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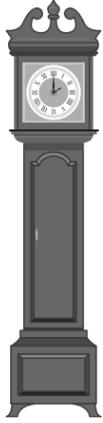
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### Topinka Congratulates Nobel Peace Prize Winner and Former President of Poland Lech Walesa on Receiving the Lincoln Leadership Prize



Pictured: Illinois State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka congratulated Nobel Peace prize winner and former President of Poland Lech Walesa on receiving the Lincoln Leadership Prize. Photo by: Teresa J. Potasiak

Illinois State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka recently congratulated Nobel Peace prize winner and former President of Poland Lech Walesa on receiving the Lincoln Leadership Prize. Presented by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation (ALPLF), the award was given at a benefit dinner in Chicago. Walesa is the co-founder of the Solidarity trade-union movement, and while president, spearheaded the fall of communism in Poland and Eastern Europe.

### CELEBRATE THE FIRST DAY OF



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A required three part training will be held at the Skokie Campus on March 13th, 15th & April 21st.



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

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

Free informational sessions about bariatric surgery will be held Tuesday, March 20, starting at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, March 28, 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).

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered Wednesday, March 21, 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.

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, March 22, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

A free lecture titled 'Don't Risk Colon Cancer' will be held Thursday, March 22, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal cancer, cancer of the colon or rectum, is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. It is estimated that 60 percent of colorectal cancer deaths could be prevented if people aged 50 years and older were screened routinely. Amritbhai Patel, M.D., board-certified gastroenterologist, will lecture on screenings used to help detect colorectal cancer, who should be screened and how to reduce your risks for colorectal cancer. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 87-RES-INFO (877-737-4636). The first 50 attendees will receive a free hemocult test kit, a test used for detecting fecal occult blood, which may be indicative of gastrointestinal disease.

The Pacemaker/Cardiac Device Support Group will meet Wednesday, March 28, 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.

## Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce Window Washing

The Chamber, as part of its community service efforts, is offering free exterior window-washing to stores that request the service. Please call the chamber to arrange for a window-washing team to visit. Please note, due to the nature of the work, the chamber can neither guarantee the quality nor be held responsible and/or liable for any damage.

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## Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood

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

Note: Meetings now begin at 12:00 noon and not 12:15pm. It would be appreciated if you would arrive by 12:00 noon. Thank you!

### 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

### 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."

## Foster Harlem Property Owners Association's Next Meeting

The Foster Harlem Property Owners Association's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 22nd, 7:00pm at St. Monica's Beyenka Hall, 5101 N Mont Clare. The Association will host:

Steve Berlin, Executive Director, City of Chicago, Department of Ethics, Will discuss fighting corruption within the City of Chicago.

Maria Dmyterko Stone, Director of Community Relations, Friends of the Parks, Will discuss the state of the Chicago Park District and upcoming events at local parks.

## 2012 CHICAGO CULTURAL PLAN KICKS OFF COMMUNITY MEETINGS

### Nineteen Neighborhood Cultural "Conversations" February 29 – April 4

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) continues to ask residents, cultural organizations and community groups for their input in developing the 2012 Chicago Cultural Plan by holding more neighborhood meetings. This will provide residents with more opportunities to discuss their ideas in person, while other Chicagoans continue to share ideas through social media. The plan will deliver a set of recommendations to support the arts and artists throughout the city, as well as enhance economic growth and Chicago's reputation as a global cultural destination.

Over the next five to six weeks, the city will hold a number of neighborhood meetings in communities around the city. The first of the 19 meetings will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, February 29 at the Austin-Irving Branch Library at 6100 West Irving Park Road from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Continued by the second meeting on Thursday, March 1 at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial at 2831 West Lawrence Avenue from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. A complete list of meetings is in attached and can also be found at [www.chicagoculturalplan2012.com](http://www.chicagoculturalplan2012.com). All are encouraged to visit the website to submit ideas and join the conversation if they cannot attend a meeting. The final plan will be unveiled in the fall.

The last cultural plan was developed in 1986 under Mayor Harold Washington. Since that time, advancements have been made in many areas leading to greater involvement from vested interests. Ideas that sprang from that plan include the renovation of Navy Pier, the redeveloped Theater Row in Chicago's "Loop", The Chicago Cultural Center and the creation of incentives for film projects.

Public engagement is playing a key role in the process. During the four town halls held in February, attendees at each introduced a number of ideas. Common themes and issues are beginning emerge, such as, the desire for more arts education, the need to support and emphasize neighborhoods, additional spaces for arts and culture and more support for those in creative fields. Residents also suggested better access to the arts, ranging from free programs to encouraging all to explore arts throughout the city.

Funding for the initiative is provided by the generous support of The Allstate Corporation and Chicago Community Trust. Additionally, this program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

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## McAuliffe's Bill Passes House to Benefit Gold Star Families

State Representative Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago) was pleased to see House Bill 4442 pass the House unanimously on Tuesday.

The bill amends the Department of Veterans Affairs Act regarding the families of military personnel killed in the line of duty, also known as Gold Star Families. Originally, the legislation stated that family members of military personnel who have perished while serving were allowed to stay in veteran homes, but it only signified biological children.

This came to Rep. McAuliffe's attention when a veteran constituent with adopted children asked why only biological children were covered under this provision and not adopted children, as well.

Upon doing research, Rep. McAuliffe found that this was also brought to attention on a national level through President Barack Obama's office and went ahead to file the bill which will comply with federal regulations.

"There is no difference between family members of adoptive and biological families," Rep. McAuliffe said. "It is important that all legal family members of military personnel receive full rights to all Gold Star Family regulations."

Rep. McAuliffe serves as chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee.

## Belmont-Central Chamber of Commerce EASTER HAM RAFFLE

Local businesses are welcome to participate in the annual ham raffle. This year the ham raffle will take place between March 19th and April 2nd. Each business can purchase one or more hams and the Chamber will provide a poster, raffle entries and bucket for customers to place their entries. After the raffle the Chamber will collect the bucket and contact the winners. Hams are \$20 each.

Gene's Sausage Shop will provide the Easter hams.

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## Spring Forward and Test Your Batteries

Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 2 a.m. when clocks need to be set forward one hour.

The Skokie Fire Department reminds residents to check and change batteries once a year in all smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and all emergency accessory kits to make sure they are in working condition. Be sure to replace smoke alarms every 10 years for optimal effectiveness and follow the manufacturer's recommendation regarding carbon monoxide detector replacement, as all models vary.

Additionally, all Illinois homeowners and landlords must have carbon monoxide detectors in buildings containing bedrooms and sleeping facilities. All residential units are required to have at least one carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes.

For more information about smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5340.

## POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE SENIORS TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

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, March 14, 2012 beginning 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. We will have a guest speaker that morning. Among other items discussed will include our Polish American Night at U.S. Cellular Field on July 3, 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".

## McAuliffe Gets Hands-On Firefighting Experience

State Representative Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago) was one of forty legislators and Springfield city officials to participate in the Fire Ops 101 Training Session on Tuesday.

Rep. McAuliffe, suited up in the full firefighter ensemble, underwent the intensive exercises firefighters go through to help him and other legislators better understand daily challenges by emergency response workers.

"The only way we can make the job more efficient for firefighters and paramedics is if we get hands-on experience to understand their needs during crucial moments," Rep. McAuliffe said. "I was grateful for this experience and will use what I've learned today in upcoming legislation which will benefit both the emergency professionals and the public."

