Arsenic and Old Lace (1944)

Several of these films will be viewed and the clips of others examined. Brief, informative background will precede each viewing, followed by a discussion.

For more information, call 481-8800 or go to [my.ccc.edu](http://my.ccc.edu) to register or contact Professor Michael Petersen (773) 481-8583 / [mpetersen@ccc.edu](mailto:mpetersen@ccc.edu) with any questions. First-time students must register in person: room A139, Monday-Thursday from 9am-6pm.

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## A SKOKIE ART GUILD Program CREATIVE PRINTING ON TEXTILES

Artist, Julian Gordon will share a Creative technique. Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Skokie Public Library, Radmacher Rm., 5215 Oakton St. [Skokieartguild.org](http://Skokieartguild.org). Welcome all.

## North Shore Theater of Wilmette

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## Cabaret 5 March 2011

Elizabeth Doyle will evoke Weimar Berlin replete with the songs of Marlene Dietrich, Edith Piaf and other 1930's/1940's hits in German, French and English.

Elizabeth Doyle was recently a featured guest on legendary Marian McPartland's National Public Radio show. She performed for many years at Chicago's famed Pump Room, the Drake Hotel, Convito Italiano, the Palmer House, the Swiss Hotel, Catch 35, the Whitehall and the Fairmont Metropole. Doyle is an award winning composer and an After Dark Award recipient for cabaret performance. Her solo shows have included "Hot Jazz Euro Style" at Davenport's, "Hollywood Blondes" at New York's Metropolitan Room, and "Dakota Blonde: The Lyrics of Peggy Lee" at Skokie Theatre. Her group shows have included "LeGrand Night" at the Wilmette Theatre, a Richard Rodgers tribute at the Storefront Theater and a Johnny Mercer show at Drury Lane Water Tower Place Theater. She has also performed in Paris, Duesseldorf and Wiesbaden, Germany.

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## Evanston Children's Theatre presents "Off the Pages"

The Evanston Children's Theatre will present two original one-act plays March 11-13; when presented together, the production is titled "Off the Pages." Former cast member Claire Greising wrote "Humpty Dumpty Before the Fall," while ECT Director Allie Miller and Assistant Director Donny Kolakowski wrote "Citizen Rumble." Performers are age 8 through eighth grade.

"Humpty Dumpty Before the Fall," takes a playful look at what happened the day that Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall. It features classic nursery rhyme characters working to put all the pieces of this mystery together again. The second show, "Citizen Rumble," tells the story of how a local reporter, Citizen Rumble from the Fairy Tale Gazette, prints slanderous stories about some of the town's citizens and then mysteriously disappears.

Performances will be held at the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Shows are at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 11; 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 13. The ticket price for anyone age 1 and older is \$6. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the Levy Center (847) 448-8250.

# Local Arts and Entertainment

## NILES WEST ORCHESTRIS DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS "BREAKING THROUGH" MARCH 10 - 12

Niles West High School presents Orchestris 2011: Breaking Through, a dance show that features Hip Hop, modern/contemporary, lyrical, jazz and other styles, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12 in the Robert L. Johnson Auditorium at 5701 Oakton, Skokie. Tickets are \$10. A no-cost community performance will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 10.

Dances are choreographed by: Jon Lehrer, Founder and Director of Lehrer Dance; Annie Polack; Andrew Pan; Lisa Marie Torres; Elijah Gibson; Stephanie Paul, Artistic Director of Be the Groove Productions; and Matthew Pumanes.

The Directors of Orchestris are Mindy Slutzky and Christine Selander. Orchestris Officers are Kirstie Beck, Nicole Delort and Eric Kim. The Company: Evangelina Alpogianis, Jessie Barajas, Nicole Bonner, Alison Check, Mimi Kapechuck, Casey Mahoney-Muno, Aundrea Martinez, Jennifer Menchavez, Keenan Morales, Kyla Pomer, Emily Topp, Randy Tran, Froilan Usman, Wesley Uy, Mary Vo and Edward White.

## NILES NORTH PRESENTS "THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE"

How do you spell hilarious? Whether stumped by spelling or not, you'll have no problem enjoying the hilarious musical comedy "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" presented in the Niles North Drama Performance Center on March 9 through 12. The production, by Tony Award-winning composer William Finn, is the tale of six young overachievers who participate in the spelling championship of a lifetime. For these quirky outsiders, the spelling bee is a place where they can stand out, and they learn that winning isn't everything. Showtimes are 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12. The Drama Performance Center is located at 9800 Lawler, Skokie. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Contact the Box Office at (847) 626-2122 for advance tickets. A no-cost community performance will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9.

The cast for Wednesday, March 9; Thursday, March 10 at 4 p.m.; Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 12 at 4 p.m.: Jessica Ellingsen as Rona Lisa Perretti, Dylan Connelley as Chip Tolentino, Sarah Alkyer as Logainne Schwarzandgubenniere, Steven Yandell as Leaf Coneybear, Diane Choe as Marcy Park, Danny Takushi as William Barfee, Nina Roy as Olive Ostrovsky, Martin Hanna as Vice Principal Douglas Panch and Anthony Pavel as Mitch Maloney.

The cast for Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m.; Friday, March 11 at 4 p.m. and Saturday, March 12 at 7 p.m.: Jessica Ellingsen as Rona Lisa Perretti, Dylan Connelley as Chip Tolentino, Sophie Scanlon as Logainne Schwarzandgubenniere, Steven Yandell as Leaf Coneybear, Rachel Sepiashvili as Marcy Park, Danny Takushi as William Barfee, Olivia Reyes as Olive Ostrovsky, Martin Hanna as Vice Principal Douglas Panch and Anthony Pavel as Mitch Maloney.

The technical staff: Timothy Ortmann, Director; Daniel Gregerman, Choral Director; Leah Novak, Orchestra Director; Annaliisa Ahlman, Scenic Designer/Technical Director; Teresa Ripley, Costume Designer; Daniel Friedman, Lighting Designer; Brian Fallon, Hair Designer; Shannon Rourke, Stage Manager; Emma Decker, Assistant Stage Manager; Chris Khoshaba, Assistant Stage Manager; Eric Rourke, Lighting Supervisor; Eric Jimenez, Scenic Assistant; Linda Room and Anita Scanlon, Costume Assistants and Mark Allen and Anne Zavell, Production Assistants.

