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## Mayor Emanuel Meets 15-Year Old Herbert Pulgar, Designer of the 2012-2013 Chicago City Sticker

Mayor Emanuel met 15-year old Herbert Pulgar, the young artist who designed the 2012-2013 Chicago City Sticker. Herbie's design won the annual sticker design contest held by the City Clerk and will be displayed on all of this year's city stickers. The original will be also be on display in the Mayor's Office throughout the year.

Herbie, now a student at Lawrence Hall Therapeutic Day School, was saved from a fire by Chicago firefighters when he was four years old and he chose to honor the firefighters with his design. This year's sticker theme was "Chicago's Heroes."

Herbie is the second student from Lawrence Hall Youth Services (LHYS) to win the contest. LHYS is a child welfare agency that serves youth in Chicago and throughout Illinois, working especially with wards of the state through Residential Treatment Center, Foster Care, and Older Adolescent and Transitional Living Programs. LHYS also operates a Therapeutic Day School.



Mayor Emanuel and Herbert Pulgar celebrate Herbie's winning entry. Photo credit: Brooke Collins, City of Chicago



### Early Spring?

## Find Out February 2nd Happy Groundhog's Day

## REGISTER NOW FOR THE 12th ANNUAL CHICAGO POLAR PLUNGE, BENEFITING SCC/SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHICAGO

Registration is now open for the Chicago Polar Plunge, taking place Sunday, March 4, 2012, at the city's North Avenue Beach. Fearless Chicago weather warriors are invited to plunge into the chilly waters of Lake Michigan, with proceeds benefiting SCC/Special Olympics Chicago.

Plungers can register for this year's Chicago Polar Plunge by visiting [www.sochicago.org](http://www.sochicago.org). At that website, participants 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.

The Chicago Polar Plunge has quickly become known as a "must attend" event in the city, with over 1700 people taking part last year. The fun kicks off at 10 am when plungers are invited to enter the icy waters of Lake Michigan. Plungers are invited to go waist high or to take the full plunge. 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. A cash bar will be available.

"The Polar Plunge is the top fundraising event of the year for Special Olympics Chicago," said James Sheahan, President of SCC/Special Olympics Chicago. "The day is a fun and inspirational event for those attending. But more importantly, the Chicago Polar Plunge helps to change the lives of over 5,000 Chicago-area Special Olympians, by providing much of the funding necessary to provide year-round activities, programs and events for our athletes. It is tremendously important event for Special Olympics Chicago and its athletes and families."

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)



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## Skokie Art Guild's

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#### "Nature's Palette"

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Friday, March 9, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Celebrate nature with an evening of original Art  
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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 February Health Programs

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

**Cardiac check-ups** will be offered at HeartFest on Saturday, February 4, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. For \$30, participants will receive an electrocardiogram interpreted by a board-certified cardiologist, cholesterol and blood glucose screenings (12-hour fasting recommended), blood pressure screening, consultations with a registered pharmacist about medications and a registered dietitian about healthy eating and good nutrition. Complimentary health information will be available, including "Act in Time for Heart Attack" signs, and refreshments will be provided. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, February 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center A. These free sessions are tailored for adults who have Type 2 diabetes and focus on the emotional side of diabetes, allowing participants to share coping strategies, feelings and problems in living with diabetes. For further information about the Diabetes Support Group and the Outpatient Diabetes Program, call 773-794-8329.

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, February 10, 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. Debra Davidson, a representative from WomenHeart, an organization that champions prevention and early detection, accurate diagnosis and proper treatment of women's heart disease, will talk about how heart disease has affected her life. Registration is not required.

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Wednesday, February 15, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the hospital's main lobby. A health care professional will perform screenings and answer questions about blood pressure readings. Registration is not required.

Free informational sessions about **bariatric surgery** will be held Tuesday, February 21, starting at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, February 29, starting at 6 p.m. Bariatric surgeons will discuss the benefits of bariatric surgery for obese individuals and will explain available procedures and eligibility requirements. For these events only, register by calling VIP-RHC-THIN (847-742-8446).

The **Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group** will meet Wednesday, February 22, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center C. This free support group provides mutual support and education. Cardiology staff will conduct sessions and answer questions related to pacemakers and internal cardiac defibrillators (ICD). Registration is not required.

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

## Medical Stabilization Unit Opens New Service for Adults With Drug/Alcohol Issues

For adults with drug, alcohol and related health issues, a new inpatient stabilization service has opened at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago.

This service, known as the New Vision service, accepts appropriate adults who are suffering incapacitation due to the effects of drugs or alcohol, or are experiencing acute withdrawal symptoms and related health problems. The service consists of a medically supervised hospital stay for inpatient stabilization that typically lasts three days.

Upon admission, initial assessments of the patient's fundamental needs are performed. These assessments include a medical history, physical, complete laboratory workup, and a nursing assessment.

Discharge planning will be done prior to leaving the hospital and the patient will be referred to appropriate community-based outpatient treatment programs. The goal of these support groups is to blend education for all patients regarding chemical dependency with practical methodologies to prevent relapse.

Most insurance, Medicaid and Medicare plans are accepted. New Visions is offered jointly by Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center and SpecialCare Hospital Management Corporation, St. Louis, Mo.

"Because the use and abuse of alcohol and other chemicals can disrupt a person's life in many ways, we are pleased to offer New Vision services to help individuals reclaim their lives," said Martin Judd, chief executive officer, Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center.

For more information, call 773-794-8483.

## FEBRUARY 2012 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.

**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. to 12:30 p.m., Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave. Chicago. There is no charge. For more information, call 773/508-1000. Monthly meeting dates: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**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: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 There is no charge. To register, call 847/568-5200.

On Thursdays, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at JCFS Joy F. Knapp Center, 3145 W. Pratt Blvd., Chicago. Monthly meeting dates: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 There is no charge. To register, call 847/568-5100

**Living Life Through Loss: A Drop-In Bereavement Support Group** Meets every Wednesday, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., at CJE SeniorLife, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago. Monthly meeting dates: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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.

**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. Those interested in attending must register in advance by calling 773/508-1694. Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, 11 a.m. to noon. Monthly meeting dates: Feb. 7 and 21

**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, Feb. 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**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, L.C.S.W., at 773/508-1690. Meeting dates: Feb. 1 and 15

**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 The Nosh at an affordable price. Meets every Tuesday, 11:30 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: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

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## Ravenswood Community Gardening Opportunity

The Ravenswood Community Council is reaching out to area residents and businesses about a Community Gardening Program to Feed the Homeless.

If interested in participating in a community gardening program that can help feed the homeless or low-income families in the neighborhood, contact Sheila at [sheila@ravenswoodcommunity.org](mailto:sheila@ravenswoodcommunity.org).

If there is enough interest, we can organize this program.

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## Polish American Association and the Visa Waiver “It's just plain wrong”

“Poles are offended that they are left out of the [visa waiver] program when their nation has long been a close ally of the United States, sending troops to fight beside Americans in Iraq and Afghanistan,” said Gary Kenzer, the Executive Director of the Polish American Association. “It’s a slap in the face,” Kenzer stated commenting on the U.S.’s diplomatic efforts to include Poland in the visa waiver program. Details about the Sen. Mark Kirk and U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley’s trip to Warsaw can be found in the Chicago Sun Times editorial: “Welcome mat for Poles could give city a boost.”

Help us to continue our efforts by supporting us today! 3834 N Cicero Ave Chicago, IL 60641; 773-282-8206.

## POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE SENIORS TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Paul C. Odrobina, Vice President of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) announces that the PNA North Side Seniors will conduct their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 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. The theme of the meeting is “Welcome back after the Holidays”. Items to be discussed includes the upcoming Seniors trip to the “Four Winds Casino” in New Buffalo, Michigan on March 7, 2012.

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. There is plenty of parking available in the lot behind the building.

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”.

## Snow Is On It's Way – Request the Skokie TeenLink Program List Today

The Village of Skokie TeenLink program list is available to all Skokie residents.

The TeenLink program is intended 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 updated TeenLink list provides contact information for Skokie teens available to do seasonal yard work. The updated 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, fax or email.

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

If you would like the updated TeenLink contact list please contact 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.

## RESURRECTION CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Resurrection College Prep High School celebrates Catholic Schools Week from January 29 to February 4, 2012. The theme this year is Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics and Service. The annual celebration highlights the mission and accomplishments of Catholic schools as unique places of learning and communities of faith. Resurrection will celebrate the week with a special focus for each day.