Exercises included extrication operations, firefighting techniques and emergency medical care procedures.

## NEW WEBSITE TO OFFER DETAILS AND REGISTRATION FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FROM CITY, COMMUNITY GROUPS, NON-PROFITS

Site to Offer One-Stop Shopping on Programs that Keep Kids Safe and Learning After-School

Beginning in the 2012-13 school year, parents and students will be able to visit a single website to find and register for a wide variety of after-school programs offered by various city departments, agencies, community groups and non-profits.

"After-school programs play an important role in keeping kids safe and nurturing their interests, and also encourage academic achievement and the development of strong work habits and social skills," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

"Having this information in one easy-to-use location eliminates the maze that parents must navigate to find programs from multiple agencies."

The site will provide a one-stop-shop on out-of-school activities and programs for youth ages 6 to 21. Parents and students will be able to use the new site to search for programs in a variety of ways, including activity, location, time and cost. For example, site users will be able to sort programs by interest categories, ranging from academic and creative programs to volunteering activities.

Programs from Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Library, Department of Family and Support Services and non-profit program providers will be listed. Chicago Allies for Youth Success, a public-private partnership of organizations, will help develop and expand the website and integrate program offerings. Already, six major community organizations have committed to be part of the planning process and work on this project, including:

- YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago
- After School Matters
- United Way
- UCAN
- Metropolitan Family Services
- Boys and Girls Club

In 2010, city-funded programs served roughly 220,000 youths and the partners in Chicago Allies for Youth Success served more than 36,000.

Historically, teens and families have not had easy and reliable access to information about program quality and real-time availability of opportunities. The enrollment process across these various programs is inconsistent and information on program quality is not easily accessible.

Similarly, program providers and funders have not had access to reliable information about the interests and needs of youth and families, nor about what other programs are available in the same community.

After-school hours include the hours before and after-school, on weekends and holidays, as well as during the summer.

## Americans Have Lost Over \$42 Million in Foreign Lottery Scams Within the Past Three Years!

National Consumer Protection Week: March 4th - March 10th

Sunday is the first day of National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW). This campaign is designed to help customers become smarter consumers and improve their ability to combat fraud.

This year, the US Postal Inspection Service is warning customers about foreign lottery schemes and providing them with the information needed to combat these illegal activities.

The Postal Inspection Service will be participating in various fraud fairs within the Chicago Division; most popular will be the event on Thursday March 8th held at the Thompson Center. It will run from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. The Postal Inspection Center will be partnering with the BBB, FTC and other agencies to educate consumers on fraud and offer tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud.

Postal Inspectors want people to know that anyone can be a victim of lottery fraud - including retired business owners, schoolteachers and people with advanced degrees.

**In a foreign lottery, more than just the odds are against you.**

Please contact Julie Kenney, Public Information Representative, Chicago Division Postal Inspection Service at 312-983-6045, for additional information.

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# BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT

## AGT Tax and Insurance Services

AGT Tax and Insurance Services, a full-service tax and financial planning service, is marking its 3rd tax season at its beautifully renovated 6,000 square foot office space in Downtown Skokie, at 50009 Oakton. The company specializes in preserving wealth for seniors and offers comprehensive tax preparation, estate planning, and wealth management services to those in or near retirement. In the last 10 years, the company has grown from a staff of 3 to a staff of over 15, with over 800 clients nationwide, mostly in the North Chicagoland area.

Company President, Aryeh Goldbloom, in speaking about this growth, explained that, "In today's economy, and particularly for seniors, the proper measure of a financial planner's value is not the annual rate of return, but rather how well, over the long term, he has succeeded in PRESERVING his clients' wealth. Our specialty is finding the best-performing safe money avenues, ones which cannot lose money, but which are likely to substantially out-perform CD's, Treasury notes, conventional fixed annuities, and other safe-money vehicles. That approach saved our clients from the pain of the crash in 2008. None of them lost a penny in the vehicles we had recommended. We saved our clients, in total, over \$150 million in the value of their assets when the market crashed. We help our clients keep their money safe while still earning a decent return."

The company offices are stunning. But it wasn't like that when AGT first viewed the property 3 years ago. AGT had outgrown its offices in Lincolnwood and had been looking for over a year, but the space did not make a good first impression when the new office search team walked in. The drop ceiling had old and stained tiles, the floor had been stripped to bare concrete; there were no interior walls, no bathrooms, no lighting, and the entire site was framed in cinderblock. But when they pushed up a ceiling tile and saw the large wooden truss, an idea began to materialize. By removing the drop ceiling, and adding a skylight, they created an open, loft-like feel in the front offices where all the client meetings take place. Acclaimed architect Richard Preves and the designer, Renee Ruffolo, created a very classy, very open and inviting space.

The company sponsors a number of financial education seminars for seniors at local restaurants as well as offering comprehensive estate planning and tax preparation services, with special discounts for seniors. Complete tax preparation services are just \$75 for seniors, aged 55+, from February through April.

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## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES – NEXT ON “YOU AND THE LAW”

Join host Barry L. Gordon, Barry L. Gordon & Associates, at 10 p.m. on Monday, March 19, on CAN TV Channel 21 (Chicago), for a discussion of the foreclosure process and programs and alternatives available to homeowners who cannot pay their mortgages. The episode covers Bankruptcy, Short Sales, Deed in Lieu, loan modifications such as the Home Affordable Modification Program, the Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternative, Foreclosure Suits, Redemption, Foreclosure Sales, and the Circuit Court of Cook County's Foreclosure Mediation Program.

Joining Barry Gordon are attorneys Christopher Kim and Rebekah Azar Rashidfarokhi, both with Chicago Volunteer Legal Services.

"You and the Law" is produced each month by the Television Committee of The Chicago Bar Association and features expert guests discussing topics of interest to the general public. Past episodes have ranged from animal law in Cook County, to divorce topics, immigration issues, estate planning, taxes and election law.

About The Chicago Bar Association

The Chicago Bar Association was founded in 1874 to serve the legal profession and the public. It is now one of the largest metropolitan bar associations in the world. Its 21,000 members are lawyers and judges who work primarily in Cook County, Illinois.

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## Skokie Village Board of Trustee Meetings Now Aired Live

All Village of Skokie Board meetings are now broadcast live on SkokieVision Cable Television (Channel 25 on RCN and Channel 17 on Comcast). As always, meetings will be re-broadcast at noon and 8 p.m. on the Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday following a Board Meeting. Village Board Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

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## MAYOR EMANUEL ON THE MERGER OF STANDARD PARKING CORPORATION AND CENTRAL PARKING CORPORATION

Chicago remains a City on the move because our workers can move quickly to and from work and between neighborhoods. Since 1929, Standard Parking has helped make that possible every day as companies, commuters and visitors in Chicago rely on its services. With Standard Parking Corporation's announcement of an agreement to merge with Central Parking Corporation today, I am pleased that the company will grow in its size and depth, while keeping its headquarters in Chicago and working with us to move the city forward.

## MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES CITY OF CHICAGO WEBSITE IS NOW AVAILABLE IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES

**Via Google Translate Residents can Access City Information in 64  
Languages Including Spanish, Polish, Chinese and Arabic**

Today, Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced that the City of Chicago website (cityofchicago.org) is now available in 64 languages via Google Translate, providing non-English speakers with easier access to information about City services, programs and initiatives.

