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Peregrine Banding at the Evanston Library

The four baby peregrine falcons, hatched in early May for the sixth year in a row at Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue in downtown Evanston will be banded for identification purposes by representatives of the Field Museum of Natural History on May 27 at 10:30 am on the third floor of the Library. The festivities are open to the public.

For the past several years, a pair of peregrine falcons has nested on top of one of the columns on the south side of the Library



along Church Street and at least one baby falcon has successfully fledged each year. The nest cannot be viewed directly from inside or outside the building, so the Library has set up a webcam which transmits pictures of the nest and its inhabitants every couple of minutes. The pictures from the webcam can be viewed at www.epl.org/falconcam/

For more information, please contact the Library at 847-448-8650.



Continuing 15 Years of T.V. Programming Through the Written Word

By Sophia Venetos

Alfred S. Nathan's long-running Comcast Cable, Public Access TV interview program "Skokie People Speak," ended December 31, 2008, but this Skokie resident is determined to switch media platforms successfully and transform his viewers into his readers.

After producing and hosting 251 shows over 15 years, ill health and age forced Nathan to end "Skokie People Speak."

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Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Your Party Place – Lincolnwood **Community Center Available for Rent**

The Lincolnwood Community Center is part of the Parks and Recreation Department of the Village of Lincolnwood. We serve the community's recreational needs by offering various programs in our facility. However, when we're not serving the recreational needs of the community, we would like to make our Community Center available for rent to, businesses, individuals and families of Lincolnwood as well as those living nearby.

It is important for us to serve the public's recreational needs, but it's also important to assist families in attaining an affordable space to hold all types of functions, from birthday parties, bat/bar mitzvah parties, family reunions/celebrations, annual holiday parties, wedding engagements, retirement parties, to classroom enrichment programs and more.

We can fulfill almost every need of the community with our list of amenities including: round or rectangular tables, banquet chairs, kitchen, TV, podium with microphone, coffeepot, tablecloths and more. If you have a specific need that was not mentioned in our amenities list, talk to our staff to see if other arrangements can be made.

Availability is based upon seasonal Parks & Recreation Department programs and previously scheduled rentals. Stop by our facility, located at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue in Lincolnwood, for a tour of the building, to inquire about availability, or to pick up a renter information packet detailing prices, policies and procedures. Or you can contact the Parks and Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740 for more information.

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Pet Owner's Etiquette

The Village of Skokie would like to remind all pet owners to be sure to clean up after their animals and deposit any animal waste in the appropriate refuse receptacles. If a person is caught not properly cleaning up after their dog, the Village can issue a citation in the amount of \$50 for the first offense. Repeated offenses could result in fines ranging from \$100 for the second offense and upwards of \$750 for multiple offenses. Proper disposal of animal waste will not only assist the Village in keeping alleyways

and sewer inlets clean, but also will reduce rodent infestation and potential street flooding.

Good pet-owner etiquette not only helps neighborly relations, it also can benefit the pets. 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.

Evanston Latex Paint Collection

Latex Paint is collected at the Service Center on Thursday mornings only. The hours for drop off are from 9 am to 11 am. Paint is collected at the Service Center Visitor's parking lot at 2020 Asbury Avenue and is sent for recycle with Earth Paints Collection Systems. Only paint that is clearly marked as latex paint will be accepted for recycle.

Evanston Leaf Blower Ban in Effect

The City of Evanston's City Code bans the use of backpack-mounted or hand-held gasoline-powered leaf blower types of machines from May 15th through September 30th, 2009. The leaf blower ordinance will be enforced by the Evanston Police Department. Violations will result in a \$75.00 compliance ticket. Questions concerning the ordinance can be answered by calling the Evanston Ecology Center at (847) 864-5181 or by calling the Evanston Police Department, (847) 866-5000.

Evanston Preseason Beach Token Sale Ends June 12

The last day for Evanston and Skokie residents to save money on their 2009 beach tokens is Friday, June 12. Through that date, tokens are being sold at the discounted resident price of \$22. Fee assistance is available to help qualified Evanston residents with the purchase of tokens. In addition, a limited number of free tokens are available to residents who meet income guidelines. When Evanston's five swimming beaches open for the season on Saturday, June 13, resident token prices will increase to the regular season rate of \$30 each. Daily beach passes are \$8 for those age 12 and older and \$6 for children age 1-11. Children under one year of age are admitted free.

Tokens are available at the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.; all community centers; and the Dempster Street Beach office, open daily starting May 25. To obtain the discount, proof of residency is required at the time of purchase. For more information, call 847-866-2900.

Evanston Water Restrictions

The City has an outdoor watering ban from May 15 through September 15, Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm. Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and all weekends are excluded. Watering your lawn and garden during the day wastes water because evaporation is highest during the hottest parts of the day. Watering instead in the early morning and late evening ensures more water is absorbed where you want it, in the lawn and garden. Violators can be fined \$25 to \$500 for each day of the offense.

Evanston Dog Beach Opens May 1

Evanston's dog beach, located north of the Church Street boat launch facility, opens for the 2009 season on Friday, May 1, and will remain open through Oct. 31. Hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. All dogs using the beach must have a pass. The fee for a 2009 dog beach pass is \$50 per dog owned by an Evanston resident and \$100 per dog owned by a nonresident. Applications for dog beach passes as well as dog beach rules and regulations are available at the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., or on the City's Web site at www.cityofevanston.org. Before obtaining a dog beach pass, owners must show written proof that their dogs are current on their vaccinations and have been examined within the past year for any communicable diseases. In addition, dogs must be currently licensed in Evanston or the city where the dog lives. For more information, call 847-866-2900.