## Take Ballroom Dance!

Do you have a wedding or reunion coming up? Take Ballroom Dance! This fun six-week class, for ages 17 and older, will teach you how to move in a dancer's line of direction, how to lead or follow, and how to blend patterns. Different styles of dance will be covered. Class meets from 7 to 8 p.m. on Mondays starting April 4 at Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St. The fee is \$45/resident and \$60/nonresident. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8258.

## Learn the Exotic Exercise of Belly Dancing

This class, for women age 18 and older, will tighten and tone your abdominals as you express yourself through music. Class meets from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays from March 23 to April 27 at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave. The fee is \$54/Levy member, \$57/resident, and \$61/nonresident. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8250.

## Join Open Studio Project for a Closing Reception!

Closing Reception: Facilitator's Exhibition Friday, March 25th, 6-9pm  
Featuring mixed media artwork by OSP's talented facilitators.  
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## The Amazing Acro-Cats Back at Skokie Theatre!

Due to the overwhelming response from their adoring fans, The Amazing Acro-Cats will be performing on these dates at Skokie Theatre.

The Amazing Acro-Cats will perform their usual feats of agility pushing carts, riding skateboards, rolling barrels, ringing bells, turning on lights, walking tight ropes, jumping through hoops, knockabout acts and much more! These furry funambulists, aerialists and Pongers are no "dog and pony show" but real troupers!

The all cat combo, "The Rock Cats" will rock your world. You'll flip watching these cool cats really get down with some 18 karat sounds that'll chill ya. These cats can lay down some smokin' hot licks. They wail!

Did you know that most of The Amazing Acro-Cats were adopted from shelters? Keeping with that tradition, Samantha now fosters shelter kittens and trains them not only to perform tricks, but important emergency situation maneuvers. These foster kittens have become a heart warming part of the performance as they eagerly wait for their new fur-ever home! There will be kittens available for adoption at this show, trained by Samantha herself.

The Amazing Acro-Cats, one of only four "cat shows" in the United States, are celebrated locally and Nationally to sold out venues. Samantha's animal troupe have appeared in films, commercials and print advertising campaigns, as well as numerous local and international television shows, including TMZ, The Tonight Show, America's Got talent, and most recently, ANIMAL PLANET'S new series called "Must Love Cats" which was filmed live at the Skokie theater.

See the Amazing Acro-Cats Live and in Purr-son Sundays March 13th, April 17th, May 8th, September 25th and October 16th, 2011. Show Times 3:00PM and 6:00PM

Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, IL, 847/677-7761

Advance Tix: \$15 adults/\$10 kids under 12; At the Door: \$18 adults/\$12 kids under 12. Visit our Website at www.circuscats.com

## Northwest Symphony Orchestra Presents "Liberty" at Wilbur Wright College March 6th Performance Includes the Works of Copeland and Narration by Chicago Personality Joel Daly

Copeland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" and Sibelius's "Finlandia" are two of the featured works presented by the Northwest Symphony Orchestra in a stirring concert titled Liberty on Sunday, March 6th. Veteran Chicago newscaster Joel Daly will take the stage as well, to narrate in Copeland's "Lincoln Portrait." Also in the spotlight will be 21-year-old violinist Mariya Krasnyuk performing a solo concerto using an 18th century French violin.

The concert takes place at 3 p.m. in the Events Building Theater at Wilbur Wright College (one of the City Colleges of Chicago), 4300 N. Narragansett Avenue. Tickets are \$12 general admission, and \$6 for senior citizens and students not at Wright College. Admission is free to all Wright College students.

For more information about the March 6th concert, or for a full schedule of the Northwest Chicago Symphony Orchestra's performances, go to www.nwco.org or call (773) 481-8863, (773) 481-8254, or (708) 717-3912.

Joel Daly co-anchored ABC 7's 4 p.m. newscast, alongside Linda Yu, until he retired in 2005. He now serves as a legal analyst for ABC 7 News. Daly joined ABC 7 Chicago in 1967. With his late co-anchor, Fahey Flynn, his unique reporting style pioneered the most-copied news format in the United States. In addition to his role as newscaster, Daly is active in music and theater.

Born to a musical family, Ukrainian violinist Mariya Krasnyuk began violin studies at the age of six. During her school years, she was the recipient of a scholarship endowed by the President of Ukraine. Krasnyuk has participated in the master classes of a number of prominent international violinists including Midori, Donald Weilerstein, Mauricio Fuchs, Mihaela Martin, Dora Schwarzberg, Vladimir Spivakov, Ariadne Daskalakis, and Andreas Röhn.

# “A Theater Review”

**“Shadowlands”**  
**Provision Theatre Company,**  
**1001 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago**

*Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt*

Provision Theatre is now presenting William Nicholson’s play “Shadowlands,” which is being directed by the Artistic Director and Founder of Provision Theatre Tim Gregory.

Provisions Theatre has a beautiful space that offers audiences ample free parking for their cars and the admission is very reasonable since it is an equity theatre.

“Shadowlands” has a company of nine actors of which other actors are non-equity but many could be if so desired.

The two equity in the cast are Brad Armacost as C. S. Lewis, and Susan Moniz as Joy Gresham. Making up the rest of the cast are Johnny Rabe as Douglas, Bill Chamberlain as Rev. Harry Harrington and Elliott Fredland as Professor Riley, Leonard Kraft as Major W. H. Lewis “Warnie.” Charlie S. Jensen, Greg Foster and Amber Burgess take on various roles.

Mr. Armacost is familiar with the role of C. S. Lewis as he played the character in “C. S. Lewis on Stage” for the 2007-2008 season.

Mr. Armacost is one of Chicago’s strong actors and his monologues at the beginning of Act One, Act Two and in the final moments of the show are gripping and spellbinding. It is a very provocative, engrossing performance that fits the mission of the Provision Theatre Company which is devoted to producing works of hope, reconciliation, and redemption; works that challenge us to explore a life of meaning and purpose.

It is a true story and those not familiar will find out C. S. Lewis is a world-renowned writer and professor. Like so many in today’s society we find him unmarried and that he leads a gentleman’s life filled by intellectual pursuits. When he meets Joy Gresham played by Susan Moniz things begin to change. Joy is feisty and can be abrasive. She is an intelligent divorcee from New York who enters the picture with her ten-year-old son. Ms. Moniz does an excellent job and different from other productions over the years in musicals with her sharp-edged, no-nonsense attitude.

“Shadowlands” runs a little over two hours with intermission.