Catholic School Week opens at Resurrection on Monday, January 30th. The theme for the day is "Faith" and senior student retreat leaders will share short testimonials about their faith at the beginning of each class period to help prepare underclass students for their retreat day, which will be held on Tuesday, January 31st. The school day on Monday will conclude with the annual Winter Pep Rally to celebrate the winter athletic teams.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all-girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org).



## SYNAGOGUE YOUTH GROUP DONATES 1.5 MILLION PENNIES FOR EACH CHILD LOST IN THE HOLOCAUST TO ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Sunday, January 29, 2012; 12:30 p.m. At the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

On Sunday, January 29, BEANS USY (Beth El at North Suburban Synagogue United Synagogue Youth) of Highland Park will present a donation of 1.5 million pennies (\$15,000) to the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center. The presentation will represent the culmination of a six-year fundraising effort by these dedicated teenagers. The student fundraisers; Rabbi Vernon Kurtz; Director of Informal Education, Ali Drumm; along with congregants of Beth El will gather for this special presentation.

In the spring of 2005, after watching the movie Paperclips, a documentary surrounding a Tennessee middle school student project to honor Holocaust victims, BEANS USY was inspired to act. The reality of 6 million people murdered—1.5 million of whom were children, was a difficult concept to grasp. The teenagers chose to focus on the children lost, many of whom were of similar ages. They did not just want to visualize the numbers; they wanted to commemorate the lost children in a meaningful way.

The idea of raising one penny per child lost was imagined along with creative strategies to reach this goal. Initially, penny collection jars were placed in the libraries and main offices of the synagogue and its religious schools. Later, students and congregants were encouraged to pick up empty jars to fill. This quickly became a community calling. Restaurants such as Mizrahi Grill, Now We're Cooking Grill and Garden Fresh prominently housed collection jars in addition to local schools, Solomon Schechter and Chicagoland Jewish High School.

Rick Hirschhaut, Executive Director of the Illinois Holocaust Museum, applauded this remarkable initiative, “The dedication of these inventive teenagers is truly inspiring. This was an ambitious project; for these young people to bring it to fruition is a testament to their unwavering commitment and unique power to make a difference.” The donation will be used to sustain education programs, including the Museum’s acclaimed Miller Family Youth Exhibition, which through interactive games and hands-on experiences young people learn to become up-standers and affect positive change in their communities.

These enterprising youth had the foresight of their project’s significance four years prior to the opening of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center. The idea sprouted in the spring of 2005 and by December the group had already collected 263,020 pennies. As part of the continuing education about the significance of the numbers, the group researched statistics such as the fact that there were approximately 250,000 people with disabilities killed during the Holocaust,

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# BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT

## Skokie Homeowners May be Eligible for 2008 Storm Damage Grants

Federal grant money recently became available through the Illinois "IKE" Disaster Recovery Program, to potentially assist Skokie homeowners who have damage remaining from the September 13 and 14, 2008 severe rain storms and flooding. The grant funds will be awarded through a competitively based process.

To apply, Skokie homeowners must complete a Homeowners Pre-Application Form available online at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org). Applications are also available at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street or the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street. Initial applications are due to the Village of Skokie Manager's Office, 5127 Oakton Street by January 31, 2012. This application process is preliminary in nature and will be reviewed by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. This is a competitive process in which Skokie's needs will be compared with other communities. If Skokie is selected as a recipient community, individual grants will be competitively evaluated.

For additional information, please call 847/933-8210.

## Economics, Politics, Headlines, Law... and Torah

The general rule is that we don't discuss politics from the pulpit at Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, but this time it's different. Please join us for a 6 week JLI course where we will ask ourselves: Does the Torah favor Conservative Republican or Liberal Democrat? The answer is fascinating, and it is not what you think!

Please watch this 1 minute video of me discussing and explaining what this course is all about at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gIT80psVx0&feature=youtu.be>

If you have a few extra minutes please watch this 3 minute video of Huey Long (at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6w5kxsJLPM&feature=youtu.be>), especially if you haven't heard of him. The video will help you brush up on your knowledge of the history of social ideals in the USA.

Our new course, Money Matters, is going to be lots of fun and very interesting. Please register today at [www.myJLI.com](http://www.myJLI.com).

The course lasts six weeks and there several options to choose from:

Thursday mornings starting January 26th: 10:30am-12:00pm

Thursday evenings starting January 26th: 8:00pm-9:39pm

Sunday mornings starting January 29th: 10:30am-12:00pm

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Please register today and invite your friends to do the same at [www.myJLI.com](http://www.myJLI.com), or by calling (847) 677-1770. Full or partial scholarships may be available via the Dr. Reading Dallal JLI Scholarship Fund.

Contact Rabbi Yochanan Posner for more info. [JLI@SkokieChabad.org](mailto:JLI@SkokieChabad.org). [www.myJLI.com](http://www.myJLI.com) or (847)677-1770.

## Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday 12 o'clock Noon at Hilltop Family Restaurant 2800 W. Foster (Northwest corner of Foster & California)

Feb. 9th - Regular meeting at the Hilltop Restaurant at 12:00pm. There will be no guest speaker today. A Board of Directors meeting will follow the regular meeting

### Mission Statement for the Kiwanis Club for Ravenswood.

"Since 1911 the Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood has worked with other Chicago area Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanis International to "Serve the Children of the World." It is the children who are the future of the world and they are the living messages we send to a time we will not see. In addition to supporting children and young adults in need, our club also lends support to organizations serving the poor and underprivileged because it is a privilege to help those in need. We believe that Kiwanis is good for me, good for you, and good for our community. In cooperation with Kiwanis International we think globally, but we act locally."

For more information, please call Ron Heiderman @ 773-561-0455 or email to [rheiderman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rheiderman@sbcglobal.net)

### Ongoing Service Projects:

- New service project: Please bring any unused Christmas wrapping paper to be used for the wrapping of gifts such as those presented at Mary Courtenay.
- New service project: Please bring your old prescription eye glasses.
- Night Ministry is in special need of disposable razors, shaving cream and deodorant.
- Please continue to donate lift tops from aluminum cans.
- Please save & donate box tops (I.e. General Mills) for education.
- Please save & Campbell Soup labels
- Please bring any clothes for men, women & children. Maria will pass these on.
- Help keep the planet green: bring any outdated medication - it goes to the 19th district police. Also any old batteries will be disposed of environmentally at either the Sulzer Regional Library or at Walgreens.

### Kiwanis Education:

Our new Kiwanis pledge is: "I pledge to uphold the Objects of Kiwanis International, to provide service to my community, to extend the opportunity of membership to all persons of goodwill, and to dedicate myself to serving the children of the world."

Submitted by Ronald A. Heiderman, DDS 773-561-0455

# Public Libraries

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The **Adult Book Discussion Group** will be meeting on Monday, February 6 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. or Tuesday, February 7 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Attend either session to discuss *Skeleton Man* by Tony Hillerman.

The **My Kind of Town Chicago Book Club** will meet on Wednesday, February 8 from 1:30-3:30 to discuss *The Girls of Murder City* by Douglas Perry.

**Classic Films** continue at Eisenhower: *Sons of the Desert* with Laurel and Hardy, directed by William A. Seiter on February 2; *Atlantic City* with Burt Lancaster and Susan Sarandon, directed by Louis Malle on February 16. 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 first Tuesday of every month from 7-8:00 and the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-3:30 p.m. February's Knitting Circles will be on the 7th at 7:00 and on the 21st at 2:30. 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, February 7 and Thursday, February 9 from 7-8:30 p.m. \$20.00 charge

**Which One is My Fork? A Class in Etiquette** If you take this class, next time you're at that big, important dinner (maybe Valentine's Day?) you'll know exactly which fork is yours, which water glass to drink from, and where to put your bread. Presented by etiquette master Sheila Duda. Thursday, February 9, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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Cinematic Classics shown Thursdays at 1 p.m. Jan. 26: "To Catch a Thief." Feb. 2: "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?"; Feb. 9: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

Constituent Advocate. Feb. 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Kris Sadur, from Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's office, is available to answer questions about visas, immigration, social security, veteran benefits and more. No appointment necessary.

Friday Films shown weekly at 1 p.m. Jan. 27: "Buck." Feb. 3: "Kill the Irishman"; Feb. 10: "The Trip."