Remember That Animals Must be Restrained in Public in Evanston

Once warmer weather begins, pet owners are anxious to enjoy Evanston's public areas and parks with their pets. However, this month, the Evanston Parks/Forestry and Recreation Department has received increased reports of dog bites; people and other dogs have been injured.

Please remember that City ordinance requires dogs and cats to be on leash while in public playgrounds and in public parks. In addition, even if animals are on leash, dogs and cats are not allowed on school property or upon a path or sidewalk extending through or within any school premises. They also are not allowed on public bathing beaches at any time. The ordinance does not apply to service animals, such as dogs leading blind persons.

Any person violating the provisions of City Ordinance Title 9, Chapter 4, which addresses restraint of animals, shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each and every day such violation continues. The City operates a dog beach and dog park (Pooch Park). An annual pass is required for admission to these facilities. More information on the City ordinance, dog beach and dog park is available at www.cityofevanston.org or by calling 847-866-2900.

Evanston Festivals Call for Artistis

The City of Evanston is seeking artists for its two summer arts festivals, the Ethnic Arts Festival, July 18-19, and the Lakeshore Arts Festival, Aug. 1-2. Set against the scenic backdrop of Evanston's lakefront, both festivals are held in Dawes Park, Church St. and Sheridan Road.

The Ethnic Arts Festival is a juried festival open to all ethnic, folk and fine artists whose work expresses the heritage of a national, regional, tribal or language group. Exhibitor fees are \$240 and the nonrefundable jury fee is \$35. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, April 6.

Always held the first weekend in August, the Lakeshore Arts Festival continues to earn its reputation as one of the North Shore's premiere fine arts summer festivals. Also a juried event, it is open to all fine visual artists and crafters. Exhibitor fees are \$310 and the nonrefundable jury fee is \$35. Applications for the Lakeshore Arts Festival must be received by Friday, March 6.

Artist applications for both festivals are now available online at www.cityofevanston.org/arts. For more details, call 847-448-8260. The Ethnic Arts Festival and Lakeshore Arts Festival are produced by the City of Evanston's Cultural Arts Division and are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

St. Peter Catholic School News

The 7th grade students had a great trip to Springfield as part of their Social Studies curriculum. This annual day-trip for our seventh grade continues to be an enormous learning experience and success year after year. The efforts of Mr. Fish, Miss Nolan, and Miss Nora for preparing and accompanying the students are greatly appreciated.

During May and June, 30% of any service purchased at Teddy Rose Hair Salon and Day Spa (847-677-7800) will go directly to St. Peter School. Just identify yourself as a St. Peter School supporter and participate in this generous effort to assist our school.

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Continuing 15 Years of T.V. Programming Evanston's 2009 Starlight Concert **Through the Written Word**

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Al Nathan now plans to carry on his mission of getting to know your neighbor, building understanding and goodwill and publicizing Skokie events and organizations, all while emphasizing ethnic diversity through Our Village newspaper. Nathan's lengthy T.V. career demonstrates his passion for his community, and he said he will maintain his goal of informing while entertaining through written columns, in which he delves into the past and his experiences in Skokie and in "Skokie People Speak."

Nathan's jump to the silver screen all started with his ten-year membership at Toastmasters International, a do-it-yourself speech-making organization which provided the structure and guide for learning a variety of communication skills through small clubs worldwide. It was there that Nathan learned how to write a variety of speeches, conduct radio and T.V. interviews and organize meetings, he said.

"It gave me the 'know how' and confidence to produce, host and interview guests," Nathan said.

At that time, Jim Barnard, a friend of Nathan's and a fellow member of the club, was active in the production of public access T.V. shows in Skokie. He suggested that Nathan contact the cable company for information as to how to get involved in television. Nathan discovered he could get involved through what he coined, "do-it-yourself T.V."

"We do all the work—lighting, putting up and taking down the set, editing, finding a training crew and reserving the time," Nathan said.

Producing a T.V. show proved to be a lot of work, so Nathan decided to sign up for the six-week, two-evenings per week training course and take it from there. Upon completion, Nathan had to determine what type of show he wanted to produce.

"Many people were coming to Skokie from all over the world," he said. "I wanted the T.V. audience to know them and to learn about Skokie."

It was then that he titled the show "Skokie People Speak."

The first program was broadcasted during July 1993, and featured guests included Zia Quarishi, Lordes Mon and Trustee of Skokie and future Mayor George Van Dusen.

Nathan hopes he can continue to enlighten readers about Skokie and its residents. He appreciates your comments at alfrednathan @sbcglobal.net.

We at Village Publications are proud and happy to give Al Nathan a continued voice to the community through Street Level newspaper. Watch future editions for his interesting series.

Visit us for neighborhood news at

Go To our website at www.ourvillagechicago.com

Series Trumpets Local Talent

With 16 free concerts in 4 parks, Evanston's 2009 outdoor Starlight Concert Series offers a kaleidoscope of music that spans the summer. The free concerts are on select Tuesday and Thursday evenings, June 18-Aug. 25, with the music beginning at 7:30 p.m. for every concert. This year many of the guest artists have Evanston connections, including David Young, Ezra Furman, David Drazin and members of South Boulevard. The concert series kicks off with an evening of pan-ethnic party music by Paul Cebar Tomorrow Sound on Thursday, June 18, at James Park. Other headliners throughout the summer series include ? and the Mysterians, Bob Stroger, Lucy Smith and Ezra Furman and the Harpoons.