Considering Moniz does musicals we now see a more dramatic side of her talent and audiences will be amazed with her talent.

Lewis slowly opens his heart to Joy and experiences love on a whole new level. But he also discovers life is made up of delicate balances and that he must confront a difficult truth when a heart awakened to great love is also opened to great pain when Joy is suffering a great illness.

“Shadowlands” runs through March 20th. For performance days – show times – reservations call 312-455-0065. Tickets are \$25 to \$28 and seating is general admission.

**-Four Stars-**

## World Premiere New Play Explores Love, Trust, And Family Secrets

Emergency Theatre Co & Your Mom Productions present Catharsis or The Thing You Should Have Told Me, a new drama by up and coming Chicago actor and writer Aaron Holland. Catharsis or The Thing You Should Have Told Me will run Monday Nights only March 7, 14, and 21st at 8pm at the Skokie Theater, 7924 N. Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60077.

Catharsis or The Thing You Should Have Told Me promises to be an intense and awesome experience like no other! Paul and Dennis are attempting to cope with life in the wake of their parent's tragic death, maintain relationships, and hold down jobs, all while dealing with the daily calamities of their tragically depressed little sister. Their odd behavior attracts the attention of a pair of nosey twins (Skye and Guy) who, in their digging, discover an awful truth. A confrontation will test the family's trust, define new boundaries, and expose its dangerous secrets. Some things should stay in the family.

Serving as director is the up and comer, Aaron Holland. Catharsis: Or the Thing You Should Have Told Me (one-act version) played to nearly sold out houses at the Stage Left Theater in June of 2005. Aaron has been recently seen at the Goodman Theater, Bailiwick Chicago, and the Steppenwolf, and has directed such shows as You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, The Last Five Years, and Shell Silverstein's SmileTime! The Chicago Reader regards his written work as "Catchy, Bright and Hot."

"Catharsis is a delicate waltz of a show." Aaron remarks, "It's a show that mourns for itself, and then laughs at it's little quirks. Just like a good piece of music."

Catharsis or The Thing You Should Have Told Me features Missy Aguilar, Deric Gochen, Russell Morgan, Charlotte Dearborn, and Brett Taylor. With musical interludes provided by Anthony Apodaca and Chris Skrable.

Tickets for Catharsis or The Thing You Should Have Told Me are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. \$10 industry and Free to Vets! For ticket reservations and more information on Catharsis or The Thing You Should Have Told Me, call 847-677-7761 or visit [www.skokietheater.com](http://www.skokietheater.com)

**“Guys and Dolls”**  
**Marriott Theatre,**  
**10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire**

*Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt*

The Marriott Theatre is opening its 2011-2012 season with the Tony Award-winning musical of 1950 “Guys and Dolls.”

Back in 1950 if a musical played 1,200 performances as this show did, it paid back its backers and was considered a major hit – where today most shows have to play five to six years to be a major hit if not longer.

Several years ago I appeared in a professional company playing the role of “Big Jule” and for me it was a blast.

The show is a musical fable of Broadway stories and characters that were created by Damon Runyon. They don’t make musicals like this any longer and audiences will remember many of the songs by Frank Loesser with a book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. When Mr. Burrows was a guest panelist on the television game show “What’s My Line?” he would always promote ‘Guys and Dolls.’

This production stands on its own two feet.

Marriott Theatre under the astute direction of Matt Raftery, makes the Damon Runyon characters come alive in this musical that is romantic with its two love stories and the evil and corruption of illegal gambling.

The show has a powerful cast of twenty-one actors, singers and dancers who work very hard at their craft. Brian Hissong is Sky Masterson who as the story unfolds falls for Sarah Brown played by Abby Mueller. The other romantic pair is played by Rod Thomas as Nathan Detroit and Jessie Mueller, who is the real life sister of Abby as Miss Adelaide, who is a headliner at the Hotbox Night Club. These two have been engaged for years but he keeps putting it off so he can pursue his crap games.

Other standouts in the production are Anne Gunna’s General Cartwright of the Salvation Army, Roger Mueller as Arvide Abernathy, Michael Aaron Lindner as Lt. Brannigan, John Lister as Big Jule, and George Andrew Wolff as Nicely Nicely Johnson.

Others who make up the Runyon characters are George Keating as Rusty Charlie, Rob Rahn as Harry the Horse, Bernie Yvon as Benny Southstreet and Adrian Aguilar as Joey. Nicole Hren and Amanda Tanguay play the two Hot Box Girls who perform with Miss Adelaide “A Bushel and a Peck,” and “Take Back Your Mink.”

The show offers some beautiful songs like “I’ll Know,” “If I Were a Bell” “My Time of Day,” “I’ve Never Been in Love Before.”

One of my favorites is “More I Cannot Wish You” which is performed by Roger Mueller as Arvide. His rendition is sheer perfection.

The show offers its share of novelty numbers and “The Crapshooter’s Dance,” staged and choreographed by the show’s director, worked perfectly for me.

It’s a bright show for the opening of Marriott’s 2011 Season.

Mr. Hissong, Abby and Jessie Mueller, and Rod Thomas make their roles come alive and their singing couldn’t be any better.

It’s great to see Ms. Gunn as well as Mr. Roger Mueller back on stage again. I could go on with kudos for the others but I’ll let you pick out your favorites.

See how the Salvation Army dame tames high roller Sky Masterson and how Miss Adelaide tames and gets Nathan to the altar.

“Guys and Dolls” runs through March 27th. For performance schedule, show times and reservations call 847-634-0200. Ticket prices are \$40 - \$48.

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# GREAT OUTDOORS

## Rising Temps Bring Life-Threatening Danger — Melting Ice Makes Corps Lakes Unsafe

With late winter temperatures beginning to rise and fall, ice-covered areas on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' lakes are unsafe for winter activities. Thin, rotten ice and ice unsupported by lake waters can give way at any time. Venturing onto ice surfaces at Coralville Lake, Saylorville Lake and Lake Red Rock is extremely hazardous and is not recommended.