Lorraine Heinichen Memorial Book Review. Feb.3, 10:30 a.m. Denise Philpot is the reviewer, title to be announced. Please check with the library.

Morning Matinees. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 2: "Rise of the Planet of the Apes"; Feb. 9: "The Debt."

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

Afterschool Café. Mondays, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Lincolnwood School students can relax and buy a snack before tackling homework on early release Mondays.

Beginning with Books. Wednesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 29. Stories, songs and activities geared for very young children and their caregivers. Participants are invited to stay for Playtime program following. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or [youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

Chess. Sundays, Jan. 15-Mar. 4, 3-4 p.m. If you like logical puzzles, neat patterns, and playing games against your friends, you might like to learn chess taught by community member Larry Rabyne. Grades 1-6. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or [youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

Cliffhangers. Feb. 8, 3 p.m. Come listen to stories read aloud, enjoy book-based activities and have a snack.

Kid Flicks. Mondays, 3:30 p.m. Jan. 30: "The Smurfs"; Feb. 6 "Kung Fu Panda 2."

Knitting for All Ages. Fridays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Adults and children, ages 10 and up, can learn to knit or work on a project.

Playtime. Wednesdays, Jan 11.-Feb. 29. A relaxed play experience that helps young children develop social skills. Toys and kosher snacks are provided.

Stories and More. Tuesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28. This fun, interactive storytime is tailored for children ages 3-5 and emphasizes letters, numbers, shapes, colors and other concepts. Through a combination of picture books, online stories, magnetic board stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts, each session provides a language-rich experience. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or [youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

Thursday Club. Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Exclusively for 6-8th grade students. Games and group activities.

Video Production. Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. 6-8th grade students can shoot and edit video footage of creative book talks and library events.

English as a Second Language Class. Tuesdays, Jan. 3-May 28, 6-8:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to learn to speak English. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call 847-635-1426 for more information.

Literacy Class. Saturdays, Jan.7-May 26, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to improve reading and writing skills. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call 847-635-1426 for more information.

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

Knitting for Adults. Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All skill levels welcome.

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

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

Humanities Treasures. Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

# Public Libraries

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Patrons with valid Chicago Public Library cards can access Mango Languages and Little Pim from the Online Research link on CPL's web site. Click the A-Z Research Databases link then scroll down to the Mango Languages or Little Pim links.

For more information, please visit the website at [chicagopubliclibrary.org](http://chicagopubliclibrary.org) or call the Chicago Public Library Press Office at (312) 747-4050.

## CELEBRITY PANEL DISCUSSION KICKS-OFF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

The Chicago Public Library is Celebrating Diversity during African American History Month, February 2012, by observing the culture, heritage, contributions and achievements of African Americans. Throughout the entire year, the Chicago Public Library's Celebrating Diversity events will focus on Music.

CPL's opening event for African American History Month features a candid and enlightening panel discussion on Carl Davis, one of Chicago's legendary music producers. Panel members will talk about Davis' autobiography, *The Man Behind the Music: the Legendary Carl Davis*, a behind-the-scenes look at the African American music industry in Chicago. The free event takes place on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., at the Carter G. Woodson Regional Library, 9525 S. Halsted Street.

During the golden years of the 50s, 60s, and 70s, Grammy-nominated Carl Davis was one of Chicago's hottest music producers and record executives. He blazed the trail of Chicago's renowned "Record Row." From the stage of Chicago's famed Regal Theater to concert venues throughout the world, Davis' artists were some of the brightest stars in the music business.

The program will also include performances by Diane Caesar and the mime team of the Unity Fellowship Church of Harvey, IL. The opening program is co-sponsored by Life to Legacy Publishers.

During February, the public is invited to visit the Chicago Public Library's neighborhood branches, the two regional libraries, and the Harold Washington Library Center to participate in and enjoy a variety of free programs, special events, and exhibits highlighting the significant contributions of African Americans to the music industry.

In addition, a selected bibliography on African Americans in the music business, as well as the Chicago Public Library's 2012 African American History Month Calendar of Events, are available at [chicagopubliclibrary.org](http://chicagopubliclibrary.org).

Here are some highlights from Chicago Public Library's 2012 African American History Month observance:

**Chicago Jazz Ensemble—Louis Armstrong Music Listing Section** Student musicians from Chicago Public Schools perform music from the legendary trumpeter Louis Armstrong.

**Djembe Music Corps** Djembe Percussion Corps presents a dynamic program featuring the sacred techniques and significance of the Djembe drum used among West African cultures.

**Author Lowell Thompson** Author Lowell Thompson discusses and signs his book, *African Americans in Chicago* which chronicles black history in Chicago from DuSable to President Obama.

**CPS All City Dance Ensemble** Dance students from Chicago Public Schools perform energetic dance routines in celebration of African American History Month.

**Chicago Opera Theater** After School Matters apprentices from the Chicago Opera Theater perform classical opera presentations.

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## MAYOR EMANUEL TO OPEN LIBRARIES ON MONDAY AFTERNOONS

### \$2 Million in Resources Dedicated to Keeping Branch Libraries Open Six Days a Week

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Library Commissioner Mary Dempsey announced today that branch locations of the Chicago Public Library (CPL) will be open on Monday afternoons starting February 6, 2012.

"We made a commitment to children and residents that libraries would be open six days a week, and we are delivering on that commitment without any cooperation from union leadership," said Mayor Emanuel. "Branch libraries will open on Monday afternoons – and all day on Mondays when Chicago Public Schools are not in session – to provide students and others the many resources the library offers."

City officials are re-allocating more than \$2 million in resources to keep branch locations available six days a week. These resources will allow 90 positions to be placed in CPL branches including restoring 65 positions from savings inside and outside the library system. This includes shifting 25 library staff from Harold Washington Library to branches; reducing maintenance costs and services at the central location; leaving unfilled positions vacant; and reducing tuition reimbursement allotments.

"I know our librarians are committed to providing the best services to the children and residents of Chicago, but unfortunately their union leadership would not partner with us on a solution," said Mayor Emanuel. "Keeping libraries open on Monday afternoons – when children are out of school and need a safe place to study – is the right thing to do for our students and residents."

### Chicago Public Library Branch Schedule for the Remainder of 2012

#### 36 Weeks when CPS is in session – 44 hours a week

Four hours on Monday afternoons

Eight hours Tuesday through Saturday

Does not include scheduled holidays

#### 16 Weeks when CPS is not in session – 48 hours a week

Eight hours Monday through Saturday

Spring break

June, July and August

Winter break

#### Mondays in February

February 6 – Open half-day

February 13 – Closed (Lincoln's Birthday)

February 20 – Closed (Washington's Birthday)

February 27 – Open half-day



## FREE AUTHOR SERIES CONTINUES AT CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

During the cold month of February, the Chicago Public Library will host several heated programs as part of its free monthly Authors Series. All events listed take place at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St., in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium (Lower Level). For more information, please call (312) 747-4050 or visit [chicagopubliclibrary.org](http://chicagopubliclibrary.org).

**LORI ANDREWS** Wednesday, February 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Lori Andrews, internationally acclaimed legal pioneer in the areas of modern ethics and privacy, discusses and signs her latest book, *I Know Who You Are and I Saw What You Did: Social Networks and the Death of Privacy*. Social networks are the defining cultural movement of our time. Andrews presents shocking depiction of how the web is being used to violate our basic individual rights. She has written a much-overdue Constitution for the web, which extends our basic rights to this wild new frontier.

**JAMAL JOSEPH** Thursday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Jamal Joseph discusses and signs his new book, *Panther Baby: A Life of Rebellion & Reinvention*. In the book, Joseph vividly recounts his introduction to The Black Panther Party, and his progression from a naïve street kid to an outspoken member of a national movement, his years in prison, and later to an Oscar nominee and now as a full professor at Columbia University's School of the Arts Film Program. Joseph's story spans and illuminates a ground-shifting and volatile period of New York and national history.

**NATHAN ENGLANDER** Monday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Nathan Englander, the internationally acclaimed author of the novel *The Ministry of Special Cases* and the story collection *For the Relief of Unbearable Urges*, discusses and signs his latest story collection, *What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank*. These eight new stories display Englander grappling with the great questions of modern life, with a command of language and the imagination that place him at the forefront of contemporary American fiction.