- Thursday, June 18 Paul Cebar Tomorrow Sound James Park Panethnic party music
- Tuesday, June 23 South Boulevard Harbert Park Covering blues, soul and rock greats
- Thursday, June 25 ? and the Mysterians James Park Garage rock legends perform 1960s hits
- Tuesday, June 30 Milt Trenier Twiggs Park One of the famous Trenier Brothers



By Sophia Venetos

The Ed Kelly Sports Program will present several individuals with awards at its 35th Annual Giant Awards Dinner on Monday, June 29 at the White Eagle Banquet Hall, located at 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Niles. Local recipients include Harry Kempf, owner of Chicago Brauhaus Restaurant and a part of Chicago history, who will be honored with the Dan O'Brien Business Award. Also, Terrence O'Brien, president of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will receive the Thomas Rand Achievement Award.

Other honorees include former Lightweight Champion Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini, who will receive the Muhammad Ali Athlete Award. In addition, Gene Pingatore, the head basketball coach at St. Joseph High School, will be honored with the Ray Meyer Coach Award.

WFLD anchor Pat Elwood will be presented with the Irv Kupcinet Media Award. Lastly, Jose A. Caez, business manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1031, will be honored with the Bill Hogan, Sr. Labor Award.

Media personality Mike North will emcee the event, and tickets are on sale for \$100 each or \$1,000 for a table for 10. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:45. For more information, call 773-728-6300. The Ed Kelly Sports Program is an Illinois not-forprofit organization, therefore the purchase of each \$100 ticket provides value in return of \$25 and entitles the purchaser to a tax-deductible charitable contribution of \$75 for each ticket.

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GREAT OUTDOORS Legends of the Lake Local Farm

by Tracy Seglin

Chicago public beaches are now open! Pack a blanket, a picnic, and this quiz, and shore up on your swim savvy. (Find answers to the quiz on page 6.)

- 1. Which Chicago beach has the oldest beach house in the city?
 - a. South Shore Beach
 - b. 63rd Street Beach
 - c. Montrose Beach
- 2. What is rip rap?
 - a. A rare swirling undercurrent found only in Lake Michigan
 - b. Equipment used for kite surfing
 - c. Rocks used to reinforce shorelines
- 3. Which beach has the largest area of deep water swimming in the city? a. Oak Street Beach
 - b. Humboldt Park Beach
 - c. Wilson Avenue/Montrose Harbor
- 4. In 1913, Dr. Rosalie Ladova was arrested at Jackson Street Beach for:
 - a. Swimming with a man who was not her husband
 - b. Releasing a dolphin into the Lake
 - c. Swimming in her bloomers

5. The Chicago Race Riot of 1919 began when a white man threw rocks at African Americans swimming in the water. Police arrested an African-American man instead of the rock thrower. The riot ended with dozens of deaths and hundreds of injuries. At which beach did the violence begin? Hint: This same beach was the site for the 1961 "Freedom Wade-In."

- a. Rainbow Beach
- b. Ashe Beach
- c. 12th Street Beach

6. True or false? 12th Street Beach is really located at 13th Street, but since 13 was considered an unlucky number, it was named 12th Street instead.

- 7. Thirty-first Street Beach is famous for:
 - a. An annual summer solstice sunset skinny dipping extravaganza b. Junior Lifeguard Tug-o-War
 - c. A racy 1953 bathing suit photo shoot with Marilyn Monroe
- 8. Oak Street Beach is:
 - a. Home to Chicago's only chess pavilion
 - b. The place where hundreds of triathletes train
 - c. The only Chicago beach to face north instead of east
 - d. A and B
 - e. A and C
 - f. All of the above

9. This season, swimming at Chicago beaches is permitted from _:00 a.m. to _:00 p.m.

10. The U.S. EPA requires cities to test public beach water for E. coli bacteria at least once per week. How often does the Chicago Park District test beach water?

- a. Twice a week
- b. Three times a week
- c. Five days a week (or more)
- 11. The Chicago Park District boasts _____ public beaches.
 - a. 17
 - b. 33
 - c. 41
- 12. What is Chicago's only official dog beach?
 - a. Oak Street Beach b. North Avenue Beach
 - c. Wilson Beach/Montrose Harbor

Local Farmers' Markets

LINCOLNWOOD:

Beginning Thursday, June 4, the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will be operating Lincolnwood's 3rd Annual Farmers Market. The market will run every Thursday through August 20th, between the hours of 8 am – 1 pm, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 4707 W. Pratt Avenue. This location was chosen because of its visibility from Pratt Avenue, accessibility of parking, and neighborhood location.

The goal of the Lincolnwood Farmers Market is to offer an event that brings residents and the business community together, while offering the opportunity for individuals living and working in Lincolnwood to buy fresh produce and natural products. Our vendors will set up displays that may include fruits, vegetables, bread, pastries, cheese, flowers, honey, and more.

Thursdays, June 4 – August 20, 8:00am – 1:00pm St. John's Lutheran Church, 4707 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, IL FREE - Open to the Public

For more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

EVANSTON:

Date: Saturdays, May 16 - Nov. 7, 2009 Time: 7:30am to 1pm Place: Intersection of University Place and Oak Avenue

Enjoy the bounty of Midwest farmers every Saturday throughout the summer. For over 30 years, the Evanston Farmers' Market has been a crowd-pleaser with 30+ vendors of fruit, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese and bakery items.

Now We're Cookin' and Home Grown Artists are going to be at the Market certain Saturdays throughout the summer. Stay tuned for dates.

Free parking is available in the Maple Avenue Parking Garage.

Senior coupons for Farmers' Markets are available through the Commission on Aging. Click here for details.