"Chicago's vitality has been built on the strength of immigrant populations that have come to enjoy new freedoms and access new opportunities," said Mayor Emanuel. "I want to make Chicago the most immigrant-friendly city in the world and making the City's website available in many different languages will ensure every law-abiding Chicagoan has access to the resources they need to become productive members of society and contribute to our thriving global city."

Using Google Translate, now integrated on the City's homepage, residents can convert the City's website into multiple languages including Spanish, Polish, Chinese and Arabic. In July, Mayor Emanuel announced the creation of the Office of New Americans (ONA) — an office dedicated to improving access to City services and engaging Chicago's global immigrant communities through enhanced collaboration with community organizations, educational institutions and the private sector.

One third of Chicago households speak a language other than English as its primary language and one in five Chicago residents is an immigrant. ONA works to forge partnerships with community organizations, educational institutions and the private sector to:

- Expand opportunities for immigrant business owners and entrepreneurs;
- Enhance coordination between City government and community organizations to increase access to existing City, state and federal programs;
- Expand immigrant parent engagement throughout Chicago Public Schools by learning from successful models like the Logan Square Neighborhood Associations' Parent-Mentor program;
- Establish a centralized language access policy for the City of Chicago that ensures important information about education, public safety, healthcare and City services is transmitted in a culturally competent and effective manner;
- Expand English language educational resources and opportunities in community settings;
- Support the launch of the Illinois DREAM Act to ensure Chicago's students have access to funds to attend to college; and
- Promote U.S. citizenship by working with community organizations and federal agencies that provide immigration and citizenship services.

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## Lincolnwood Adopts New Strategic Plan

On February 21, 2012 the Village Board adopted the Strategic Planning Report for 2012 - 2015. This plan was developed with the assistance of Robert Oberwise of Executive Partners, Inc. This plan is a "blueprint" for the community and outlines the Village Board's vision for the community for the next several years. Included in the plan are 12 goals and objectives for the Village to pursue.

On December 15, 2011, the Village Board met with Mr. Oberwise to develop a new plan. The Village Manager updated the Village Board on the pursuit of the goals and objectives contained in the report adopted in 2010. Then, the Village Board discussed desired additions to the plan and included additional goals and objectives. On February 7, 2012 the Village Board met in Committee of the Whole to finalize the plan. The plan was formally adopted by Resolution at the Village Board's February 21, 2012 Regular Meeting.

The following are the goals stated in the in the plan:

- Continue the Village's realistic fiscal policy; maintaining taxes lower than neighboring communities.
  - Develop the Purple Hotel site as a central gathering destination.
  - Further design and develop the brand and identity for the Village of Lincolnwood.
  - Use Lincolnwood's Economic Development Commission to drive Village's vision for economic development.
  - Become a partner with the mall in promoting opportunities to reinvigorate the mall and surrounding area.
  - Bring more restaurants to the community.
  - Become a "friendly to do business with" government, assisting in attracting and developing business.
  - Review Lincolnwood's economic and business incentive policy, balancing incentives for development and business with those of the community and tax payer.
  - Since government cannot afford to be everything to everyone, focus on core services and manage expectations of citizens through appropriate communications.
  - Create destinations around the pool, attracting Lincolnwood residents and visitors.
  - Reexamine public transportation opportunities and connect to the new Skokie station.
  - Develop a constructive partnership with the overlapping and surrounding taxing body boards (i.e. surrounding municipalities, schools, county, etc.).
- The full Strategic Plan is available on the Village's website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org) and is available for public view at Village Hall.

# Local Arts and Entertainment

## Air Force Rock Band Releases Music Video

Max Impact, the premier rock band of the United States Air Force, released a new video worldwide Feb. 29 featuring their original song "Send Me."

The video integrates footage of the amazing Airmen from Air Force Special Operations Command.

"Send Me" began as a request from within the Special Tactics community when an

AFSOC Airman saw one of Max Impact's high-energy performances. The AFSOC member wanted to highlight the courage and selfless service demonstrated daily by members of the Special Tactics community.

Drawing inspiration from the Special Tactics motto "First there ... that others may live," the exciting original song and video tell the story of these highly-trained Air Force professionals and highlights their commitment and sacrifices.

Master Sgt. Ryan Carson, lead vocalist for Max Impact and co-author of the "Send Me" song, said it was written to honor, encourage and inspire Special Tactics Airmen. "Whether a combat controller, pararescueman, tactical air control party or special operations weather team--these Airmen exemplify the warrior ethos and the Air Force core values of integrity, service and excellence," Carson said.

View the Send Me video on YouTube at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=qRFAsVgMvvU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=qRFAsVgMvvU). For more information about Max Impact or The United States Air Force Band, visit <http://www.usafband.af.mil>.



## "A Theater Review"

*"A Catered Affair"*

*Porchlight Theatre, At Stage 773  
1225 West Belmont Ave, Chicago, Illinois*

*Reviewed by Richard A. Eisenhardt*

The Theatre Building has done extensive remodeling and is now called Stage 773 at 1225 West Belmont.

The Porchlight Theatre is now presenting a chamber musical "A Catered Affair" that has been adapted by Harvey Fierstein with music and lyrics by John Bucchino and the ninety-minute show is receiving its Chicago premiere. It is based on the 1950's movie that starred Bette David, Ernest Borgnine and Debbie Reynolds.

Nick Bowling is directing the show and the musical direction is in the hands of Doug Peck. These are two brilliant artists and the cast is a collection of first-rate performers who are Rebecca Finnegan and Craig Spidle who are the parents of their daughter Janey played by Kelly Davis Wilson. The groom-to-be is Ralph played by Jim Deselm.

The groom's parents are played by Larry Baldacci and Anne Sheridan Smith. The other supporting performer is Jerry O'Boyle as Uncle Winston, who is funny at times as well as serious as the brother of Aggie, who is mother of the bride.

Others in a variety of small roles are Lauren Villegas, Brittani Alandis Green and Caron Buinis.

This chamber musical is a warm but loving story as the mother wants to do more for her daughter.

Sam, the groom's father, wants a huge wedding but as much as Tom who wants to cut back on the guest list for financial reasons.

The show features such musical numbers as "Married," "Your Children's Happiness," "Our Only Daughter," and "Don't Ever Stop Saying 'I Love You.'"

The time and setting for the show takes place in New York's South Bronx on a Tuesday following Memorial Day and onward in 1953.

See how all this turns out as it is something many other families have gone through.

"A Catered Affair" runs through April 11th. For show days - reservations - show times call 773-327-5252. Tickets are \$38.

**-Three and a half Stars-**

## SKOKIE ART GUILD

### 2012 MEMBERS' ONLY SPRING EXHIBIT

"Nature's Palette"

Friday, March 9 through Sunday, April 29

Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street, Skokie

[www.skokieartguild.org](http://www.skokieartguild.org)



### WORKING WITH MOSAICS

Skokie Art Guild Artist Angela Heller will demonstrate Mosaic techniques March 27, 7:00 PM. Skokie Library - Radmacher room, 5215 Oakton St. All Are Welcome! Refreshments! Funding Provided by Village of Skokie

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

Skokie Art Guild's 51st Annual Art Fair. July 14-15, 2012. Fine Art. 75 artists. Held downtown Skokie on the Village Green, 5211 Oakton (next to the Library). Prizes and Awards. APPLY NOW! For information/application: [www.skokieartguild.org](http://www.skokieartguild.org) [skokieart@aol.com](mailto:skokieart@aol.com) 847-677-8163.