### Ice Facts:

- Corps lakes have a river running through them and never form stable ice.
- Spring ice may collapse suddenly and without warning.
- Spring ice is rotten ice.
- Rotting ice begins to look grey and splotchy.
- Once ice starts to rot, the thickness of ice cannot be used to determine if the ice is safe. The ice may look solid – but beware. Because of the way ice melts, the ice will dramatically weaken even as it retains much of its original thickness.
- Ice can erode from the bottom up, with no obvious warning signs on top.
- Melting upstream can create run-off that weakens river ice.
- Ice near shore will melt more quickly.
- Tree stumps, rocks and docks absorb heat from the sun, causing ice around them to melt.
- Snow acts like an insulating blanket. Ice under snow will be thinner and weaker. A new snowfall can also insulate, warm-up and melt existing ice.
- There is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice. Ice is inconsistent.
- The only safe ice-is the ice you stay off!

As lakes, ponds, streams and rivers throughout the Midwest begin to thaw, ice conditions will be very uncertain. Although it may be tempting to venture out onto the ice for one last round of skating, hockey, ice fishing or other winter sport, it is highly recommended that all ice activity on Corps lakes is ended for the season.

For more information about the District's reservoirs, visit the reservoir website on the WWW @: <http://go.usa.gov/gAn>.

## Registration Now Open for Evanston W.O.W.

WOW Web Promo.jpgRegistration is now open for the City of Evanston's Women Out Walking (W.O.W.) Program. W.O.W. is a 12 week walking program designed to encourage women in Evanston to lead healthier lifestyles and become more physically active. Using walking as the foundation, individuals and teams of women are asked to track their steps and seek to improve their activity level on a weekly basis.

Additionally, participants are invited to attend workshops that provide tips and education in the areas of nutrition and overall women's health issues. Last, but certainly not least, walkers are invited to explore a variety of physical activity alternatives, including tai chi, yoga, Nia, dance, and other exciting exercise opportunities.

Come join Women Out Walking for a chance at a healthier you!  
WOW Kick-off March 19 at ETHS.

## THE 11th ANNUAL CHICAGO POLAR PLUNGE, BENEFITING SCC/SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHICAGO RETURNS TO THE CITY'S LAKEFRONT

Thousands of Chicago weather warriors from across the Chicagoland area will once again plunge into the chilly waters of Lake Michigan – all for a worthy cause – at the 11th annual Chicago Polar Plunge. The Chicago Polar Plunge returns to Chicago's Lakefront, Sunday, March 6 from 10 am – 2 pm., with proceeds benefiting for SCC/Special Olympics Chicago.

Whether plungers want to go waist high or take the full plunge, the Chicago Polar Plunge is a truly fun and inspirational day. Known for its festive costumes and courageous participants, last year's event attracted more than 1700 participants.

Chicago Polar Plunge registration is now open by visiting [www.sochicago.org](http://www.sochicago.org). At that website, plungers will have the opportunity to create their own fundraising page to jump-start their efforts. Registrants are asked to raise a minimum of \$125. Participants are welcome to fundraise and plunge with a team or individually. Complimentary bus service will be provided for teams of 20 or more people.

Prizes will be awarded to top three individual fundraisers, best three individual costumes, and best group costume. The Team raising the most funds will receive a 2 hour party including food and drinks for up to 100 people on Shoreline Cruisesteam which raises the most funds will be awarded a two-hour party for up to 100 people aboard Shoreline Sightseeing Cruises. Individuals raising more than \$500 will receive souvenir fleece blanket and two free tickets to a 2011 Chicago White Sox game.

"The Polar Plunge is one of the most important and top fundraising events of the year for Special Olympics Chicago," said James Sheahan, President of SCC/Special Olympics Chicago. "Not only is it a fun event for the people who participate, but it is for a great cause. The money raised through this one-day event helps to change the lives of thousands of our athletes and their families, by providing funding for many of our activities and programs throughout the year."

Once the dive is concluded, all are invited to a "Melt Down Party" which will take place inside the North Avenue Beach boathouse and in expanded heated tents from 11am-2pm. Admission is free and participants will receive free food and non-alcoholic beverages. Warm up and celebrate with great music. Cash bar available.

For more information on the Chicago Polar Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Chicago, please call 312.527.3743; or email [scc@sochicago.org](mailto:scc@sochicago.org)

## Spring is in the Air! Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March and Receive 10 Free Trees

Celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees, and the Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to participate.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2011 and receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOOD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 2011. Or join online at [www.arborday.org/March](http://www.arborday.org/March).

## Fields of Opportunity

By John Crabtree, [johnc@cfra.org](mailto:johnc@cfra.org), Center for Rural Affairs

The steady growth of organic farming and the economic impacts of organics on rural communities cannot and should not be ignored. The USDA recently reiterated their commitment to organic production by announcing another \$50 million in funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Organic Initiative, which provides a 75% share of the cost of implementing organic conservation measures to those who qualify – 90% for beginning, limited-resource and socially-disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

In Illinois, however, less than \$100,000 was awarded out of the \$24 million distributed nationally last year, and the year before was also less than \$100,000. The total funding helped 8 farms either get started in organic production or enhance their established operations, but much more assistance could be available if more Illinois farmers apply this year. Producers involved in organic production or transitioning to organic have until March 4th to apply for the EQIP Organic funding for 2011 through their local Natural Resources Conservation Service office. The Center for Rural Affairs has also provided an EQIP Organic Initiative fact sheet at (<http://www.cfra.org/2010-eqip-organic-initiative>) and a Farm Bill Helpline - (402) 687-2100 - to assist farmers and ranchers in applying.

With \$50 million in national funding available this year, producers have a tremendous opportunity to take the leap into organic. The rewards to farmers, ranchers, rural communities and our food system will be with us for a long time.

## Introduce Your Child to the Wonders of Nature

Introduce your child to the wonders of nature in Nature Pals, an eight-week class for two-year-olds and their caregivers. The theme is "Spring Things," and class will include stories, songs, nature activities, and walks in Ladd Arboretum. Nature Pals meets from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays or Wednesdays beginning March 15 or 16. The fee per pair is \$80/EEA member, \$88/resident, and \$96/nonresident. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8256.

## Urban Wildlife Creature Comforts

Baby... it's cold outside. Lucky for us, we can snuggle into warm turtlenecks, add an extra blanket to the bed, sip hot chocolate. Urban animals have a tougher time. Here are a few tips to make winter warmer for wildlife.

Keep the birdfeeder full. Birds burn much of their energy trying to find food – energy they could use to keep warm. Provide a consistent food source for them.

Don't forget water! During the winter, water is a hot commodity for wildlife – for drinking and bathing. Pour warm water in your birdbath on a regular basis or invest in a birdbath heater if you can!