**LOWELL THOMPSON** Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Lowell Thompson, artist and writer, discusses and signs his new book *African Americans in Chicago*. From DuSable to President Obama, Chicago's history has been significantly shaped and enhanced by the contributions of its African American citizens. Chicago has been called the "Second City" but black Chicago is second to none. Enjoy the conversation as Thompson reveals fascinating stories of African American Chicagoans, from the famous to everyday folks.

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# Local Arts and Entertainment

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## JAMES DOWNING THEATRE PRESENTS 'CHARLIE BROWN'

The James Downing Theatre will present the musical, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," for three weekends, Feb. 18 through March 4, 2012 at Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Oliphant Ave., on Chicago's Northwest Side. Performances are Saturday and Sunday matinees at 1:30 p.m. and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and senior citizens, and \$10 for children under 12 years of age. Special pricing is available for pre-reserved groups of 10 or more at \$13 per adult ticket and \$10 per child under 12. For reservations, call 224-725-3696, email to [jamesdowningtheatre@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdowningtheatre@gmail.com), or visit the website at [jamesdowningtheatre.typepad.com](http://jamesdowningtheatre.typepad.com) to purchase by credit card.

Charles M. Schultz's "Peanuts" characters have been timeless favorites since they first debuted in his comic strip in 1950. They made their stage debut off-Broadway in 1967; an updated script and score by Clark Gesner, with writing partners Michael Mayer and Andrew Lipka, won the 1999 revival three Tony Awards. This production is directed by Kevin Reeks.

The show is produced by special arrangement by Tams-Witmark Music Library, Ltd.

Submitted by Anne Lunde

## Meet Prominent Local Artists at Oakton

Want to mingle with four prominent Chicago-based artists? Then mark your calendar for a reception at Oakton's Koehnline Museum of Art on Thursday, February 2.

Two Plus Two = Jackson, Owens, Williams, and Wheatley, running from February 2 - March 23, will feature works by Preston Jackson, Joyce Owens, Bernard Williams, and Rhonda Wheatley. To celebrate Black History Month, Oakton's Pan African Connection will host a public reception with the artists from 5 - 8 p.m.

Jackson, professor of sculpture at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago, examines the nation's past through depictions of individuals who have made a difference to history. Owens, curator of the Galleries Program at Chicago State University, challenges the public to "look beyond the masks - the many faces we all wear" through her art. Williams, a former instructor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, incorporates signs and symbols to comment on the complexities of history, human development, and movement through the ages. Wheatley focuses on language and the written word in her paintings and collages on canvas and paper.

The Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Opera Appreciation Class Held in Edison Park

The Opera Appreciation class, founded by long time Edison Park resident, Marge Mickey, is still evolving. The class was originally held over 25 years ago, in a storefront on NW Hwy in Edison Park, then moved to the Olympia Park Fieldhouse and now comfortably resides every Tuesday morning, 9:30am to 10:30am, in the North Hall of the Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant Avenue, (Avondale & Oliphant) across the street from the Edison Park train station.

The program is on-going annually, with only a few announced breaks taken for holidays. Led by Lyric Opera docent, Babs Lieberman, members are treated to the sounds of beautiful music recorded from famous operas and sung by noted singers from the past and present. Listeners need only to sit back and enjoy. No tests, no notes, just pure enjoyment. Light refreshments follow.

A fee of \$20.00, charged every 8 weeks, is a bargain that entitles you to continuous listening pleasure. We still have room for new listeners.

Questions? Call Diane, 773-774-6097

## CHICAGO CELEBRATES ITS PRINTMAKERS WITH AN EXHIBIT: 'PULLED, PRESSED & PRINTED, CHICAGO'

Exhibition Also Unveils New Interpretations of Chicago's Flag and City Seal in Celebration of the City's 175th Birthday

Since the founding of the influential Chicago Society of Etchers in 1910, Chicago has been a hub for the art of printmaking. The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, in partnership with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture, presents Pulled, Pressed & Printed, Chicago, an exhibition at Expo 72, located at 72 E. Randolph St., which highlights the rich artistry and wide variety of techniques of printmaking in Chicago.

Celebrating Chicago's talented printmakers, Pulled, Pressed & Printed, Chicago, focuses on etching, engraving and screenprinting from a number of Chicago printing presses and independent artists. The exhibition is curated by Nathan Mason, Curator of Special Projects for the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture.

"For years, Chicago has been a leader in the varied forms of artistic printmaking," said Mason. "This exhibition brings artists and printing presses together to display the wealth of creativity coming out of the city."

### The Flag and Seal Revisited

In honor of Chicago's upcoming 175th birthday, an additional component of the Pulled, Pressed & Printed, Chicago exhibition, The Flag and Seal Revisited, will be unveiled in Expo 72 on Friday, March 2, 2012. This section of the exhibition highlights artworks that riff on Chicago's flag and the city seal design. New works will be added to this section throughout the run. A brief history of Chicago's flag and seal will be featured in the exhibit written by Tim Samuelson, cultural historian for the City of Chicago. The public is invited to a free reception in the exhibition on Friday, March 2 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Pulled, Pressed & Printed, Chicago is presented in conjunction with The Wrocław School of Printmaking, a wide-ranging exhibition that fills all three Michigan Avenue Galleries in the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., now through March 25. Featuring print-based works by faculty members of the Printmaking Department at the Eugeniusz Geppert Academy of Art and Design in Wrocław, Poland, the exhibition provides a comprehensive overview of the variety of printmaking techniques and sources of inspiration employed by the artists of the Wrocław School in Poland.

The exhibition opens Friday, January 27 and runs through Monday, April 30, 2012 at Expo 72. Admission is free. Expo 72 is open Mondays - Thursdays 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fridays 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sundays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, visit [ExploreChicago.org](http://ExploreChicago.org).

## Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery Winter Meeting

On Sunday, January 29th, at Kas Restaurant, 4734 W. Cermak in Cicero, the Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery will host a luncheon (\$25 prepaid by check payable to Friends of BNC and mailed to Juli Nelson, Treasurer, 300 Claymoor, #2F, Hinsdale, IL 60521) with a program on the artistry of John Mallin given by his granddaughter, Kathy Mallin. John was the artist that decorated the Large Ceremony Hall at the cemetery. His artwork is now being restored to its former glory. The restorer, Tony Kartsonas, will also bring slides of before and after and explain his work briefly as well.

Cash bar at 1:00 p.m., dinner at 1:30, and program at 3:00 p.m. You may also attend the program at no charge. Call 847-362-9036 for more information or go to [www.friendsofbnc.org](http://www.friendsofbnc.org).

## Hit the Beach at Oakton

Sport sandals and pack on the suntan lotion Saturday, February 4, when Oakton hosts Dave Rudolf's Beach Party.

The popular family entertainer and winner of multiple Parents' Choice Awards will warm up your winter by performing summertime music and encouraging the audience to do the limbo, swivel a hula hoop, form a conga line, and blow bubbles.

The fun begins at 3 p.m., at Oakton's Footlik Theater, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines. Call 847-635-1900 for tickets (\$7 general admission; \$5 children under 12; and \$4 for groups of 15 or more).



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# Local Arts and Entertainment

## “A Theater Review”

Blizzard '67

Chicago Dramatist, 1105 West Chicago Ave., Chicago

Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt

Remember the name of Jon Steinhagen who besides being a class act playwright is an actor and musician. Many of us would like to forget the blizzard of 1967 as well as the one in February of 2011 as well as the one in 1979.

RussTutterow who is the artistic director of Chicago Dramatists has done a terrific job directing this world premiere. He has assembled a strong cast of four terrific actors. For this show that includes Stephen Spencer as Henkin, John Gawlik as Lanfield, Andy Hager as Bell and Andy Lutz as Emery.

We need to develop new works and that is the goal since 1986 of this theatre with twenty-six playwrights in its fold.

The cast is seated on four chairs which is the prop for the car.

John Gawlik is Landfield whom we find loves to drink and is the driver of the month. He drives a 1963 Ford that has no horn or radio. Mr. Gawlik is an ensemble member of the Gift Theatre and is the artistic head of Fox Valley Repertory in St. Charles, Illinois, which formerly was Noble Fool. He is a strong actor and his performance in this show deserves a standing ovation. I haven't seen him on stage since he did "A Skull in Connemara" for North Light but he is so strong he should do more acting in between his work at Fox Valley Rep.