## Call for Nominations 2012

### Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence

The Skokie Fine Arts Commission is inviting nominations from the community for Skokie residents who have made a significant contribution to the arts in Skokie.

The 2012 Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence will be presented at the June 4, 2012 Village Board meeting to a Skokie resident who has been nominated for the award and who the Commission believes has made a significant contribution to furthering the arts in the Skokie community. Nominations are welcome for individuals who have contributed to the visual, performing, literature/poetry or musical arts. Nominations must be submitted by April 2, 2012, by completing the form which is available on the Village of Skokie website, [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie.

For more information about the Award for Artistic Excellence or the Skokie Fine Arts Commission please call 847/933-8257 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

## Free Zumba Demonstration Class

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will be holding a free Zumba demonstration class on Sunday, March 18 from 9:00 - 10:00 AM at the Lincolnwood Community Center (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue). Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin and international music with easy to follow moves to create a dynamic fitness program that will blow you away! The routines feature fast and slow rhythms to raise your heart rate and burn calories.

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department also holds Zumba Toning classes, which combine targeted body-sculpting exercises and high-energy cardio work with Latin-infused Zumba moves to create a calorie-torching, strength-training dance fitness party.

Zumba and Zumba Toning classes are taught by certified Zumba instructors Regina Mundt and Diane Garvey. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:15 AM and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:00 PM and 6:30 - 7:30 PM. The spring session begins the week of March 25. Register for all three days or pick the day and time that best fits your schedule. For further convenience, a drop-in daily rate is available for \$10 to Lincolnwood residents and \$13 for non-residents. Please pre-register online ([www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org)) or visit the Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, please call (847) 677-9740.

## Niles North Theatre "Hello, Dolly"

Niles North Theatre presents the musical "Hello, Dolly" on March 15 through 17 in the Niles North Auditorium at 9800 Lawler, Skokie. We follow the adventures of New York's most famous matchmaker - and we're off on a brisk-paced, mad-cap adventure that will keep you smiling. One of America's most beloved musicals; winner of ten Tony Awards, three Olivier Awards, and the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award. Jerry Herman's rousing score makes this one of the most beloved shows in musical theatre history! Tickets are \$10 and may be reserved by calling 847-626-2122. Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Friday, March 16, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 17. A free community performance will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 15.

## Saint Peter School 2012 LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION



### PRESENTS

### International Night

**Saturday, March 24, 2012 6pm - 11:30 PM**

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**For more information, contact: 847-673-0918 <http://www.stpeter-skokie.org/>**

**8140 Niles Center Rd., Skokie, 847-673-0918**

## Park District Hosts Egg Hunts at Soldier Field and Local Parks Egg-Stravaganza March 31 Is City's Largest Free Candy Grab

The Chicago Park District hops to it this spring by hosting dozens of egg hunts, including one for dogs and another with flashlights, March 29-April 14 at citywide parks. Most events will feature treats, prizes, face painting, arts and crafts plus photo opportunities with the bunny. Some activities may require pre-registration due to limited space. Many programs are admission free or have nominal entrance fees. Participants should call the individual parks for additional information.

**Brunch with the Bunny**, Thursday, March 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Merrimac Park, 6343 W. Irving Park Rd., 773-685-3382

Space is limited; advance-sale tickets only; tickets go on sale March 12; no tickets available at the door. Admission \$10; recommended for ages 2-6

**Bunny Bonanza**, Thursday, March 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave., 312-742-7511

Admission \$6; recommended for ages 1-6

**2012 Spring Egg-Stravaganza**, Saturday, March 31

Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus Dr., 312-235-7162

8:30 – 10 a.m. Ticketed brunch in the United Club.

· Admission to the breakfast is \$17.50 for adults, \$12 for children under age 10, and free for children under age 3 with a paying adult.

· Reservations are mandatory for breakfast and must be made by Friday, March 30 by calling 312-235-7162.

11 a.m. Admission-free candy grab on the field.

**Egg Hunt**, Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Holstein Park, 2200 N. Oakley Ave., 312-742-7554

Admission \$3; recommended for ages 2-10

**Egg Hunt**, Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Daley Bicentennial Plaza, 337 E. Randolph St., 312-742-7649

Admission \$5; recommended for all ages

**Egg Hunt**, Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mayfair Park, 4550 W. Sunnyside Ave., 773-685-3361

Admission \$3; recommended for ages 2-11 with an adult

**Tiny Tots with the Bunny**, Saturday, March 31, 12 -2 p.m.

Galewood Park, 5729 W. Bloomingdale Ave., 312-746-5089

Admission \$15; recommended for ages 3-6

**Egg Hunt**, Friday, April 6, 10 -11:30 a.m.

Brands Park, 3259 N. Elston Ave., 773-478-2414

Admission free; recommended for ages 6-7

**9th Annual Doggie Easter Egg Hunt**, Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave., 773-478-3499

Admission \$5 per dog; participants must be at least 18 years of age

Activities include a hunt for treat-filled eggs, a bonnet parade, obstacle course and a raffle. Photos with the bunny will be available for purchase. Dogs must be kept on a leash, and owners must stay with their dogs at all times.

**Eggstravaganza**, Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Chase Park, 4701 N. Ashland Ave., 312-742-7518

Admission free; recommended for ages 3-6; children must be with an adult

**Egg Hunt**, Saturday, April 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Clarendon Park Community Center, 4501 N. Clarendon Ave., 312-742-7512

Admission free; recommended for ages 2-5

For more information about the Chicago Park District's more than 7,800 acres of parkland, 580 parks, 26 miles of lakefront, 10 museums, two world-class conservatories, 16 historic lagoons, nearly 50 natural areas, thousands of special events, sports and entertaining programs, please visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) or contact the Chicago Park District at 312-742.PLAY or 312-747.2001 (TTY). Want to share your talent? Volunteer in the parks by calling 312-742.PLAY.

### BREAKFAST WITH EASTER BUNNY AT RESURRECTION HIGH SCHOOL

The Resurrection College Prep High School Alumnae Association presents Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. All are welcome to have breakfast with the Easter Bunny, enjoy entertainment by Resurrection students and make Easter arts and crafts. Each child will have the opportunity to take a photo with the Easter Bunny and receive a special gift.

Tickets for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny are \$10 per child and \$5 per adult. Due to the popularity of this event, all tickets will be sold in advance. Tickets are available for purchase on the Resurrection website at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org), by phone at 773.775.6616 Ext 127 or by e-mail at [sthorpe@reshs.org](mailto:sthorpe@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 for young women 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).

## CREATIVE CHICAGO EXPO 2012 TWO DAY RESOURCE EXTRAVAGANZA FOR LOCAL CREATIVES

The City of Chicago and the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) present the ninth annual Creative Chicago Expo, extended to two days this year on March 23 & 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street. Admission to the Expo and all workshops is FREE and open to the public. Full Event Details on CAR [www.chicagoartistsresource.org](http://www.chicagoartistsresource.org)

The Expo connects individuals and organizations working in all creative fields – music, film, fashion, theater, dance, literary, visual arts, design, technology and new media – with top local and national resources. 100+ Vendors combined with 32 free workshops to provide



community conversation as part of the many public meetings being held throughout the City for the 2012 Chicago Cultural Plan at 11:30 am both days. For information on the cultural plan, visit [www.chicagoculturalplan2012.com](http://www.chicagoculturalplan2012.com).