Treat wildlife to something special. Gather fallen pine cones. Securely tie string (dental floss, long grasses) around the pinecones. Coat pinecones with nut butter, syrup, honey, or molasses and roll the coated cone in a pile of bird seed, dried berries, or unsalted black sunflower seeds. Hang from a tree or shrub. Birds and squirrels will go wild!

Remember the robins. Generally speaking, robins do not eat birdseed. They rely upon small insects, worms, and berries. Supplement their winter berry buffet by attaching frozen or fresh berries (blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, etc.) to shrubs in your backyard.

*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 [Questions?](http://Questions?) Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at [urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com).*

## MARCH 2011 SUPPORT GROUPS AND PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

CJE SeniorLife offers support groups on a wide variety of topics of interest to seniors and their families. Fees vary according to the program and individual circumstances and some groups may be partially covered by Medicare and supplemental insurance. For information or to join a group, call CJE SeniorLife at 773/508-1000.

**NEW! Scrabble Club** For word lovers and game players of all levels. Learn the classic game of Scrabble or get tips to sharpen your skills, with instructor and tournament director Joe Cortese. Meets every Wednesday, 11 a.m., Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave. Chicago. There is no charge. For more information, call 773/508-1000. Monthly meeting dates: March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

**Holocaust Survivors - Coffee and Conversation** Meets every Monday and Thursdays throughout the month Sponsored by Jewish Child and Family Services (JCFS) and CJE SeniorLife.

Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Sponsored by JCFS and CJE SeniorLife. Monthly meeting dates: March 7, 14, 21 and 28 There is no charge. To register, call 847/568-5100.

On Thursdays, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at JCFS Joy F. Knapp Center, 3145 W. Pratt Blvd., Chicago. Monthly meeting dates: March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 There is no charge. For more information, call 847/568-5100

**Living Life Through Loss: A Drop-In Bereavement Support Group** Meets every Wednesday, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., at CJE SeniorLife, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago Monthly meeting dates: March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 Any adult over the age of 60 who has lost a loved one in the past three years is encouraged to attend. There is a \$5 fee for each session. For more information, call 773/508-1129. Sponsored by CJE SeniorLife and the Jewish Healing Network.

**For Caregivers of Loved Ones with Atypical Dementia** A new support group for family caregivers whose loved one has been diagnosed with an atypical dementia (Frontotemporal Dementia, Lewy Body Dementia, Primary Progressive Aphasia) takes place the third Wednesday of every month in Deerfield. Drop-ins are welcome. On-site respite care available during the support group; pre-registration is only required if bringing a loved one to respite care. Call Sara Sanderman at 847/236-7863. Weinberg Community for Senior Living, 1551 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield. Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 16, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**Making Connections: Seniors with Adult Children with Disabilities** Meets first and third Tuesday of every month. Offers families an opportunity to connect, share experiences and learn about benefits and community resources. Sponsored by CJE's Linkages Program. Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, 11 a.m. to noon. Those interested in attending must register in advance by calling 773/508-1694. Monthly meeting dates: March 1 and 15

### Caregiving for Loved Ones with Dementia – Evanston

This support group is for individuals who are involved in the care of a loved one with dementia. Participants will learn about dementia and caregiving; meet others who face similar challenges and share experiences; discover ways to relieve caregiver stress and burn-out. Group meets the first and third Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. to noon. Location: CJE's Adult Day Services, 1015 W. Howard St., Evanston Please RSVP by calling Amy Zann, LCSW, at 773/508-1690. Meeting dates: March 2 and 16

**Community Senior Adults** This group is now open to new members. Enjoy lunch, socialization and great entertainment on a weekly basis. Participants can purchase Kosher lunches at Lieberman's Noshery at an affordable price. Meets every Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation, 9700 Gross Point Road, Skokie. Call Esther Craven at 773/508-1047. Monthly meeting dates: March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

## LEVY SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

All programs and events listed below take place at the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., unless otherwise posted.

Looking for a fun and exciting way to work out? Look no further than **ZUMBA Gold®**, an innovative fitness program that combines rhythmic movements, strength, and stretching. This program welcomes beginners and those who may have physical limitations. Class meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Fridays, March 11 to April 29. The fee is \$46/Levy member and \$49/nonmember. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8250.

Want to be a part of the world's largest online community? Take **Introduction to Facebook**, where you will reconnect with friends, family, and old acquaintances through the ever-growing social network. Class meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays from March 11 to April 1. The fee is \$100/Levy member and \$120/nonmember. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8250.

**Boost your recall in Memory Camp!** This five-week class will hone your memory skills through proven techniques developed by Dr. Gary Small, M.D., of UCLA. Exercises, quizzes, group discussions, and more will help improve verbal fluency and brain functioning as well as aid in memory loss prevention. Class meets from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays from March 16 to April 13. The fee, which includes your own copy of the "Memory Bible," is \$40/Levy member and \$50/nonmember. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8250.

**Looking for a fun and exciting way to work out?** Look no further than Brazilian Samba, an exotic dance with vibrant rhythms and movement that will sculpt and tone the body. This class is open to women only. Class meets from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays from March 23 to April 27. The fee is \$54/Levy member, \$57/nonmember, and \$61/nonresident. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8250.

**Do you appreciate great music?** Levy member Jean Broom will guide through a course on how to listen to and understand great music. The course is centered around a series of DVDs presented by a music historian. The class is divided into two parts. Part 1 will take place from 1 to 3 p.m., March 17 to June 2. The fee is \$25/Levy member and \$35/nonmember. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8250.

**Go ballroom dancing** with the Dick Elliott Band from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, March 25. Refreshments will be served. The cost is \$5 at the door.

**Play virtual sports** or test your knowledge with Wii. The Levy Center sets up the video game console every Friday so you can bowl, play Big Brain Academy, and more.

**Happiness Club** meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Discuss what puts happiness in your life. The fee is \$5.

**Writer's Workshop** meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. The group is always looking for new members.

**Bingo cards** are filling up. Games are played every Tuesday, starting at 12:30 p.m., at the Levy Senior Center. Cards cost 25 cents.

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Fridays are **bid whist** days. Play the game starting at 12:30 p.m. every Friday.

**Lunches** are served 11 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays at the Levy Center for only \$4.

The **Golden Years Club** meets Fridays at 1 p.m.

The Levy Senior Center is committed to making programs available to people with disabilities. For mobility or communications access assistance, call 847-448-8250/voice or 847-448-8064/TTY.