Special Events at the Market:

Saturday, May 16 9:00am-1:00pm Staff from the Recreation Division, Ecology Center and Cultural Arts Division will be on hand. For the kids: free face painting, tennis and basketball play and a small petting zoo. Adults will enjoy wood carving and ceramic class demonstrations and the public art model on display. For your convenience, you can buy your beach tokens on site at the preseason rate.

Saturday, May 30 Public Works Department

Urban Wildlife Coalition Water Worms

Q: Why do worms come out of the ground when it rains hard? – Haley, Edison Park

A: Earthworms do not necessarily flee their underground homes in rainstorms to avoid drowning. Worms absorb oxygen through moist, not dry, skin and can survive weeks under water. However, scientists have several theories about why earthworms emerge during heavy rain-

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storms.

1. While they can survive in water, it is inconvenient for earthworms to navigate flooded underground tunnels.

2. Carbonic acid forms when chemicals in the soil mix with water. The acid can be lethal to worms when absorbed through their skin.

3. Because they need moisture to "breathe," worms do not usually last long on dry sidewalks. Some speculate that during rainstorms, worms may take advantage of the damp surface conditions to move around, find new digs, meet mates, etc. before the ground dries.

Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured urban wildlife. For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or *e-mail us at urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com.*

Evanston Public Library

1703 Orrington Ave. 847-448-8610

Tuesday, June 16, 6-7:30PM at South Branch

The South Branch summer reading game kicks off with a "wild rumpus." We'll read "Where the Wild Things Are" and enjoy animal stories, crafts and snacks.

ReelTime Film: Green Towns USA: A New Deal, by June Finfer and Glory Southwind. (2009, 56 min.)

During the Depression, the Roosevelt Administration built three "green" towns as experiments in urban planning – two of these towns are still thriving, but the third is facing economic and political problems that are tearing the community apart. This compelling new documentary hits close to home as it explores what's right and wrong in our efforts to solve the problems of urban sprawl, affordable housing, and livable communities.

Wednesday, June 3 at 7:30PM at the Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University. With Chicago filmmaker June Finfer and co-producer Glory Southwind in person.

Teen Afternoon Movie at The LOFT – Teens Only, Main Library Saturday, May 30, 2009, 2:00 PM

Mad Hot Ballroom. Told from their candid and hilarious perspectives, the film follows fourth and fifth grade New York City public school kids as they journey into the world of ballroom dancing, literally transforming themselves into "ladies and gentlemen" as they prepare for the highly anticipated, final citywide competition. Rated PG. 1 hour, 46 minutes.

Let Bill and Susan Goodman entertain you.

Sunday, June 7th, 3:00 pm, Community Meeting Room

The Goodmans return with their delightful cabaret-style act filled with unforgettable songs from Broadway, operetta, and the Big Band era. Lively entertainment for all ages!

Children's Music Demonstration

Barbara Friedberg Storytelling Room (First Floor) Main Library Friday, June 5 at 10:30AM

Wendy Morgan will present a 30 minute demonstration music class for infants and toddlers. Contact the Children's Room for more information at 847-448-8610.

Computer Class

Saturday, June 6 at 10:00AM

Computer Training Room (Third Floor) Main Library

Do you want to communicate with friends and family via Email? Need and Email account to apply for a job? This class will show you how to set up and use a free Email account through Gmail. If you are not comfortable using a computer, please sign up for our Computer Basics class first.

Liberty Bank for Savings to Offer Computer Class for Senior Citizens

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Part of an ongoing series offered by Liberty Bank, a free, two-day computer class for seniors entitled

Enroll in Oakton Emeritus Health and Fitness Classes

Enroll in health and fitness courses offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton Community College starting in June. Featured course meets at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave.

Tai Chi (PED E30-91) provides instruction about a peaceful exercise, often called meditation in motion. Tai Chi is best practiced in loose clothing and stocking feet. Ten-week course meets 1:15 - 2:15 p.m., Monday, starting June 8. Course fee is \$120.

Advanced Tai Chi (PED E31-91) further challenges students to enhance their level of awareness and relaxation. Ten-week course meets 12 - 1 p.m., Monday, starting June 8. Course fee is \$120.

Beginning Hatha Yoga (PED S10-91) teaches stretching, breathing, and relaxation techniques to relieve stress. Students should bring a small pillow and a mat or towel to class. Eleven-week course meets 9:15 - 10:15 a.m., Wednesday, starting June 10. Course fee is \$132.

Intermediate Hatha Yoga (PED S11-91) is for those who have attended Beginning Hatha Yoga and wish to advance in their practice. Ten-week course meets 10:30 -11:30 a.m., Wednesday, starting June 10. Course fee is \$132.

Chair Yoga (PED B22-91) is for those seeking the therapeutic benefits of yoga in a slower-paced course. Students will leave feeling more relaxed, limber, and refreshed. Eleven-week course meets 12 - 1 p.m., Wednesday, starting June 10. Course fee is \$132.

For more information about the Emeritus Program, including costs of featured lectures, call 847-635-1414 or 847-982-9888, press 3. For a complete list of Emeritus classes, course fees, seminars, and events, visit www.oakton.edu/emeritus.

Enroll in Oakton Courses at Evanston Township High School

Enroll in continuing education courses at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, offered by the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at Oakton Community College.

Mosaics (**ART C61-31**) shows how to craft beautiful mosaic designs from diverse materials, such as ceramic tile, stone, glass, and marbles. Students are asked to bring tile nippers and an item to mosaic, such as a 10-inch clay flower pot or other item with a rigid surface. Three-week course meets 7 - 9:30 p.m., Thursday, starting June 11. Course fee is \$150.