Workshops include "Play to Win" on game design for arts organizations by Technofisch Design Studio, "Go See Do: Engaging Audiences through the Web"; "Managing Big

Dreams in Lean Times" by the Chicago Writers' House, and "How to Succeed in the Art World" with Art Career Advisor Paul Klein. Bricks and mortar topics are also featured, including presentations about SBIF and TIF for Arts Organizations; New Artist Live/Work Spaces; and New Dollars and Arts Partners in Sacred Spaces.

Among the 100+ vendors at the 2012 Expo are Kickstarter; Fractured Atlas; Arts and Business Council; Kartemquin Films; Indie Made; I AM Logan Square; Rebuild Foundation; Audience Architects; The Awesome Foundation; American Society of Media Photographers; Poetry Foundation, Rock for Kids; Music Industry Workshop, New York Foundation for the Arts and more.

New this year, the Paczolt Insurance Oasis will provide an intimate setting for learning about important topics like health insurance, domestic partners insurance, charitable giving, liability and cyber-security. Informal Roundtables will present opportunities for conversations on topics ranging from community-building to acoustics. Feedback for the Chicago Cultural Plan and the soon-to-be-released "Creative Chicago Snapshot" will be solicited throughout the Expo.

The Creative Chicago Expo began in 2003 as an affordable housing expo for artists. It has grown into a popular showcase of resources, programs, and tools for artists in all disciplines as well as an intensive opportunity to connect with peers and potential collaborators. Chicago's expo is unique in the nation, combining top local and national resources under one roof and created specifically for the 100,000+ artists living and working in the city today.

Visit [www.ChicagoArtistsResource.org](http://www.ChicagoArtistsResource.org) (CAR) for the workshop schedule, participating vendors and complete details.

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## Visit Chicago this March for the St. Patrick's Day Holiday

Don your best green outfit, or a kilt if you dare, and embrace all Chicago has to offer for those Irish at heart during St. Patrick's Day. From lively parades and the green-dyed Chicago River to parties at hotels and pubs, Chicago visitors of all ages can "go green" all across town.

It must be the luck of the Irish: St. Paddy's falls on a Saturday this year and locals and visitors alike will be celebrating throughout the weekend and in the days leading up to the holiday. Approximately 400,000 people are expected to come to the Loop area for the spectacular parade and to catch a glimpse of the river dyed with brilliant shades of emerald green for the occasion.

"Chicago offers family friendly fun, especially during this spirited holiday," said Dorothy Coyle, Executive Director, Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture. "The dyeing of the river is a beloved tradition for many generations of Chicagoans. The parades and many other celebrations make Chicago a perfect getaway for a day trip or weekend stay."

For help planning your trip and additional event and attraction details, visit the city of Chicago's official tourism website, [www.ExploreChicago.org](http://www.ExploreChicago.org).

**Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade – FREE** Saturday, March 17. Arrive early to get the best viewing spots as the Chicago River is colored with 45lbs of environmentally-friendly green dye at 10:45 a.m. near Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive. Then catch the colorful parade floats, musicians and dancers on Columbus Drive, beginning at Balbo Drive at 12 p.m. and ending at Monroe Drive.

**South Side Irish Parade – FREE** Sunday, March 11. An old favorite returns to Chicago's South Side with a focus on family and Irish heritage. The Beverly neighborhood parade steps off at 11:30 a.m. on Western Avenue and runs from 103rd to 115th Street.

**Northwest Side Irish Parade – FREE** Sunday, March 11. Enjoy the newest of the annual parades when this fun-filled community event steps off at 12 p.m. at Raven Street and Northwest Highway near William J. Onahan School in the Norwood Park neighborhood.

**South Side Irish Family Fest** March 9-11. Before the St. Patrick's Day weekend, bring your "wee folks" to the Beverly Arts Center to celebrate Irish culture while enjoying live entertainment, crafts, food and beverages.

**St. Patrick's Festival at the Irish-American Heritage Center** Saturday, March 17. After Saturday's downtown parade, head north to the Irish-American Heritage Center for contemporary and traditional Irish music, dance, food and activities at this family-oriented annual event from 1p.m. to midnight.

**St Patrick's Day Celebration at Navy Pier – FREE** Saturday, March 17. Join Navy Pier after the downtown parade for an exciting afternoon of Irish dance by Trinity Irish Dancers and live music by Anish from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Family Pavilion Stage.

### Sightseeing: See Chicago Through "Irish Eyes"

**Shoreline Sightseeing Cruises** Saturday, March 17. These popular cruises include a traditional Irish buffet, cash bar and a 90-minute tour of all three branches of the Chicago River. Feast on favorites including Corned Beef and Cabbage and Bread Pudding, and warm up with a cup of Irish Coffee. Professional docents will entertain with stories of how the Irish shaped modern Chicago while you enjoy the scenic views. Cruises are scheduled before and after the downtown Chicago parade, departing at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from Navy Pier.

**Chicago History Museum presents Erin Go Beer! Irish Pubs of Chicago** March 11, 15. Explore your inner leprechaun on this trolley tour that visits various Irish pubs. Enjoy a foamy brew while chatting about each stop and hear about the Irish in Chicago and the history behind St. Patrick's Day.

**Chicago Greeter – FREE** Get the inside scoop on the City's rich Irish-American heritage from an enthusiastic, knowledgeable local during a free Chicago Greeter walk around the city. Eco-conscious travelers can explore the other side of "Green" Chicago with a visit to Chicago's green buildings and park space. Customized for small groups up to six people, these insightful two- to four-hour introductions can be reserved at [chicagogreeter.com](http://chicagogreeter.com) 7-10 days in advance.

**Chicago Neighborhood Tours presents Bridgeport** Saturday, March 31. The city's historically Irish-American Bridgeport neighborhood comes alive, revealing a rich history that sheds light on its working-class past. Chicago Neighborhood Tours are half-day motor coach trips that offer fully-planned itineraries and an expert local guide to lead the way. These affordable and convenient excursions depart from the Chicago Cultural Center at 10 a.m. and can be booked at [chicagoneighborhoodtours.com](http://chicagoneighborhoodtours.com).

### Visitor Information Resources

Visitors and residents entertaining out-of-town guests will find helpful trip-planning tools and tips on Chicago's top-ranked travel and tourism website, [www.ExploreChicago.org](http://www.ExploreChicago.org). For daily alerts about things to do and see in Chicago, follow Explore Chicago on Twitter at [twitter.com/explorechicago](https://twitter.com/explorechicago) (COTC's free Twitter Concierge service @explorechicago) and on Facebook at [facebook.com/explorechicago](https://facebook.com/explorechicago). Discover fun itineraries on the Explore Chicago blog at [explorechicagotourism.com](http://explorechicagotourism.com) and on Foursquare at [foursquare.com/explorechicago](https://foursquare.com/explorechicago).

Expert advice and information about the city's events and attractions are also available at the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture's Visitor Information Centers located across from Millennium Park in the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph Street, and at the historic Water Works pumping station, 163 E. Pearson Street at Michigan Avenue.

## Erin Go Berlin?! Irish Music: German Influence

17 Mar 7:00pm

Not everyone knows that in Beethoven spent over a decade setting Irish folk texts to music - but the DANK Haus does!