Henkin, who is played by Stephen Spencer, is single but is hated by the car pool and we find Lanfield can't stand him and one reason is his recent promotion over his so-called buddies. Hager, as Bell, may be timid but we find he is treacherous. And yet he is a whining corporate survivor who is jaded.

Emery, played by Andy Lutz, is married and the youngest member of the car pool. While he is a junior executive we find he is sensitive and not only immature but insecure.

While the show is a drama it has dark humor to give the audience some laughs in the two hours with intermission. We sit there wondering how it will turn out for the four stranded travelers.

Because of the blizzard the foursome have the option to stay in a hotel but they face many obstacles as they continue on their journey to get home.

You have to see this show to find out how it all turns out and if it's worth the drive in a blizzard. I'm glad I don't drive in a blizzard. I'm glad I don't drive and the last blizzard I couldn't even get out of the house for two days.

This show is a trip down memory lane that is well directed and acted.

It is a show well worth seeing.

"Blizzard '67" runs through February 12th. For reservations, show days and performance times visit [www.Chicagodramatists.org](http://www.Chicagodramatists.org). Tickets are \$32. **-Three Stars-**

## EXPLORE CHICAGO'S DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOODS ON BUS TOURS

Chicago Neighborhood Tours marks its 15th anniversary with 15 new excursions, including "Pubs & Micro-breweries," "LGBT Chicago" and "The Great Chicago Fire"

The city's 77 distinct communities come alive on Chicago Neighborhood Tours, revealing rich histories and celebrated cultural traditions, local landmarks and hidden treasures. Affordable and convenient, these half-day motor coach trips offer fully-planned itineraries and an expert local guide to lead the way.

Learn the art of beer making from local microbreweries, globe-trot through ethnic eateries, marvel at magnificent churches, escape to hidden gardens, and more. Now in its 15th year, this popular visitor service provided by the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture has expanded to include even more diverse offerings that appeal to a broad range of ages and interests.

"Chicago Neighborhood Tours are a wonderful way to see the city's neighborhoods like a true insider," said Dorothy Coyle, Executive Director, Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture. "This year's exciting roster of new tours will venture into the heart of Chicago's communities to capture their unique essence and flavor."

The 2012 season of Chicago Neighborhood Tours extends from February through November and features 28 different excursions, 15 of which are new this year. Choose from two varieties: the Neighborhood Tours, which travel across the city for unique sightseeing opportunities, and the Taste of the Neighborhoods Tours, a selection of five unique culinary journeys to tempt your taste buds.

Take away an authentic Chicago experience. Getting around town is both easy and fun with Chicago Neighborhood Tours. Visit [www.ChicagoNeighborhoodTours.com](http://www.ChicagoNeighborhoodTours.com) or call 312.742.1190 to book any of the Chicago Neighborhood Tours or private, customized group tours for 30 or more.

## LINCOLNWOOD HOSTS NEW FEATURED ART

The Village's Art Gallery is now displaying the artistic talents of Laura Rodriguez. The title of her current show is "Laura's World" and features photographs from the artist's travels around the world. A public reception will take place on March 6, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Lincolnwood Village Hall. The exhibit will run through March 19, 2012.

The art is displayed at Village Hall, located at 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information visit the Art Gallery section of the Village's website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/artgallery.cfm](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/artgallery.cfm).

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### "175 WAYS TO LOVE CHICAGO"

35 notable Chicagoans share their five favorite things about the city to celebrate Chicago's 175th birthday

In anticipation of the City of Chicago's 175th birthday, the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture is asking 35 notable Chicagoans to share their unique perspectives on what they love most about the city, then posting them on ExploreChicago.org, the City of Chicago's Official Tourism Site, beginning January 16. For 35 days leading up to the City's March 4 birthday, "175 Ways to Love Chicago" will provide an engaging forum for locals to honor their city by sharing five personal insights about what makes them proud to be a Chicagoan.

From musician Jon Langford's intriguing recommendations on "How to Listen to Chicago" to a Lincoln Park Zoo biologist's favorite ways to experience nature, a broad range of Chicagoans including media personalities, artists, chefs, a dancer, a window washer and many others are contributing a list of favorites related to their area of expertise. Even the Picasso sculpture weighs in on its favorite public artworks.

"175 Ways to Love Chicago is a great way to get people excited about Chicago's 175th birthday and a wonderful resource for both visitors and residents," said Dorothy Coyle, Executive Director, Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture. "It celebrates the city's rich cultural diversity and its most important asset – its people – by providing a forum for them to share their own personal insights about what makes Chicago one of the greatest cities in the world."

Each weekday for 35 days, one Chicagoan's list of five favorites will be featured on the ExploreChicago blog, which can be found on ExploreChicago.org. Once all 35 lists are posted, "175 Ways to Love Chicago" will provide a unique body of content that will live on through ExploreChicago.org to inspire millions of visitors and residents.

"175 Ways to Love Chicago" promotes the upcoming 175th birthday of the City of Chicago. Then, beginning March 4, enjoy "175 Days to Love Chicago".

## For This Theater Productions Presents a New Production of HEDDA GABLER

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## Hand wash jobs are extremely harmful to automobile finishes

Tests by the University of Texas to compare surface disturbances showed that a single home hand wash on an automobile can produce scratches that penetrate as deep as 1/10 of the total thickness of the automobile's paint.

These test substantiated tests done over ten years ago by the Technical University of Munich, Germany, in association with Mercedes-Benz, which showed similar damage was done to an automobile when using detergent, low water volume found in hose nozzles at home, buckets of water, sponges and towels used in the average home car washing.

Tests showed hand car washing can produce so many marks on a car's finish that they cannot be counted. Tests showed that in hand washing temperatures, surface reflectance readings declined, with some hand washing techniques being considerably worse than others. When cars were washed by professional car washes, there was virtually no change in the reflectance or shine readings.

Tests showed the backyard hose is not able to supply enough water along with the detergent action to avoid damaging the car's finish. Tests also showed that techniques used at professional car washes are virtually harmless to automobile finishes. Findings from the study indicate that with the large amounts of water and specialized detergents used in professional car washes, sophisticated gloss and reflectance meter readings from new finishes used on automobiles were virtually the same before and after the equivalent of several months of normal washing in a professional car wash.

### Texas Results Substantiated by Munich Study

The Technical University of Munich has carried out a scientific comparison test in association with Mercedes-Benz to establish the exact ranking of hand washing versus machine washing of vehicles relative to damage to paintwork.

To make the test as realistic as possible, typical family sedans were used - with a few hundred miles on the odometer. It was stipulated that each car was to receive the equivalent of one year's wash stress (about 25 washes) - some cars by hand washing methods, others by automatic car washing equipment.

### The Hand Wash

Without having been told the why's or the wherefore's, four men were given the chore of washing four of the test cars by hand. Since there were four people involved, and each person used their favorite "tools", together they presented a cross-section of various hand washing techniques commonly used by average car owners.

The four men showed up in four different sections of town sponging and lathering their test cars as if they were their very own. Bystanders could see one man hard at work in a do-it-yourself self-service type of car wash with high-pressure water facilities; another was busy at home with the garden hose and a water spray-brush. One man scrubbed away utilizing a bucket, a sponge, and a garden hose. One, to the horror of the environmentalists, and in defiance of local regulations, washed his test car at a lakeside.

### The Automatic Wash

Automatic car washing equipment was used to wash the fifth test car. To keep the test above board, the test vehicle arrived unannounced during the hours when the car wash was open for business. The car was washed along with other cars.

### The Examination

To measure the extent of paintwork damage, microscopes were available. However, pure reflecting microscopy, as well as electron microscopy results merely in a visual picture of scratches. A comparable measure of true depth cannot thus be achieved. A method of analysis was used which could determine the exact depth of the scratches and grooves, namely, the interference-microscopic analysis method.

### The Result

The results are depressing, at least to the car owner who, up to now, has firmly believed in hand washing. The deepest scratches after hand washing had a depth of more than one tenth of the paint surface. Under the microscope, the paintwork looked like a cratered landscape. The paintwork was deeply scored and scratched - the result of dirt and trapped sand particles.

In hand washing, too little water is used. With a garden hose and a sponge technique, small sand particles lodge themselves firmly in the fine pores of the sponge or wash mitt and cannot be removed even by good rinsing. Such particles work on the paint surface like sanding discs. The hand washing produced a tangle of uneven scratches in the paint surface.