Drumming Circle Lessons (MUS B52-31) demonstrates playing techniques for a variety of percussion instruments. Six-week course meets 7 – 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, starting June 16. Course fee is \$97.

Mozart's Women (MUS B23-31) examines how the women in Mozart's life, including his mother, wife, and students, influenced his emotional and artistic sensibilities. Two-week course meets 7 - 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, starting June 16. Course fee is \$43.

Writing Children's Books (COM M02-31) explores children's literature through character, plot, description, and setting. Emphasis will be placed on getting published. Six-week course meets 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, starting June 16. Course fee is \$132.

Brain Foods: Nourishing Your Noggin (HEA C08-31) teaches how nutrition can prevent or treat brain-related illnesses. Learn how food is related to memory and information processing. One-week course meets 6:30 - 8 p.m., Thursday, starting June 18. Course fee is \$22.

Other available courses at ETHS include: Photoshop (DPR A04-31), PSAT Preparation (EDU S10-31), and Caregiving 101 (PSY B41-31).

For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule, including registration and fee information, visit www.oakton.edu/all, or call 847-982-9888, press 3.

Keyboarding Skills 1 will be held on June 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Classes will take place at Wright College, 4300 N. Naragansett, Chicago. There is no charge and seats are limited. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Marketing Department at 773-489-4471 or visiting Liberty's Resource Center on their Web site at www.libertybank.com.

This June, Liberty's popular computer classes are going back to the basics. Keyboarding Skills 1is for beginner computer-users. Students will receive hands-on instruction on keyboarding skills and using Microsoft Word.

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



Do you need help with your speaking or reading and writing skills in English? Classes are offered in Evanston, Skokie and nearby locations. Call 847-635-1426 for a list of ESL, Literacy, or GED classes in Spanish or English offered by Oakton Community College.



Need for VITA Volunteer Tutors

Come and be trained as a VITA (Volunteers in Teaching Adults) tutor. Learn how to help adults improve their speaking or reading and writing skills in English. A three-part training will be held at Oakton in Skokie, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Rm. B110, on June 2 & 4, 6:15-10 pm and on June 25, 6:15-8:15 pm. Please call 847-635-1426 or go to www.oakton.edu/cont_ed/vita.html for more details.

SKOKIE ART GUILD

SKOKIE CALL FOR ARTISTS

Skokie Art Guild's 48th Annual Art Fair. July 11/12, 2009. Fine Art. Prizes and Awards. \$150.00 Booth Fee. 75 Exhibitors. Held on the beautiful Village Green, downtown Skokie, IL., 5211 W. Oakton. APPLY NOW! Contact: skokieart@aol.com Tel. 847-677-8163 Visit our website www.skokieartguild.org

Skokie Art Guild Artists' Individual Exhibits Showing May 15 thru July 31.

Marina Nemsetva - Oil Paintings Bank of Lincolnwood 4433 W. Touhy Ave. Lincolnwood

Paula Smiles - Drawings

Devonshire Cultural Center 4400 Greenwood St. Skokie

FIGURE DRAWING WORKSHOPS

THURSDAYS -7:00 PM - 9:45 PM, SATURDAYS 10:00 AM- 1:00PM Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie Live Models/No Instructor. Fees per session: Skokie Art Guild Members \$12: non-members \$20. For information call: Richard Wilberg 847-677-3461

Once on This Island Opens June 13 at Evanston's Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre

What is the true price of love? Caribbean traditions, mystical gods, tropical heat, well-established class lines and a hurricane collide in the haunting legend of love, Once on This Island opening June 13 at Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre in Evanston. Written by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, Once on This Island combines powerful vocals, heartracing emotions and awe-inspired physicality to produce a gripping musical love story set on a Caribbean island. Directing the show for Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre, which is proudly celebrating its 30th season, is Runako Jahi, with musical direction by June Smith and choreography by Vaune Blalock.

Performances of Once on This Island are at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, June 13-July 26, at the theatre in the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Individual tickets are \$15, \$10 for students with IDs, and \$7 for seniors age 55 and older. Group discounts are available. For details, call 847-448-8260.

An African-American theatre company, Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre produces theatre and cultural events that address the African-American experience or reflect the culture of people of African descent. The theatre rounds out its 30th season by presenting Nilaja Sun's No Child Aug. 1-23.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation





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The New Generation of Urhausens Carry On Family's 87-Year Tradition

Nick and Gerard Urhausen are of the newest generation of this well-known family that have been the providers of garden plants and flowers to the Chicagoland area since 1922.

When Gerard & Nick's grandfather and his brother started their life's work decades ago, the Lincolnwood property they continue to occupy was pure prairie land with no trees and only a scattering of houses - most of them summer residences. What is now Lincolnwood was all "Country." Vegetables were the mainstay of the greenhouse back then, with all the members of the Urhausen

clan chipping in to help during this seasonally busy business. In fact, even today, this is still a total commitment by the entire family. "It seems like you can never work hard enough," Nick and Gerard comment. "Even in the off-season we're making ready for the next year. Because we grow everything ourselves, we offer more colors and varieties including hard to find blooms like zinnias and cosmos. We are really growers more than we are your typical plant and flower providers. As a result of that we are not merchants or marketeers. Our experience and training is as greenhouse growers."

For years now, people from far and wide have been making the "outing or excursion" as it was in the early days, to only a quick trip on any of the major roadways today to feast on the "conservatory" atmosphere of Urhausen's Greenhouse, where they can stroll among the living



Container Gardening

by Nick Urhausen

Even if you live in a condo and only have a confined space like a balcony or a small deck, you can still experience a bit of nature with a container garden. A container garden is a collection of plants grown in a container or planter.