Join us this St Patrick's Day with VOX3 Vocal Collective to enjoy Beethoven's contributions as well as Schumann, Brüll (Austrian), Britten, Clarke and Berlioz.

10 Vocalists will bring this rare treat with a piano trio in the Marunde Ballroom.

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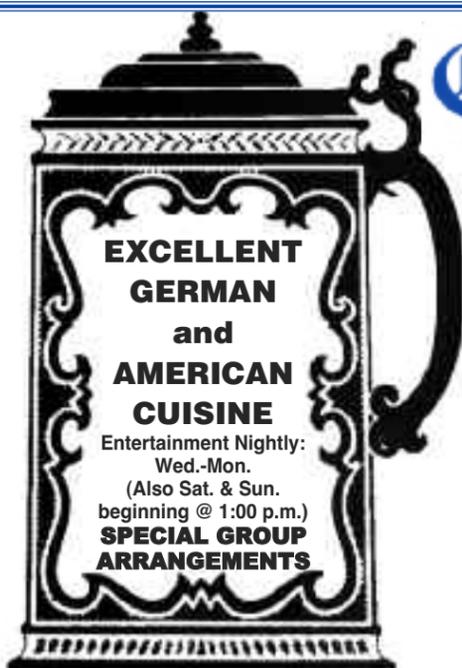
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# SCHOOLS & YOUTH

## NORTH STAR NEWS IS NOW ONLINE

The Niles North High School student newspaper, the North Star, has changed formats to become an online news website. A launch party was held on Thursday, February 23 to officially unveil the new format, which will feature up-to-the-minute news stories and in-depth articles, as well as videos, galleries, and polls.

Go to [www.northstarnews.org](http://www.northstarnews.org), 24-7, to find the latest news about Niles North. The advisers for North Star News are Charles Pratt and Ivan Silverberg.

## 7th GRADE SHADOW DAY & SPRING OPEN HOUSE AT RESURRECTION

Seventh grade girls are invited to a special group Shadow Day at Resurrection College Prep High School on Friday, March 16, 2012 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. 7th graders will be given the opportunity to learn what high school life is all about at Resurrection. Advance registration is required; please contact Debbie Gillespie at 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or [dgillespie@reshs.org](mailto:dgillespie@reshs.org).

Junior high students and their families are also invited to attend the Resurrection College Prep High School Spring Open House for prospective students on Thursday, March 22, 2012 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Students and families can tour the school facilities and meet with current students, staff and administrators. Visitors can also learn about the college prep curriculum and innovative programs at Resurrection, including the block schedule, the Practicum Program, the Advisement Program, the Strategies for Academic Success Program, and work/study tuition assistance opportunities.

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## GUERIN PREP OFFERS TWO SHADOW DAYS FOR SEVENTH GRADERS

Guerin College Preparatory High School, 8001 West Belmont Avenue, River Grove, is sponsoring two "Shadow or Gator Days" Monday, March 5 and Monday, April 2 for seventh-grade students to experience life at Guerin Prep.

The seventh-grade students are accompanied by a current Guerin student and attend classes and other activities from 7:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

To register for a Gator Day, call Mr. Tony Pecoraro, Director of Admissions, at 708-453-6233, ext. 4841, or you can download an application from the Prospective Students page of the Guerin Prep Web site: [www.guerinprep.org](http://www.guerinprep.org).

## NILES WEST STUDENT A SEMIFINALIST FOR U.S. PHYSICS TEAM

Niles West High School student Patrick Liscio qualified as a semifinalist for the U.S. Physics Team. In January, Liscio and other students from across the country took an exam and the top 400 were judged to be semifinalists. Of those 400 semifinalists, 17 are from Illinois. Liscio must now prepare for the semifinal exam, a three-hour test with only six questions, which he will take this month. The top 24 students will make up the U.S. Physics team and five representatives will compete in the 43rd International Physics Olympiad which will be held in July in Estonia.

Liscio, a junior, is a member of the Math Team, Scholastic Bowl, Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) Team and Science Olympiad.

# OUTDOORS & PETS



## Anti-Cruelty Society

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

## Bark in the Park

Bark in the Park registration is now open! Our new and improved registration process is ready to rock and roll, so sign up today and help spread the word about our fundraising efforts to help animals in need through this fun event. Visit [www.barkinthepark.org](http://www.barkinthepark.org) for more details.

## PROESEL PARK PICNIC PERMITS

Permit applications for picnics or other use of park grounds will be issued this year on MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012 starting at 9:00 A.M. The permit date has always been the first day of April, with the first falling on a Sunday this year we will hold the registration process on Monday, April 2.

Permit applications are available at the Parks and Recreation Department located at 6900 N. Lincoln Ave. Applicant shall submit, IN PERSON, all three copies of the permit with proof of residency, (driver's license, state ID, mortgage title, or utility bill) to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Access will be given to the Village Hall lobby at 7:30AM for those waiting in line, via the doors adjacent to the Police Department. Each person will receive a number based on their position in line when the doors are opened. Parks and Recreation staff will process applications in numerical order.

All reservations must be done in person. No online, phone or fax reservations will be accepted. Only residents of the Village of Lincolnwood may reserve the Proesel Park Shelter. Proof of residency is required. Some dates are not available for rental due to community events and recreation programs.

## "Spring is in the Air:" Join Arbor Day in March and Receive 10 Free Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easier for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring through planting trees.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2012 and receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees.

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

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

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

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

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOOD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 30, 2012. Or join online at [arborday.org/March](http://arborday.org/March).

## Urban Wildlife Nesting Materials

It is nest-building season. Help give our feathered friends a hand with recycled materials from your home. Natural materials are always best, but any of these items will work. Place them in a potato, orange, or onion sack (or any other mesh bag) and hang the bag from a tree or bush branch. Watch as birds use as nesting materials.

- Pet fur or human hair
- Leftover yarn or string (less than six-inches in length for easy weaving)
- Leftover fabric strips
- Feathers
- Raffia or other dried grasses
- Small twigs and dried leaves
- A drink and a bath are always refreshing after a long day of nest-building. Don't forget to keep your birdbath refilled with clean water.

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



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### Spring Open House

Thursday, March 22, 2012  
6:30 to 8:30 pm

### International Fest

Sunday, March 25, 2012  
2:00 to 5:00 pm  
Food, music, dance & culture at Resurrection College Prep. All are welcome!

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## Daisy's Girls - Camping with Juliette Gordon Low

Wednesday, March 28 6:30 pm Edgebrook Library

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Directed by Eileen Vorbach

Juliette Gordon Low (1860-1927) was the founder of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. A wealthy socialite of the United States and Great Britain, Juliette spent most of her life enjoying the recreations of the privileged classes. After meeting the founder of the Boy Scouts, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, she discovered a social cause to which she would devote the rest of her life. An enthusiastic organizer and fundraiser, she led the formation of the Girl Scouts of the USA in 1912. By the time of her death, the Girl Scouts had become a successful national organization with thousands of members.

Made possible by a grant from the Edgebrook Woman's Club. For more information please call 773-528-4957 or visit our web site [www.womanlore.com](http://www.womanlore.com) e-mail us at [Betsey@womanlore.com](mailto:Betsey@womanlore.com)

## YIYUN LI'S COLLECTION OF STORIES GOLD BOY, EMERALD GIRL CHOSEN AS THE SPRING 2012 ONE BOOK, ONE CHICAGO SELECTION

Chicago Public Library is proud to announce that the short story collection *Gold Boy, Emerald Girl* by Yiyun Li is the latest selection for Chicago's citywide book club, One Book, One Chicago.