The surfaces of the test vehicle washed with automatic car washing equipment appeared different. Compared with the hand washed surfaces, it was remarkably smooth, with many very fine markings virtually parallel and uniform - less than .0003mm - the result of evenly moving and rotating cloth pads and curtains. The machine-washed surfaces were in very good condition after 25 washes.

### The Dirty Little Secret of Home Car Washing

Most car washing is being done at home with a hose and a bucket of soap in the driveway, but washing vehicles in driveways or parking lots create polluted wastewater. When allowed to run freely down the driveway into the gutters, this polluted wastewater empties straight into the storm drain and straight into our community wetlands, rivers, lakes, and oceans. If consumers only knew and understood that the polluted wastewater they create from home or parking lot car washes enters the storm drain and flows into our waterways, most consumers would willingly adapt to change by washing their cars on their lawns using a trigger nozzle, or choose to use a professional car wash.

### Professional Car Washing Offers an Ideal Alternative

There is a myth believed by the public that professional car washes are water wasters and not the most environmentally friendly. This myth holds no water. Professional car washes are equipped with high-pressure, low flow nozzles that precisely control the amount of water used on a car and numerous studies indicate professional car washes use less water than home washing and do not contribute to storm water pollution. The majority of consumers are unaware that professional car washes must have on site settling tanks before releasing the water to treatment plants.

The car owner who utilizes the services of a professional car wash has saved a great deal of time, labor, and effort and perhaps part of the environment as well!

*Submitted by E. Weiss for Chicago's #1 Car Washes*

## CDOT Hosts Public Meetings for Streets for Cycling Plan 2020

The Chicago Department of Transportation is hosting three public meetings and two webinars to gather public input on the Streets for Cycling Plan 2020. This plan will identify roadways throughout Chicago for innovative bicycle facilities to provide Chicagoans, from children riding to school to senior citizens riding to the grocery store, a safe and comfortable experience bicycling on city streets. People can follow all plan activities through [www.facebook.com/Streets-ForCycling2020](http://www.facebook.com/Streets-ForCycling2020) and submit comments both through Facebook and by emailing [streetsforcycling2020@gmail.com](mailto:streetsforcycling2020@gmail.com).

**Wednesday, February 1st, 2012** Sulzer Regional Library – Auditorium, 4455 N. Lincoln Avenue, 6 – 8 p.m., presentation begins @ 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, February 3rd, 2012** Webinar, 12 – 1 p.m., RSVP required via [goo.gl/CGq6M](http://goo.gl/CGq6M)

**Monday, February 6th, 2012** Webinar, 6 -7 p.m., RSVP required via [goo.gl/iLphG](http://goo.gl/iLphG)

## Nation's Largest Organic Farming Conference

The Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES) hosts its 23rd annual Organic Farming Conference, February 23-25, 2012, at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI.

The annual Organic Farming Conference (OFC) is the nation's largest and foremost educational and networking event for the organic farming community.

The farmer-centered OFC will feature more than 65 informative workshops, 160-plus exhibitors, nationally known keynote speakers, and locally sourced food and live entertainment. MOSES expects attendance to be about 3,000 farmers and agricultural professionals.

Held on Thursday, February 22 prior to the OFC, the Organic University will offer 10 full-day courses on various organic agriculture topics for novices and experts alike.

"We're really focused on farmer-to-farmer education and networking at our conference," notes Conference Co-Director Chris Blanchard.

### Organic Farmer of the Year

MOSES also will announce and feature the 2012 Organic Farmer of the Year award recipient. The award is granted annually to an outstanding organic farmer or farm family who are innovators; who excel in managing farm resources; and who serve as educators and examples in their communities and to the next generation of organic farmers.

### Young Organic Stewards

Young people have always been at the heart of the OFC. The Young Organic Stewards program recognizes, honors and supports the next generation of organic farmers through targeted workshops and social activities.

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# LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

## RES-MA-TAZZ REMEMBERS THE ROARING 20's

Resurrection College Prep High School's annual dinner auction, Res-Ma-Tazz, will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012. Resurrection College Prep High School was founded in 1922, and in keeping with its year-long celebration of 90 years of educating women, the theme for this year's event is Res-Ma-Tazz Remembers the Roaring 20's.

The Res-Ma-Tazz dinner auction will be held at 6 pm at the White Eagle Banquets and Restaurant in Niles. The evening will include cocktails, dinner, entertainment, raffles, games, and silent and live auctions. The cost is \$75 per person and reservations can be made by contacting Carol Marchetti at 773.775.6616 Ext 112 or [cmarchetti@reshs.org](mailto:cmarchetti@reshs.org). Resurrection alumnae, parents, friends and community members are all invited to attend. Business, families or individuals who would like to donate an auction item or place an ad in the program booklet may also contact Carol Marchetti or see the Resurrection website for information. Complete details can be found on the Resurrection website at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org)

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all-girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org)

## Jewish Youth Clubs

Are there any teens in your life? Tell them about the exciting new Jewish Youth Clubs beginning this Wednesday!

At Jewish Youth Clubs, boys and girls in grades 6-8 have a great time while making a difference! We'll have some fun adventures together. Whether crafting or building original items with a distinct touch, enjoying the Mooz lounge, or going on amazing trips, this is the place to be! Each week's get-together will combine creative activities with meaningful discussion or social action, for a well-rounded satisfying experience.

Jewish Youth Club meets on Wednesdays, January 18 2012 - March 28 2012, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. \$10 each week, or \$85 for advance payment (all 10 weeks), pizza and drinks are included, as well as all trips & supplies!

For more information and to register go to [www.skokiechabad.org](http://www.skokiechabad.org).

## St. Edward School Opens Registration for 2012-13

St. Edward School is hosting an Open House for prospective families on Sunday, January 29th from 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Families will be able to see classrooms in action, take a tour, and meet faculty and parents. Tours will begin in the gym, Buckley Hall, located at 4447 N. Lowell. More information is available via email at [RSVP@StEdwardSchool.com](mailto:RSVP@StEdwardSchool.com) or by calling the School at 773-736-9133.

Registration for the 2012-13 school year for new families begins on Sunday, January 29th. Applications for preschool through 8th grade for the 2012-13 school year will be accepted at the School's open house. For additional information, parents may contact the School at 773-736-9133.

St. Edward School, now celebrating its 101st year, provides a quality, Catholic education to children from three-year old preschool through eighth grade. St. Edward students enjoy an average student-teacher ratio of 18:1, and the school features an extensive music program as well as art, computer, gym, sports, chess, and Spanish at all grade levels. Test scores are consistently above the national average and students matriculate to highly selective CPS and Catholic schools in Chicagoland. The School is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside. For more information on the School call 773-736-9133, or by visiting [www.StEdwardSchool.com](http://www.StEdwardSchool.com).

## After School Matters® Accepting Applications

After School Matters® is now accepting applications for its Spring cycle of after-school programs. The programs, which focus on the arts, communications, science, sports and technology, will be offered at 45 Chicago Public School high schools and more than 50 community organizations across the city, as well as downtown at Gallery 37 Center for the Arts. In total, approximately 8,000 program opportunities will be available in the Spring.

Founded in 1991 by former Chicago First Lady Maggie Daley, After School Matters provides program opportunities that allow Chicago's teens to explore and develop their talents while gaining critical skills for work, college and beyond. By anchoring out-of-school-time opportunities around community organizations and "campuses"-each consisting of a public high school and a nearby park and library-After School Matters maximizes the use of existing public infrastructure and invigorates the surrounding neighborhoods.

For more information about After School Matters and to apply for Spring programs, visit [www.afterschoolmatters.org](http://www.afterschoolmatters.org). Follow the organization on Twitter @afterschoolmatters and on Facebook at [facebook.com/afterschoolmatters](http://facebook.com/afterschoolmatters).

## Check Out Oakton's Early Childhood Education Centers

Seeking high-quality preschool care? Stop by Oakton's Early Childhood Education (ECE) Centers for a free open house on Saturday, February 4 and receive a one-time discount on registration fees. The ECE centers provide an innovative curriculum, experienced teachers, and a low teacher-child ratio.

The Skokie campus center (7701 North Lincoln Avenue) offers part-day and full-day programs for 3- to 5-year-olds, and the Des Plaines facility (1600 East Golf Road) provides full-day programs for 2- to 5-year-olds.