Whether you choose to buy a container which is already planted, or you decide to plant your own, there are a few things to remember.

First, realize that the size of the container will impact how frequently you will have to water. There is an old saying that "container gardening" is container watering" implying that in a container, unlike the soil in the ground, you must supply all the water. I think larger containers are easier to care for Second, determine how much sun and shade your area has. This is very important because it will impact how your plants perform. If you put a sun loving plant in the shade it will not bloom as well as it should. Conversely shade loving plants may not be able to take the heat generated by the sun, and will struggle to live. You must determine the level of light over the course of a whole day from sun-up to sun down. With the information you will be able to select the right plants for your space.

Third, try to come up with a theme for your container. Your theme could be simple, symmetrical and elegant with a combination of something like geraniums and petunias or it could be more sophisticated with an asymmetrical blend of many different plants. Many people are copying the nat-



world of beauty the Urhausen's provide. And then to be able to take some of that beauty home with them and enjoy their choices for months afterwards is the ultimate treat.

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

We at Our Village thank the Urhausen family for all the service and beauty they have shared with us through these many years and

are pleased to announce they will be doing an article for us on a regular basis in which they will continue to share their expertise with us.

Urhausen Greenhouses is located at 6973 N. East Prairie Road in Lincolnwood. Their phone number 847-675-1573. www.urhausengreenhouses.com June hours Monday thru Friday 8 am to 8 pm; Saturday and Sunday 8 am to 5 pm.



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ural look best demonstrated by the public planters seen around the City of Chicago. On higher balconies, I would limit the use of really tall plants as one must consider the effect of the wind.

Fourth, you must maintain the planter. Any spent blooms should be discarded along with yellow leaves. Water the container when you see wilt in the plants or when the soil mix feels dry to the touch. Observe the weather - hot windy periods will always require more watering than rainy cooler periods.

The easiest way to keep your planter looking good is to fertilize the plants every two weeks with a well balance fertilize. There are many brands to choose from and they all get the job done. Follow the directions - don't fall in the trap of thinking if it says 1 scoop per gallon, then I'll really make my planter beautiful by using 2 scoops. This is wrong because too much fertilizer could make your planter perform as poorly as neglecting it would.

Fifth, enjoy your little slice of nature both visually and sensually with the various fragrances the plants give off.

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"A Theatre Review"

"Rock 'N' Roll" Goodman Theatre 170 North Dearborn Street

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Tom Stoppard is one of England's top playwrights whose productions have graced many of Chicago's regional Theatres.

After premiering on London it opened on Broadway in the fall of 2007 and Robert Falls and the Goodman Theatre scored a major coup in getting the Chicago rights to the show. Falls has cast Charles Newell from Court Theatre in Hyde Park to cast twelve actors and direct this amazing production. As the press release says the stones roll in, Russian tanks roll out...but love remains.

Those seeing the show get their monies worth as the show runs over two and a half hours. The cast is top notch as Stoppard has a lot to say, spattered with 22 of history's greatest rock songs as narrative devise. The songs are by the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, The Doors, Pink Floyd and John Lennon to name a few.

The story deals with two countries, three generations and covers 21 turbulent years. "Rock 'N' Roll" takes place in Cambridge, England. But during its two hours and 45 minutes, it takes place in various locations in Prague.

The play's center is Jan, played by the exceptionally talented Timothy Edward Kane, who is a Czechoslovakia University student who is a protégé of Max played by Steven Yoakem. Max is a hard-nosed communist who lives with his wife Eleanor played by veteran actress Mary Beth Fisher and she gives a strong performance as she always does and their 16-year-old daughter Esme, played by Mattie Hawkinson who is beginning to embrace the Hippie culture of 1968.

Jan leaves England for Prague when the city is occupied by Soviet tanks as his motives are to save his mother and socialism. Jan has a collection of records, one of his greatest loves by the artists you'll hear throughout the show.

The lay moves from 1968 and ends in the 1990s in several vignettes. Two bright young tars who have great futures ahead of them are Greg Matthew Anderson as Piper and Stephan and Mattie Hawkinson as Esme/Alice. Others in the cast are Thomas J. Cox as Nigel and the interrogator, Kareem Bandealy as Ferdinand, John Hoogennakker as Milan, Mick Weber as Policeman, Amy J. Carle as Lenka, Susie Mc-Monagle as Candida and Johanna McKenzie Miller has three roles who are Gillian, Mada/Pupil.

When Eleanor dies from cancer, Max who is attracted to Lenka, moves in with Max. Nigel and Esme's marriage turns sour and while the Czech culture has banned rock music, the play ends in Prague with the ground breaking 1990 concert of the Rolling Stones in Prague.

"Rock 'N' Roll" runs until June 28. For performance dates, show times and reservations call 312-443-3800. Tickets are \$25.00 to \$75.00.

"The Lieutenant of Inishore" Northlight Theatre at the Northshore for the Performing Arts 9501 N. Skokie Blvd. Skokie, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Martin McDonagh is one of Ireland's top playwrights and almost every one of his shows has been nominated for awards and become popular in London and the United States. Mr. McDonagh loves to include torture, humiliation and violence in his works.

B.J. Jones scored a major coup in obtaining the rights to the Chicago premiere of "The Lieutenant of Inishore" when the show opened in London it won the Oliver Award for best comedy of 2003.