## 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.

## POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE SENIORS TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011

Paul C. Odrobina, Vice President of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) welcomes the PNA North Side Seniors for our monthly meeting that will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at the PNA Home Office Cafeteria, 6100 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, Illinois. Doors will open about 9:15 a.m. A speaker will briefly speak to the attendees. Topics that will be discussed: Polish American Night with the Chicago Bulls and Chicago Wolves Hockey Game plus other events. After the meeting, a local Catholic Priest will be at the PNA for a short service and distribute ashes in observance of Ash Wednesday for PNA Employees and seniors who wish to attend.

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

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

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

## Norwood Park Seniors Club

at 5801 N Natoma Chicago meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month. We play pinochle and bingo, have parties on special occasions. Meetings start at 10:30 with coffee and a sweet roll. Call Joan at 773-774-7075.



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## We We

Humans are funny creatures, they have the oddest interests. They think us smelling each others butt is odd, have you been to a party of theirs recently? This article is actually a warning to my fellow furry friends; our humans don't mean any harm but they should come with warnings sometimes. The following story is true, names have not been changed and my human is at fault!



It was a typically Saturday night; however I noticed that my human seemed to be preparing a lot of food and rearranging the furniture. Yeah we were having company! Company always means yummy treats, lots of love, and plenty of ear scratching. As the company started arriving it was turning out to be a good party! The usual greetings and noise from the humans, it was turning into a fun night with me right in the middle!

Then things took a weird turn, the humans started rearranging the furniture and adjusting the television. I assumed that some sporting event where the humans yell and scream at the TV was about to occur, but I was wrong. The humans seemed to be separating into pairs and standing on opposite sides of the TV. They also were holding these white looking contraptions. They then began swinging and moving their arms in what looked like some weird dance. As I observed these humans I became concerned that perhaps they drank too much of that alcohol stuff that humans like. So, I just watched and waited.

Well the humans began acting like a sporting event was on, but where much more mobile. Then as I am simply walking by to say hi to my favorite aunt, clunk! I got hit right in the head with someone's hand. They apologized of course, but ouch! Shortly after I was hit on the butt by someone else's arm! A few moments later the cat was actually knocked off the ottoman! What is wrong with these humans! Don't they know how dangerous they are acting?

It turns out it's some new video game the humans are addicted to! The point is that when they play this game, RUN don't walk out of the room. This game causes injuries to dogs and cats! This is your warning please take care of yourself, your human doesn't want to harm you, but they get overexcited! So my furry friends you have been officially warned!

Bosley

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



## Anti-Cruelty Society

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

### Happy Birthday to The Anti-Cruelty Society!

On March 7th, we will celebrate our 112th birthday. As Chicago's oldest and largest, private open door humane society, we continue building a community of caring by helping pets and educating people. This past year our commitment to caring was made easier thanks to a technological makeover that will help strengthen the effectiveness of our efforts as we move forward together.

One of the most recent additions is our online Spay/Neuter Clinic scheduler. You can now visit our website and schedule this very important surgery for your cat or dog. We also launched a new Bark in the Park website, making it easier than ever to have fun while raising funds for the animals through this great event. Click here to see it.

Thank you so much for being a part of our community of caring. We could not have accomplished so much without the generosity of our caring supporters. Sincerely, Robyn Barbiere, DVM, President



Fred is a high energy, 3 year old Chihuahua. He will be your best friend, all he asks in return is an all adult home. Don't let his small size fool you, he can play just like the big boys, but he doesn't take up the space a big dog would. Fred is a great city dog, so if you are looking for a new friend, stop on in and say hi to Fred! He can't wait to meet you. Just ask for #12025188 at The Anti-Cruelty Society.

Bindi is a big, beautiful and lovable girl who is calm, gentle and quiet. She is 7 years old and has sleek, shiny black fur, and is affectionate and lovable! Spend time with Bindi and you will see that she loves attention. Bindi came to us in May of 2010 and developed an upper respiratory infection which left severe scarring to her left eye. Bindi is vision-impaired in that eye, but it certainly doesn't stop her from rubbing up against you looking for love! A full-figured lady, Bindi will need to go on a controlled weight loss plan to help her lose weight to keep her healthy and happy. Regular brushing will be needed as Bindi has a thick undercoat of fur that can become matted if not cared for and brushed. Available for warm hugs and kitty kisses, Bindi is waiting patiently for you at The Anti-Cruelty Society, just ask for #10489111. Bindi is ready to go home today!



For more information about these or any of our other pets, visit [www.anticruelty.org](http://www.anticruelty.org) or call (312) 644-8338.

### JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF CARING!

Dr. Lester Fisher is celebrating his 90th birthday on February 25th! In addition to his work as director of the Lincoln Park Zoo for 30 years (1962-1992), Dr. Fisher has been a member of The Anti-Cruelty Society's board of directors since 1956. At that time the dues were \$5.00. Many things have changed since then, including board member fees, but Dr. Fisher's support of the animals through The Anti-Cruelty Society and his work within the community remains priceless. Happy Birthday, Dr. Fisher and many more!!

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# Choosing a Trustee: Relationships Matter



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There are many factors that must be considered when selecting someone to serve as your trustee. Of course, the person's age, maturity, responsibility, and financial acumen are all important. However, clients and advisors often overlook that relationships matter, too.

A trustee must manage and distribute the assets in accordance with your wishes. In accomplishing these goals, the trustee must interact with beneficiaries, advisors, and other fiduciaries.

In fulfilling the duties of trustee, he or she often has broad discretion to accomplish your goals. For example, a trustee often is given the discretion to make distributions to beneficiaries based upon the needs of the beneficiary. There can be some friction between a trustee and the beneficiaries as a result of this discretion. Already strained relationships can turn ugly when one of them is the trustee and has control over money that could go to the other. For example, the Knuths appointed a family member as trustee of a family trust set up for the benefit of other family members. The tensions escalated and the beneficiaries went into the trustee's home and placed a listening device under his bed. Two days later he and his wife discovered the bug. The couple sued the beneficiaries for invasion of privacy and trespass and were awarded \$475,000 in damages by a southern California court.

Of course, you can never entirely eliminate the possibility for friction between beneficiaries and trustees. However, you can reduce the possibility by avoiding typically problematic situations such as one sibling serving as trustee for another adult sibling or a subsequent spouse serving as trustee for children from a prior marriage. Also, if the trustee and the beneficiary have a history of friction, that should be considered.