The open house will run 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at both sites. Staff will be on hand to provide tours and answer questions. Families who enroll at the open house will receive a one-time discount on the registration fee.

For more information, contact Yvonne Kostic at 847-635-1441 (Skokie), or Nora Rucker at 847-635-1840 (Des Plaines), or visit [www.oakton.edu/ececenter](http://www.oakton.edu/ececenter).

## RES ANNOUNCES ASSISTANT VARSITY SOCCER COACH

Resurrection College Prep High School Athletic Director Lou Marrese is proud to announce the hiring of Ms. Gabrielle Whittinghill as the Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach. Ms. Whittinghill brings with her both an extensive knowledge and passion for the game of soccer. Her years of experience in the sport of soccer will surely bring excitement to the upcoming Bandit Soccer season.

Ms. Whittinghill was a member of the Maine South Varsity Soccer team for three years, as Captain (2 years) and All-Sectional, All-Conference, All-Tournament and Most Valuable Player. She helped lead Maine South to two separate state appearances. She has been a member of two major club teams, K.U.F.C. and E.L.A. that won four state championships, and placed top three in nationals for 3 v 3. Currently, Ms. Whittinghill attends DePaul University majoring in Physical Education and Sports Management. While attending DePaul, she also plays for the DePaul club soccer team, and in other soccer leagues.

With 26 competitive teams in 11 sports, Resurrection is a member of the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference (GCAC) and the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all-girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 13,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org)

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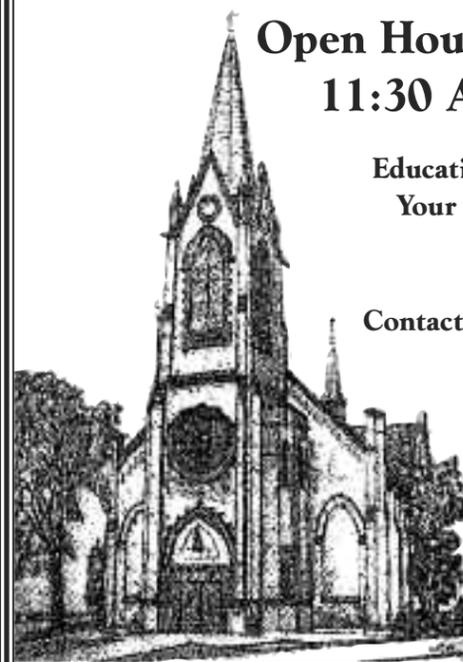
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# Ya'll Come Back Now, Ya Hear? The Importance of Having Your Estate Plan Reviewed



**Chester M. Przybylo**

To many, the charm of the South has always been their delicious home-cooked meals and good old-fashioned southern hospitality. Southerners treat you like family and then invite you back for more. But whether you're from the South or another part of the country, someone else is always looking forward to seeing you again - your Estate Planning Attorney.

Having the initiative and commitment needed to create an estate plan is something to be proud of. But it is necessary to realize that your efforts don't stop there. Changing circumstances in one's home life and financial affairs may necessitate changes to your estate plan. These changes, in addition to the ever-changing tax laws, mandate periodic reviews with your Estate Planning Attorney.

## Changes Within the Family Unit

Changes that occur within the family unit can dictate a review of an estate plan. If you get married or divorced, it is necessary to review your beneficiary designations for Trusts, Wills, Life Insurance and Retirement Plans. Similarly, it's imperative to also review fiduciary designations. This includes a review of who is named as a Power of Attorney (for health care and for property), as a Personal Representative/Executor of a Will, and as Trustee of your Trust(s). A marriage may also require the change to your estate plan to provide for children from a previous relationship.

Although it may seem obvious that your marriage or divorce will necessitate a review of your estate plan, did you know that the marriage or divorce of one of your family members could also necessitate a review? This is particularly true in the case of a child or grandchild's divorce. Of course, where an ex-spouse was named as a direct beneficiary to your assets, as a result of the divorce you may want to change such a designation. However, it may also be necessary to change the terms of any transfers to your child, so as not to have those assets subject to claims by the ex-spouse.

The birth or death of a child, or grandchild, will also require a review of your estate plan. In some states, where a Will is not updated to include a child born after the execution of the document, the creator is assumed to have included the child in the document terms.

Changing family relationships can also require a review of your estate plan. Where relationships with certain family members have deteriorated, you may want to change the distribution terms of your estate plan. Conversely, where a particular family member has stepped-up to take on the responsibility of providing you with extra care during an illness, you may want to provide them with extra assets in appreciation for his or her sacrifice and hard work.

Additionally, if a child is born disabled, or subsequently becomes disabled, it is crucial that proper planning be added to your estate plan to not disqualify the child from receiving government assistance. On the other hand, you may want to change the terms of your estate plan to provide for a larger portion of your estate to be passed to the disabled heir. This is especially true when the child's ability to earn a living is lost due to the disability.

## Changes in Financial Circumstances

Especially true today with the prevalence of investments in securities and the volatility of the stock market, it is quite possible that your current financial outlook is much different than when your estate plan was created. Planning which suited your situation years ago may no longer be appropriate for your current needs.

But just as changes in the make-up of your immediate family are pertinent to the need for a review, the same holds true with changes in the financial circumstances of your immediate family. For example, you may wish to change distribution terms to protect children who over time have proven themselves incapable of managing their financial affairs. You may also want to change distribution amounts among children to take each child's financial stability into consideration. For example, an adult daughter with a highly successful business and no children of her own may need less from you than an adult son with a large family and a modest income. However, keep in mind the emotional impact of unequal distributions to children.

Regardless of when your estate plan was initially created, it is always important to keep in mind that an estate plan isn't cast in stone, never needing alteration or fine-tuning. On the contrary, routine changes in your family or financial circumstances, as well as changes in the law, make the occasional review of your estate plan crucial to preserving its benefits for you and your family. Consult with a qualified estate planning attorney soon to make sure your estate plan meets your ever-changing needs.

*Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. To register for an upcoming seminar, call the 24 hour reservation hotline at 1-800-638-7878 or register online at [www.PlanOurEstate.com](http://www.PlanOurEstate.com).*



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# Don't Wait Six Weeks! Go Online Today

*By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs*

Soon, the world's most famous groundhog will be getting a lot of attention. On Groundhog Day, the world's furrriest weather reporter, Punxsutawney Phil, will pop out of his home to forecast one of two possibilities: an early spring or six more weeks of winter.

Regardless of what Punxsutawney Phil predicts, there's no reason for you to wait six weeks to do business with Social Security. Whatever the weather, you can visit our online office from the convenience and comfort of your warm and cozy home or office. Just go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

You can do so many things online. And it's so easy, even a groundhog could do it ... if eligible. Below are a few of the things you can do at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

Get an instant, personalized estimate of future retirement benefits with the Retirement Estimator at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator);

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Apply for Medicare at [www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly).

Request a replacement Medicare card at [www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare-card/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare-card/).

Learn about Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug costs at [www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp), where you can find a link to apply; and

Punxsutawney Phil has called for six more weeks of winter 87 percent of the time. We suspect that's because he just likes to stay in his comfortable home. You can too, on Groundhog Day or any day, by going online.

Whatever the weather, learn all about the things you can do online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/online-services](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online-services).

## “Come Together” to Celebrate Assyrian Culture at Oakton on Friday, February 10.

As part of “Coming Together in Skokie 2012,” an annual program that builds knowledge, awareness, and appreciation of the various ethnic heritages that comprise the Village of Skokie, students and community members will host an Assyrian Festival at Oakton's Skokie campus (Room P103, 7701 North Lincoln Avenue) from 6 – 9 p.m. Enjoy music, dance, food, and fun – admission is just \$5. Children under 5 are free!

Additional “Coming Together in Skokie 2012” events at Oakton include:

\* The Significance of the Epic of Gilgamesh, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m., Tuesday, February 21 (Room 1610, Des Plaines campus, 1600 East Golf Road). Examine how the discovery of this ancient tale has changed our understanding of Western culture.

\* Children of War: Voices of Iraqi Refugees – A Book Discussion, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m., Wednesday, February 29 (Room P103, Skokie campus). Attend a forum about author Deborah Eillis' book that provides first-hand accounts of children displaced by war in Iraq.