Yiyun Li is one of contemporary literature's masters of the short story. Her work has been published extensively and received countless awards, including the Plimpton Prize from *The Paris Review* and a Pushcart Prize. In 2010 Li received a MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Fellowship. A native of China who moved to the United States in 1996 at the age of 23, she set out to study immunology but changed course and began to write stories in English, still the only language in which she writes.

"One Book, One Chicago continues to bring residents from across the city together to celebrate the joy of exploring new worlds through reading," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "Gold Boy, Emerald Girl continues the rich and varied history of One Book, One Chicago, and I look forward to joining the thousands of residents in reading it this spring."

*Gold Boy, Emerald Girl* is a collection of nine short stories all set in China between the 1970s and the present date. Its stories and characters share a captivating simplicity both in style and substance, and will unveil a China and a people very similar to us. The world Li creates is populated by ordinary Chinese people and the daily joys and challenges of their lives—from a girl in the army trying to keep her distance for self-preservation, to the woman who takes in wives and families of inmates on death row, to the man who has returned to China after years in the U.S. and has secrets from the mother who takes him in.

Writer Francine Prose wrote in one review, "Yiyun Li's tenderness toward her characters, her respect for the richness of their lives, and the subtlety and gentle humor with which she portrays them make the experience of reading *Gold Boy, Emerald Girl* consistently heartening."

### Events

Throughout April, the Chicago Public Library and its program partners offer a variety of events celebrating the book and the people it portrays. Highlights include:

Yiyun Li discusses the book with Achy Obejas at the Harold Washington Library Center on April 19;

Author and scholar Jeffrey Wasserstrom presents a lecture on 21st century presented in partnership with Chicago Sister Cities;

The Gene Siskel Film Center of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago offer a week of screenings of the documentary film *Mulberry Child*, which shares many themes from *Gold Boy, Emerald Girl* and features local author Jian Ping;

Silk Road Rising theatre troupe stage a reading from the book;

A concert of music inspired by Li's stories presented with the Chinese Fine Arts Society;

A tour of Chinatown with the Chinese Cultural Institute;

The Chinese-American Museum of Chicago present a lecture and exhibits;

An open mic night for teens in YOUmedia at the Chicago Public Library.

As they have for each of the One Book, One Chicago selections, the Department of English at DePaul University will offer a course based on the book, along with panel discussions and lectures on their Lincoln Park campus.

An exhibit of artwork inspired by *Gold Boy, Emerald Girl*, created by Chicago area high school students through workshops in the Library's YOUmedia digital space for teens, will run throughout April at the Harold Washington Library Center. This exhibit includes photography, graphic design, painting, illustration and poetry.

Chicago Public Library librarians have created a resource guide for *Gold Boy, Emerald Girl* that is available online and at all Chicago Public Library locations, bookstores and partner institutions. It includes background information, discussion questions, events listing and more. The artwork for the guide was created by local artist Diana Sudyka.

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

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To people like author Michael Branigan, who has spent years on its tarmac, it is a city unto itself, with a fascinating history of gangsters and heroes, mayors, presidents and pilots.

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**Family Storytime.** Mar. 15, 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Seuss. Families with young children are invited to join us for an evening of stories, activities and celebrations. Especially for children ages 3-8. Registration required. Contact the Youth Services Department at 847-677-5277 x234 or [youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

**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.

**Digital Camera Tips & Tricks.** Mar. 14, 6:30-8:30. Presented by Jerry Hug and sponsored by Liberty Bank, this presentation provides tips on taking photos, transferring them to the computer, emailing, correcting an image, and more. Reservations are requested, please call 773-489-4471 or register online at [www.libertybank.com](http://www.libertybank.com).

**Live@Lincolnwood: The Schticklers.** Mar. 18, 2 p.m. America's premier Jewish jug band. Free tickets available at the library's Circulation desk, three weeks prior to event to Lincolnwood residents and one week prior to non-residents.

**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.

**Cliffhangers.** Mar. 14, 3:30 p.m. Come listen to stories read aloud, enjoy book-based activities and have a snack.

**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.

**Cinematic Classics** shown Thursdays at 1 p.m. Mar. 15: "Winchester 73."

**Friday Films** shown weekly at 1 p.m. Mar. 16: "Thunder Soul."

**Morning Matinees.** Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Mar. 15: "Drive."

**The Friends of Lincolnwood Library** meet the fourth 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.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

## ONE BOOK, ONE CHICAGO Spring 2012



Join us in April for the many events taking place around the city.

### Highlights include:

- Author and historian **Jeffrey Wasserstrom: *China in the 21st Century***
- Film screenings at the **Gene Siskel Film Center: *Mulberry Child***
- Concert with the **Chinese Fine Art Society**
- Author **Yiyun Li** in conversation with **Achy Obejas**
- A day of tours & activities in **Chinatown**

For details on these and other events, pick up a copy of the guide at your library or bookstore, visit [onebookonechicago.org](http://onebookonechicago.org) or call (312) 747-8191.



# In Estate Planning, Caveat Emptor



**Chester M. Przybylo**

When we think of Estate Planning, most of us think of the kindly attorney consoling family members at the reading of the Will. We think of the family lawyer who is there to counsel us through illness and family discord. An attorney who focuses his or her practice on estate planning applies the knowledge of the complex laws to the situation at hand. Such an attorney explains the law to the client and is a trusted advisor and counselor. This area of the law is one of the most challenging as it requires knowledge of real property law, family law, business entities, income taxation, estate taxation, gift taxation, state and local taxation, Medicaid reimbursement, and other topics. Few areas require a practitioner to have such

depth and breadth of knowledge as well as counseling skills second to none. Attorneys focusing in estate planning study long and hard in honing their skills and keeping abreast of changes in the law.

However, there are others offering estate planning services that have not honed their skills in this area. Some attorneys merely dabble in this area without staying current. Of even greater concern are the non-attorneys who offer "estate planning" services. Some organizations, such as banks, brokerage firms, or insurance companies, purport to offer some "estate planning" service. While such organizations may have expertise in some narrow aspects of estate planning, such as life insurance or investments, they are not looking at the big picture, nor are they trained or licensed to do so.

Worse yet are the "trust mills," staffed by persons with little to no knowledge of estate planning, churning out "cookie cutter" documents for hundreds of clients. These people have insufficient legal training and are not qualified to make legal suggestions or answer legal questions. However, this does not stop them from practicing law without a license.

A license to practice law, like a medical license, is earned after many years of hard work and study in an approved school. Attorneys then take a bar exam to test that they have mastered sufficient knowledge to counsel clients. Someone that is engaging in the unauthorized practice of law may have no legal knowledge. The unauthorized practice of law is illegal in every state. In some states, the unauthorized practice of law is a serious offense, such as South Carolina in which it is a felony punishable by five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. Other states provide little penalty for unauthorized practice. In Missouri, the penalty is a \$100 fine. In fact, even littering has a greater potential penalty in Missouri.