B.J. has assembled a strong cast for this 90 minute show that he is directing as the final offering of the 2008-2009 season at Northlight. Mr. Jones also directed two other of this playwright's shows that were "A Skull in Connemara" and "The Cripple of Inishmaan."

This is a bold one for suburban audiences and possibly subscribers but one that should be send and appreciated. You'll see a lot of red spread over the set and performers as that is the color for this show but the production offers audiences a lot of humor as well.

"Wee Thomas: is the cat and its owner is Padriac played by Cliff Chamberlain, who he has left with his father Danny played by Matt de Caro. While he is off bombing shops because he considers the I.R.A. "too soft."

Davey played by Jamie Abelson found the cat that has been done in by an unknown assailant and is half be-headed and dead and brings it home to Danny the terrorist father. The problem hat arises is how to tell Padriac. The two feel that when Padriac finds out what has happened to his cat they are likely to wind up much like the mutilated cat. We find that the playwright characters don't think very much of humankind.

Others in the cast of seven are Davey's 16-year-old sister the feisty Mairead played by Kelly O'Sullivan. The other three in the cast as the hit man's colleagues or rivals are Keith Gallagher as James and Joey, John Judd as Christy and Andy Luther as Brandon.

If you can stand the blood, guts shootings and mutilation there are several funny moments in the show, try to overlook what might turn you off.

It's worth seeing and not as repulsive as I was under the impression it might be.

"The Lieutenant of Inishore" runs through Jun3 14. For show times, performance dates and reservations call 847-673-6300. Ticket prices are \$25.00 - \$55.00.

normal two hours or longer. It's pure fun listening to the actors ask for definitions to the words they have to spell and also use these words in a sentence before they spell them.

"Spelling Bee: runs through July 19. For performance days, showtimes and reservations call 847-534-0200. Tickets are \$45. The theatre offers free parking and there is a \$5.00 discount for seniors and students.





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Guarding Against Mental Incapacity



Chester M. Przybylo

Mental incapacity is something that concerns all of us as we age. Like physical decline, the loss of mental alertness may not be entirely within our control. This only increases the need for proper planning. If you have not planned, and are no longer able to handle you financial affairs, a competency hearing may be necessary. This article discusses certain estate planning tools that are available to help avoid this hearing and take care of you and your family in the event of your incapacity.

As we age, one of our most deeply held concerns is that we may begin to lose our mental alertness. We can try to stave off

mental decline by doing crossword puzzles and other brain building games that help maintain alertness. But, like physical decline, the loss of mental acuity may not be entirely within our control. However, we can lessen the consequences of that decline through preparation.

If and when you are no longer able to handle your financial affairs, someone must step in to make decisions for you. If you have not planned, your family would have to go to court and have a judge decide on your capacity to make your own decisions. The judge would then appoint someone to make those decisions for you, someone you may not even like or trust. The competency hearing, sometimes called a living probate or guardianship proceeding, is a public process where your friends and neighbors can learn why your family thinks you should not be making decisions for yourself.

There is a better way. You can use a Revocable Living Trust, Powers of Attorney for Property and Advance Health Care Directives. The assets placed in the Trust are managed by you while you are able to do so. When you are no longer able, the person whom you chose and trust will manage the assets of the Trust for your benefit. You can name the same person or someone different for health decisions. You can even set the standard as to when you will be considered to lack capacity. Typically, it is when two physicians make the determination that you are no longer able to manage your own affairs or a panel of trusted persons you select in advance makes the determination of your competency.

Having a trusted friend or family member as your eventual decision-maker reduces the chance that others will go to court to seek an incapacity determination. After all, they will know that they will not get control of your assets even if they prevail in the embarrassing hearing.

Estate planning is planning for your life, as well as your death. An experienced estate-planning attorney can help you structure a plan that cares for you and your family in the event of your mental incapacity.

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.

Estate Planning in Uncertain Economic Times Seminar at Niles Library on June 13th.

Noted speaker, Attorney Chester Przybylo, will describe how a person can avoid probate and guardianship expenses with proper estate planning. He will also discuss legal methods a person can employ to protect savings from catastrophic medical and nursing home expenses. Program is on Saturday, June 13th at 2:00 PM. Call Library at 847-663-6431 to reserve a seat.

In the Mood For a Little Balance

By Tammy Cook

Gone for many Chicago-area professionals are the days of willingly slaving away for 60 to 80 hours a week while spending an average of 43 minutes a day with their families.

A growing number of topnotch employees, in virtually every business sector, are opting out of the world of "9 to 5" in search of a more appealing work-life balance. Historically, we have seen females in the workforce, from administrative assistants to CEO's, shuffle their schedules or simply leave their jobs when starting a family. The option of part-time employment allows these workers to continue to grow in their careers, while still maintaining the flexibility needed for a robust family life. But the part-time trend goes far beyond working mommies.

The fact is, an increasing number of jobseekers from all demographics are searching for more work flexibility and are often willing to sacrifice a portion of their past wages, as family time has secured a more dominant wedge on "the pie chart of contentment".

The benefit of flexible, part-time employment is tangible. The American Staffing Association reports that of the 2.96 million people who are employed by staffing companies each day, 66 percent view flexible work time as important to them.

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Tammy Cook is the owner of 10 til 2 – The Part-time Placement Service – Chicago North Shore.

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By Bosley

As you know, moving, at best, is difficult. I'm just trying to stay out of my human's way.

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Canine Corral is really a great place to work and with the addition of our new boarding area, it should be even more fun for me.

Stop by our Open House on Sunday, May 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring your animal companions with you so that we can all meet, faceto-face and paw-to-paw!