\* Assyrians in Chicago History, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Thursday, March 1 (Room P103, Skokie campus). Homer Ashurian, executive director of Chicago's Assyrian Universal Alliance Foundation, and Vasili Shoumanov, author of Assyrians in Chicago, shed light on the role Assyrians have played in the Windy City.

“Coming Together in Skokie 2012” kicks off January 29, at Niles West High School (5701 Oakton Street, Skokie) with a showcase of Assyrian art at 2:30 p.m., followed by a cultural program at 3:15 p.m.

To view the entire schedule of “Coming Together in Skokie 2012” events, visit <http://ComingTogether.skokiellibrary.info>. For more information about Oakton's participation, contact Rose Novil at 847-376-7632 or [rnovil@oakton.edu](mailto:rnovil@oakton.edu).

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## Stuffed Eggs (4 servings)

4 eggs  
2 anchovy fillets  
1 t prepared mustard  
salt and pepper  
2 T margarine  
4 tomatoes  
wine vinegar  
tarragon  
pinch of sugar  
chives  
black olives  
anchovy fillets for garnishing



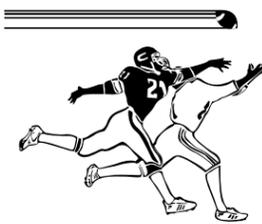
Hard-boil eggs, peel and cut in half lengthwise. Scoop out yolks and mix with the finely chopped anchovy fillets, prepared mustard, salt, pepper and soft margarine and fill this mixture into egg halves. Cut tomatoes in half and season with wine vinegar, tarragon, salt, pepper and a pinch of sugar. Place eggs on tomato halves and garnish with chopped chives. Serve on plate decorated with olives that have anchovy fillets wrapped around them.

## Cheese Mini-Sandwiches (8 servings)

Alternate 8 buttered slices of square pumpernickel with 7 slices sharp cheddar cheese; wrap in wax paper and place in refrigerator for some time, weighing the package down to make slices stick together. Unwrap, cut in cubes and garnish with olives, grapes or anything suitable. Note: You can use a variety of cheeses to fit your taste and garnish with anything from anchovies to pickles to nuts.

## Kraut Salad (8 servings)

1 small head of cabbage  
salt and pepper  
vinegar  
1 onion, chopped  
1 clove garlic  
chopped herbs (any combination to suit your taste)  
4 strips smoked bacon



Cut cabbage in fine strips, season with salt, pepper and vinegar and place in a large, shallow container; weigh down with a water-filled dish for 2 to 3 hours. Then combine cabbage, chopped onion, garlic, herbs and the bacon which has been cut in thin strips and crisped. Mix the crisp bacon and its drippings into the cabbage salad; toss and serve lukewarm.

The above recipes are taken from the  
Burda International Cuisine Cook Book No. 2 of Festive Menus

## ASSYRIAN CULTURE KICK-OFF EVENT

Coming Together in Skokie (CTIS) will honor the Assyrian culture this year. The official kick-off of the six-week series of programs is Sunday, January 29 at Niles West High School, 5701 W. Oakton St. Members of the Assyrian community are proud to present cultural and art exhibits that open at 2:30 p.m., followed at 3:15 by a cultural program that includes a celebration of Assyrian culture, a brief historical summary, Assyrian wedding practices, dancing, and the personal journeys of Assyrian students.

CTIS is a community-wide celebration designed to promote literacy and to explore in depth a different culture each year, through reading and discussing selected books and enjoying a host of cultural activities. Although the initiative spotlights a different culture each year, the intended audience is people from all backgrounds, especially people who may not be familiar with the featured culture.

"We would like everyone who lives in Skokie and the neighboring communities to come and take part in these wonderful activities," said Susan Van Dusen, First Lady of Skokie and one of the initiative's founders.

Organizations that are planning this year's CTIS events include the Assyrian Universal Alliance Foundation, Assyrian Chaldean Syriac Student Movement, Assyrian National Council of Illinois, the Assyrian American Civic Club of Chicago and the Assyrian students of Niles West and Niles North.

The featured books this year are:

- *Gilgamesh: a New Rendering in English Verse* by David Ferry. This great epic poem is the first known recorded literature discovered among the archaeological ruins of Assyrian King Ashurbanipal's great library.

- *Home Is Beyond the Mountains* by Celia Barker Lottridge is a story of unimaginable loss and profound courage. It follows the journey of a young Assyrian girl forced to leave her village in northern Persia (Iran) and flee through the mountains south and west all the way to Baghdad, losing her parents and sister on the way, and several years later her journey back through the same mountains to her home. Based on historical events, this story tells the tale of the Assyrian flight from Persia at the end of World War I.

- *Children of War: Voices of Iraqi Refugees* by Deborah Ellis highlights firsthand accounts of children displaced by war in Iraq. The book is a poignant reminder that those who suffer from the atrocities of war are still with us; children who had no hand in creating this war must somehow find a way to survive.

- *Sahra=Moon*, written and illustrated by Romil and Victor Benyamino. This children's book written in Assyrian and English is a playful bedtime story that takes children on a journey into the wilderness to discover animals and experience events that take place at night.

Celia Barker Lottridge, author of *Home Is Beyond the Mountains* and Deborah Ellis, author of *Children of War: Voices of Iraqi Refugees* will speak at Coming Together in Skokie events. For a full schedule of events taking place during a six-week period from January through March, visit <http://ComingTogether.skokieliibrary.info>.

In its first year, CTIS featured the Asian-Indian community and the novel *Motherland*. Author Vineeta Vijayaraghavan came to Skokie to speak to residents and students. Last year CTIS showcased the Filipino-American community, and several books by Filipino authors. Cecilia Manguerra Brainard, author of *When the Rainbow Goddess Wept* and Almira Astudillo Gilles, author of *Willie Wins* participated and shared their writing techniques and knowledge of Filipino history and culture.

The Village of Skokie is a community rich in diversity. Residents hail from many different countries and speak more than 90 languages and dialects.

"We acknowledge this wonderful diversity as an opportunity to build knowledge, awareness, and appreciation for the many cultures around us," said Mrs. Van Dusen. "We hope that residents and students will read these books, take part in public discussion groups, and enjoy the many activities we are offering."

## SYNAGOGUE YOUTH GROUP

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corresponding to the number of pennies they had raised that fall. As the project continued, the teens would look for statistics that corresponded to the amount of pennies raised. After seven years, through the efforts of 40 teen leaders and countless others in the congregation and wider community, the goal was reached. In the spring of 2011, BEANS USY hosted a tea-party-by-mail that became their highest grossing single fundraising event bringing in 400,000 pennies to finish the project. 1.5 million pennies representing each child lost was realized.

BEANS USY was careful to not let the fundraising efforts outweigh the overall goal, "While we have the goal of raising these pennies soon, we have a larger and more profound goal of making people aware of what happened during the Holocaust and why it should be an important issue not only for our community, but for everyone," Peri Axelrod, a chairperson of the 1.5 Million Penny Project. As a part of the immense project and ongoing educational aspect of the project, in 2008 students created a program through the Jack & Mildred Cohen Religious School with Irwin Wygodny, a Holocaust survivor. They set up an interactive museum experience to aid students in understanding the numbers behind the Holocaust. The Museum was made more personal as number of youth group members documented and shared their grandparents' stories of struggle and survival.

Jacque Zaluda attests to the necessity of making the stories, facts, and numbers into living memories for her generation. She learned about the Holocaust early in her 7th grade year, and was emotionally affected, but felt that her education was like the copy of *Night* by Elie Wiesel that got thrown into the back of her locker - not something that she always connected with. She wanted her education to change the way she understood the importance of the Holocaust and the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center.

Former BEANS USY president Zach Shartiag and his chairpeople Jonathan Small and Zachary Kopin had grown up with the 1.5 Million Penny Project as part of their youth group experience at Beth El. "We wanted to contribute to this legacy by actually reaching the goal of raising 1.5 million pennies before we graduated high school," said Shartiag, now halfway through a gap year program in Israel called *Nativ*. "Although many programs and projects of the Beth El Youth Community are impactful and important, I think this one will stay with many of us for the rest of our lives."

Preceding the presentation, Museum docents will lead the 7th grade students, parents, and Beth El congregants on group tours of the exhibits.

The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is the largest facility in the Midwest dedicated to preserving the memories of those lost in the Holocaust and to teaching current generations to fight hatred, indifference and genocide in today's world. The Museum is located at 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. The Museum is open Monday through Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursday evenings: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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