Besides beneficiaries, trustees also must work with advisors and other fiduciaries. A trustee may have co-trustees with whom he or she will need to work. The trustee might have to work together with the guardians of minor beneficiaries. It is wise to consider these relationships, as well. Feuding fiduciaries can wreak havoc on an otherwise well thought out estate plan.

What can be done if the only logical choice as trustee may have friction with the beneficiaries or other fiduciaries? You can reduce the possibility for friction by reducing the discretion granted to the trustee. However, this diminishes both the flexibility of your plan and the likelihood your goals will be met. Perhaps the best way to reduce the friction is to name a bank or trust company as a co-trustee. This combination can work well in many instances. The individual trustee knows the family dynamics and the beneficiaries on a personal level. The bank is unbiased and is not embroiled in the family politics. If the beneficiary wants an unreasonable distribution, your individual trustee can let the bank be the bad guy.

If the family landscape is littered with wreckage from old disputes and you could imagine your beneficiaries planting listening devices, it may be best to name a bank as the sole trustee. Family relationships are often tenuous after the death of the patriarch or matriarch. Some cannot survive the frictions inherent in working together. In such cases, a bank can be an excellent option to avoid risking family friction by choosing a family member as trustee.

A carefully chosen trustee is critical to implementing your estate plan. An attorney that specializes in estate planning and who is sensitive to the family issues can help you design a plan and select a trustee to achieve your goals.

*Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. For more information or to attend an upcoming seminar, call (773) 631-2525. Please visit our website at [www.PlanOurEstate.com](http://www.PlanOurEstate.com)*

## SOCIAL SECURITY'S FINAL FOUR

*By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist*

This time of year basketball fans are gearing up for March Madness -- a time when the final four teams in the NCAA fight for the title of national champion. While basketball fans are excited about March Madness, Social Security already has a winning "final four" of online services to cheer about: the Retirement Estimator, Benefit Application, online Extra Help application, and Business Services Online.

1. The Retirement Estimator is an easy way to get an instant, personalized estimate of your future Social Security benefits. Just key in some basic information and the Estimator will use information on your Social Security record, along with what you input, to give you a benefit estimate on the spot. You even can experiment with different scenarios, such as changing your future earnings and retirement date. Check it out in English at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator) or in Spanish at [www.segurosocial.gov/calculador](http://www.segurosocial.gov/calculador).

2. The Benefit Application is the most convenient way to apply for Social Security retirement benefits. You can apply from the comfort of your home — it's fast, easy, and secure. It's so easy, in fact, that it can take you as little as 15 minutes to apply online. In most cases, once your application is submitted electronically, you're done. There are no forms to sign and usually no documentation is required. Social Security will process your application and contact you if any further information is needed. Try it out when you're ready to retire at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline).

3. The online Extra Help application is an easy way to save about \$4,000 a year on your prescription drug costs. To qualify for the Extra Help, you must be on Medicare, have limited income and resources, and live in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. Learn more about it at [www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp).

4. Business Services Online is our one-stop shop for small businesses. The site allows organizations and authorized individuals to conduct business with and submit confidential information to Social Security. You even can use it to file your W-2s the fast, convenient, and paperless way — online. Visit Business Services Online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/bsa](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/bsa).

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Get to know our final four, and all of our online services. When you do, you will be the winner.

## GETTING A REPLACEMENT SSA-1099 IS EASY

*By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist*

Millions of taxpayers are busy gathering all the forms and documents they need to file their Federal, State, and local tax returns. If you receive Social Security benefits, one of those items may be your SSA-1099 from Social Security.

Some people who receive Social Security may have to pay taxes on a portion of their benefits. If you're one of these individuals, a Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA-1099) is an important tax document for you to have.

Social Security mailed the SSA-1099s for tax year 2010 to all beneficiaries in January. If you receive Social Security and need a replacement SSA-1099 for 2010 in order to file a tax return, you can request it online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/1099](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/1099).

The SSA-1099 shows the total amount of benefits received in the previous year and is used to find out if any Social Security benefits are subject to tax. The Federal tax laws about Social Security benefits provide that:

- Up to 50 percent of Social Security benefits may be subject to Federal income tax for individuals with a combined income between \$25,000 and \$34,000, or for couples with a combined income between \$32,000 and \$44,000; and
- Up to 85 percent of Social Security benefits may be subject to Federal income tax for individuals with a combined income above \$34,000, or for couples with a combined income above \$44,000. (Note: "Combined income" means adjusted gross income, plus nontaxable interest, plus one-half of Social Security benefits.)

For more information on taxation of Social Security benefits, visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).



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## Career/Jobs Corner

### BACP MARCH BUSINESS WORKSHOPS – FOCUS ON CITY CONTRACTS AND GREENING YOUR BUSINESS

The City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection (BACP) announced the March business educational workshops, offered to help both new and existing businesses grow and succeed.

This month's workshop topics will provide start-ups with information about financial resources. For the first time, a workshop will be offered on how businesses can save money by going green. On March 23rd, "How to Green Your Business" will teach the economic benefits of going green and how to implement these initiatives into your business.

Have you ever thought about operating your own concession at the airport or doing business with the City? Then you don't want to miss the line up in March:

How to Start your Concession business at O'Hare and Midway Airport, Job Order Contracting Informational Workshop and How to Become Certified/Doing Business With the City of Chicago.

Workshops are conducted by city officials, BACP's partner organizations, or by experts in the industry. Workshops are located at BACP's City Hall Office, 121 N. La Salle Street, Room 805. Full class descriptions are available online at [www.cityofchicago.org/bacp](http://www.cityofchicago.org/bacp).

To register for a workshop call 312-744-5344

3/9 Start Your Concession at O'Hare or Midway Airport, 2:00pm to 4:00pm, Presented by Chicago Department of Aviation

3/11 Smart Planning for Business With an Emphasis on Succession Planning, 9:30am to 11:00am, Presented by New York Life Insurance Company

3/16 Job Order Contracting (JOC) Informational Workshop, 2:00pm to 4:00pm, Presented by the City of Chicago

3/18 How to Write an Effective Business Plan, 9:30am to 11:00am, Presented by Institute of Entrepreneurial Studies – University of Illinois at Chicago

3/23 How to Green Your Business, 3:00pm to 4:30pm, Presented by Andersonville Development Corporation & Eco-Andersonville, Go to Green

3/25 How to Obtain and Renew Your Sidewalk Café Permit, 9:30am to 11:00am, Presented by The Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection

3/30 How to Become Certified, 2:00 to 3:00pm, Business with the City of Chicago, 3:15 to 4:30pm

Presented by the Office of Compliance and the Department of Procurement Services (DPS)

03/31 Business Works Seminar, 5:30pm - 9:00pm, Kennedy King College, 6301 S. Halsted

For full workshop descriptions please download the monthly workshop calendar available on BACP's website at [www.cityofchicago.org/bacp](http://www.cityofchicago.org/bacp).