See you then, Bosley

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

THE ANTI-CRUELTY SOCIETY URGES PROPER PET CARE FOR SUMMER FUN

Memorial Day brings the official start of summer. Along with that comes hot and humid weather and more sun-filled days outdoors. The Anti-Cruelty Society provides the following tips to ensure that you and your pet will be healthy and happy through the summer months.

Never leave an animal in a parked car in warm weather. Even with windows open, the temperature can reach deadly heights in just a few minutes.

The Anti-Cruelty Society strongly advises that dogs live inside the home year-round. However, if your dog spends a lot of time outside in warm weather, he or she must have a sheltered area to cool down and rest, and plenty of fresh, cool water at all times. Several bowls of water with ice cubes in each is recommended. Cats should be kept inside at all times year-round.

When it's hot, limit walks to the cooler hours in the morning or evening. Companion animals cool off by panting. However, be on the lookout for excessive panting or drooling—this may be a sign of heatstroke or distress.

If your pets become too hot, they could suffer heatstroke. Signs include difficult, then rapid breathing; reddened tongue and gums; a blank stare, or sudden collapse. Emergency action is necessary: bring the body temperature down immediately by covering the animal with cool (not cold) water, remove from the sun and take it to a veterinarian for a complete examination.

Animals are attracted to the sweet taste of engine coolant, which can be fatal if ingested. Keep all bottles out of pets' reach, and be sure to clean up any spills. If a dog or cat should swallow coolant—or any other poison— contact your veterinarian immediately.

Heartworm is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Each spring your dog should be tested for heartworm. Then, during the spring, summer and fall, your dog should be on heartworm preventive prescribed by your veterinarian.

Fleas and ticks can lead to a variety of health problems for your animal. Use preventive medication made specifically for your pet.

If a cut pad or torn toenail occurs, use a styptic pencil or mushy soap to stop the bleeding. If the bleeding does not stop, take the animal to the veterinarian.

If your animal is scratching more than usual, has hair loss, or has raw skin, contact your veterinarian for advice and treatment.

All About Dr. Peter S. Sakas

Over the past year, Dr. Peter S. Sakas, DVM, MS, owner of Niles Animal Hospital & Bird Medical Center at 7278 N. Milwaukee Avenue, has been sharing with us and our readers a wide range of information on a variety of topics pertaining to the treatment, health and well-being of our pets. Now we thought you should know a little about the man himself.

We thank Dr. Sakas for his valuable contributions to our community and for allowing all of us to benefit from his extensive expertise. Dr. Sakas, who is committed to education, will continue to provide articles for us. Watch for the upcoming issues of Our Village, Street Level and Village Ivy. Dr. Sakas may be reached at 847-647-9325.

Peter S. Sakas received his BA (Bachelor of Arts) degree in biology from Northwestern University in 1974. He then traveled to Auburn University in Alabama and pursued his MS (Master of Science) degree in Zoology-Entomology which he achieved in 1979. While at Auburn, he studied the immune response of dogs with canine heartworm disease in conjunction with the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine. He presented his Master's research findings at regional and national parasitological association meetings. In addition he helped develop a test for the detection of occult heartworm disease in dogs and cats which led to a publication in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association (JAVMA).

Also while at Auburn University he received a teaching assistantship and assisted in General Biology, Animal Biology and Cell Biology classes for four years. He was named to a faulty position at Auburn University as a lecture instructor in Animal Biology during the 1978-79 school year, where he taught classes of 75-150 students. He was also very involved with youth sports, coaching teams in football, basketball and baseball.

Despite his success at Auburn University his goal was to become a veterinarian and his graduate school experience was a stepping stone to realize that dream. He gained acceptance into the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine where he began classes in the fall of 1979 and received his DVM (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) in 1983. He received a research assistantship while in veterinary college and began conducting his diagnostic test for occult heartworm disease, which had been utilized at Auburn University. In 1981, he conducted a Veterinary Collegewide survey of the student body, dealing with stress in veterinary students. He presented his findings to the American Veterinary Medical Association national convention in St. Louis that year.

He has been involved with Niles Animal Hospital (Niles, IL) since 1980 when he began working as a student extern at Niles Animal Hospital (Niles, IL) under the direction of the noted avian veterinarian Dr. T.J. Lafeber. He worked at Niles whenever he was on break from College through his years in veterinary school. Dr. Sakas became a staff veterinarian upon graduation in 1983 and Dr Lafeber groomed him to be his successor. He bought the practice from Dr Lafeber when he retired in 1985 and has owned it since then.

The hospital has a staff of over 30 employees, including six full and part time veterinarians. Niles Animal Hospital was originally founded by Dr Lafeber in 1949. The hospital has a four year accreditation from the American Animal Hospital Association, the highest rating and has been a member since 1953. Niles Animal Hospital treats all varieties of pets and even wildlife. It has a national reputation for its work in avian medicine and people come from surrounding states for medical care. Town and Country named Niles Animal Hospital as "excellent" in one of their past issues. *Continued next issue*



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"Portraits and Projections" at Noyes Art Gallery through July 1st

A native of Poland, Ursula Sokolowska studied photography at Columbia College and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her works can be found in many private and public collections, including the Art Institute of Chicago and the Museum of Contemporary Photography. "Portraits and Projections" will remain on display through July 1. The Noyes Art Gallery is located at 927 Noyes St., Evanston; admission is always free. Gallery hours are 10 A.M.-7 P.M. Monday-Saturday and 10 A.M.-6 P.M. Sunday. The building is accessible, and group tours are available. For more information, call 847-448-8260.

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