### Society of Professional Journalists Training

Enhancing your professional skills often seems like a daunting quest across faraway places. Think again, because there are great professional development training sessions going on not too far from where you live. For every state, we've got the online resource you need to know what great new seminars are happening near you.

Whether you're an editor, reporter, broadcaster, designer, photographer or full-time freelancer, every journalist will benefit from the onsite and easy-access online training available at [JournalismTraining.org](http://JournalismTraining.org). The site is full of professional development opportunities for everyone in the media industry. From one-day photo illustration sessions to full week-long workshops on better writing, the training you need and want is listed at this one-stop resource.

Created by the Council of National Journalism Organizations and maintained by the Society of Professional Journalists, the site is extremely easy to use. Search by location, topic or time of year for training that will help you advance your career and give you the tools you need to stay at the leading edge of technology.

Check out some of these upcoming opportunities you'll find on [JournalismTraining.org](http://JournalismTraining.org):

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Aside from great training opportunities, the site has listings of journalism blogs from organizations such as News University and Society for News Design for training tips and story ideas. Visit the Reading Room to find topics such as "Tools of the Beat" and "For the Broadcasters." Or bring customized training to your newsroom provided by names you trust.

For more information or to suggest a resource for [JournalismTraining.org](http://JournalismTraining.org), write to [training@spj.org](mailto:training@spj.org) or call SPJ today at (317) 927-8000.

Sincerely, Jamie Fallin, Project Manager,

Society of Professional Journalists

## Lenten Menu Ideas

### Broccoli Lasagna

Makes 10 servings

2 10 3/4 oz. cans condensed cream of broccoli soup

1 10 oz. pkg. frozen chopped broccoli

Salad Oil

3 carrots, thinly sliced

1 lg. onion, diced

3/4 lb. mushrooms, sliced

12 lasagna noodles (8 is enough) 2 8oz. pkgs. Shredded mozzarella cheese

1 15 oz. container ricotta cheese

2 lg. eggs.

About 2 1/2 hours before serving:

In 2 qt. saucepan over med-low heat, heat undiluted broccoli soup, frozen broccoli until broccoli is thawed.

In 10" skillet over med-high heat in 1T hot salad oil, cook carrots and onion until lightly browned. Reduce heat to low; stir in 1/4 cup water. Cover and simmer 15 min. or until

vegetables are very tender; remove to bowl.

In same skillet over high heat, in 3T hot salad oil, cook mushrooms until lightly browned and all liquid has evaporated; stir in carrot mixture.

While veggies. are cooking, prepare noodles as label directs; drain. In bowl, mix mozzarella, ricotta and eggs.

Preheat oven to 375. In 13" x 9" dish spread 1 cup broccoli sauce. Arrange half of noodles over sauce, top with half of cheese mixture, then all the carrot mixture and half remaining sauce. Top with remaining noodles, cheese mixture, then sauce.

Bake 45 min. or until hot. Let stand 10 min. before serving.

*From the kitchens of Rose Suter*

### Evanston Adopt a Hydrant

After this winter's big storm, the Fire Department is looking for help in making sure all fire hydrants are accessible. The City of Evanston has nearly 1,400 fire hydrants and many complexes have private fire hydrants. Fire Department personnel are currently out removing snow around fire hydrants. The Fire Department is encouraging residents to "adopt a fire hydrant" near their home and keep snow shoveled away from it during the winter season. These actions will allow the Fire Department to quickly locate the fire hydrant for firefighting activities if needed. If a fire hydrant is buried by snow, it is difficult to find and valuable time is spent digging it out before firefighting operations can begin. Please don't let your neighborhood fire hydrant remain "under cover." There is no need to notify the City about a hydrant you have adopted, as this is an informal volunteer program.

The Evanston Health Department has provided the following safety information for shoveling:

Cold weather itself, without any physical exertion, puts an extra strain on your heart so know your limits when shoveling snow, especially if you do not exercise regularly. If you have a history of heart trouble or any chronic health concerns, talk to your health care provider before shoveling snow. You should rest frequently and pace yourself when shoveling. Remember to lift the snow with your legs, not your back. If you use a snow blower, never use your hands to unclog the machine. If you become breathless, stop, go indoors and warm up before continuing. If you experience chest or arm pain or numbness, stop immediately and go indoors; you may need to call 911. Overexertion can cause sore muscles, falls and heart attacks.

On behalf of the entire Evanston Fire Department, thank you for keeping Evanston's fire hydrants clear of snow and keeping our community safe!

Division Chief Janetske, Evanston Fire & Life Safety, 847.866.5918

### Check Vents on High-efficiency Furnaces and Clothes Dryers

The Skokie Fire Department is warning homeowners that snow accumulation can block newer furnace exhaust vents. If your furnace vent is blocked, your furnace could shut off as a safety measure or create a potential hazard for carbon monoxide poisoning.

Newer, high-efficiency furnaces are often vented through plastic piping to the outside of the house instead of through the roof. Some of the vents are near the ground and if they are blocked by snow, it can cause dangerous CO buildup inside.

Clothes dryer vents should also be checked, if they are blocked your dryer may not operate as efficiently as it should.

"We would suggest that occupants take a few minutes and walk around their house to make sure their vents are not covered by snow," said Ralph Czerwinski, Fire Chief - Village of Skokie. Additionally, we recommend that residents install carbon monoxide detectors in their home.

Vehicle Exhaust Concerns

While removing snow from a buried vehicle remember to clear the tailpipe of snow, the exhaust must be able to flow freely from the tailpipe. A blocked tailpipe will affect performance but restricted flow of exhaust from the area of the tailpipe may cause carbon monoxide to enter the interior of the vehicle.

For additional information contact, the Skokie Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/982-5340 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or visit the Village of Skokie website at <http://www.skokie.org/>.

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