Attorneys are required to get years of training and pass bar examinations in order to protect the public for those who would otherwise offer services without adequate expertise. Further, those whom have demonstrated themselves to be unethical are denied a license to practice law. An unsupervised paralegal or other non-attorney has not been through this rigorous process.

"Caveat emptor" is Latin meaning "Let the buyer beware." The term arose because back in Roman times, over 2,000 years ago, there were unscrupulous people who would try to sell goods or services that were substandard. Much has changed in 2,000 years. Empires have risen and crumbled and wars have been fought. However, the phrase "caveat emptor" holds true today, as then.

Beware the unlicensed and the dabblers. An attorney focusing in estate planning has the skills and knowledge necessary to help you assess and achieve your goals.

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

## The Lincolnwood Social Club

Day trips, drop-in programs, guest speakers and seasonal mixers are just a few of the activities enjoyed by Lincolnwood Social Club members. Area seniors, age 55 years and better, are encouraged to join the program and start taking advantage of some of the upcoming programming including theater outings to see *The Pirates of Penzance* (May 16), *Dream Girls* (October 10) and *Singin' in the Rain* (November 28). Other day trips include the Glenn Miller Orchestra (May 22), History Lunch Tour on the Spirit of Chicago (June 20) and Lake Geneva Lake Tour and Lunch at The Abbey (July 18). Registration fees include round trip transportation and lunch for most outings.

Drop-in programs are offered on a weekly basis at the Lincolnwood Community Center (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue). Weekly activities include bridge, mah jongg and senior exercise. Classes are offered either free of charge or at a discount for Social Club members. In addition to day trips and drop-in programs, members enjoy monthly activities including movie viewings with catered lunch, area restaurant outings as well as outings to city locales (transportation included) and monthly social mixers highlighting member birthdays.

There are plenty of March activities still open for new members including lunch at Kendall College (March 14) and Ming Hin in Chinatown (March 21), I Love Lucy viewing and lunch (March 23), Wii games and appetizers (March 28) and My Week with Marilyn viewing and lunch (March 30).

For membership information and a complete list of activities, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or access at [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org).

## Tai Chi for Older Adults and People with Arthritis

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will hold two free Tai Chi demonstration classes on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 from 11:00 - 11:30 AM and 6:30 - 7:00 PM. Tai Chi consists of fluid, gentle movements that are slow in tempo. It improves strength, flexibility, balance, well-being and overall fitness. This form is especially ideal to free up stiff joints and muscles. Participants have better balance, significant pain relief, increased sense of well-being, and improved physical ability. This class is taught by Arthritis Foundation Certified Instructor Renee Gatsis.

Spring classes are offered on Wednesdays from 11:00 AM - Noon and 6:30 - 7:30 PM at the Lincolnwood Community Center (6900 N. Lincoln Avenue) from March 28 - May 23. Pre-register online ([www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org)) or by visiting the Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, please call (847) 677-9740.

## Oakton Hosts Combating Elder Abuse Workshop

Did you know that approximately only one in 13 cases of elder abuse is ever reported? Learn more about combating elder abuse on Thursday, April 19, at Oakton.

Sponsored by the College's Continuing Education for Health Professionals program, the conference Combating Elder Abuse: Signs, Symptoms, and Intervention is geared toward social workers, professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, occupational therapists, and other allied health professionals. This program also is open to the general public.

Expert speakers include Roger Weise, M.D., medical director of older adult health care, Alexian Brothers Medical Group; Holly Zielke, M.A., elder abuse program coordinator, Illinois Department on Aging; and Gary Gilles, M.A., a licensed clinical professional counselor with a private practice in Palatine.

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify exploitation, neglect, and abuse of older adults in today's practicing health care environment.
- Develop a practical framework for compassionate intervention in domestic elder abuse.
- Identify family dynamics that are most likely to lead to elder abuse.
- Understand the proper procedure for reporting elder abuse and neglect.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the conference will run from 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., at Oakton's Des Plaines campus, 1600 East Golf Road. Early bird registration is \$70 before Monday, March 19 (\$96 after March 19). Upon completion, participants will be eligible for continuing education credits.

To register or for a detail program brochure, contact Oakton's Alliance for Lifelong Learning at 847-635-1808 or 847-635-1934.

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## “LANDSCAPES BEFORE AND AFTER” MARCH 21 AT NORWOOD CROSSING

The throes of winter remain but the thoughts of gardeners turn to spring and the colorful and fruitful yields that will result from early preparation. This is an opportunity to broaden your landscape skills and garden knowledge during this Timely Talk on “Landscapes Before and After,” presented by Maureen Taylor, a Master Gardener. The Timely Talk program will be held at 2 p.m., on Mar. 21, at Norwood Crossing, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Parking is available in the lot behind the building, entrance off Avondale Ave.

In her presentation, Taylor, who has her own landscape design business and serves as president of the Irving Park Garden Club, will discuss some of her recent projects that show the impact a professionally designed landscape can have on a property. She designed four community gardens with the help of neighborhood volunteers and, in 2007, won Mayor Daley’s Landscape Award for her own yard and for her Community Gardens. Following her program, she will answer plant or landscape questions. Whether you are a hobby gardener or a fan of landscape TV shows, you won’t want to miss this talk.

Refreshments will be available, and a raffle will be held. A question and answer session along with refreshments will follow the program. For more information or to RSVP, call (773) 577-5323 or email [info@norwoodcrossing.org](mailto:info@norwoodcrossing.org).

## IN TIME FOR SPRING CHICAGOS GREETER SERVICE RETURNS

After a successful holiday season and just in time for spring break, the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture’s Magnificent Mile InstaGreeter service returns with free, one-hour walks of North Michigan Avenue and surrounding areas led by knowledgeable locals beginning March 16. The walk-up service, offered by the Chicago Greeter program, will be available through April 21 on Fridays and Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., leaving from the Water Works Visitor Information Center, 163 E. Pearson Street. Volunteer greeters will provide information and insights on the Streeterville and Gold Coast neighborhoods; landmarks such as the John Hancock Center and the former Playboy Mansion, historic hotels and cathedrals; and best bets for shopping. For more information, visit [www.chicagogreeter.com](http://www.chicagogreeter.com) or [www.ExploreChicago.org](http://www.ExploreChicago.org).

Chicago Greeter is a program of the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture. Celebrating 10 years in 2012, Chicago Greeter is recognized internationally for its innovation and consistently ranked as one of the most popular programs of its kind in the world. Last year, Chicago Greeter matched 9,000 visitors with local volunteers for an insider’s orientation to Chicago, a 25% increase over 2010.

Nearly 250 visitors took advantage of the no-appointment-needed Magnificent Mile InstaGreeter service this past holiday season from November 4-December 31, 2011, a 29% increase in the number of walks and a 73% increase in the total number of people using the service.

### Chicago Greeter (Year-Round, Registration Required)

The year-round Chicago Greeter service provides visitors with the opportunity to see Chicago with local residents on 2- to 4-hour visits of the city. Groups of up to six people can pre-register and choose a neighborhood or interest area to explore such as architecture, history or ethnic Chicago. A founding member of the Global Greeter network, Chicago Greeter offers free visits in 10 languages in 26 neighborhoods and 40 interest areas. For details, visit [www.chicagogreeter.com](http://www.chicagogreeter.com).

### InstaGreeter (Year-Round & Seasonal, No Appointment Needed)

InstaGreeter offers free, one-hour walks around the Loop with Chicago volunteers throughout the year and in neighborhoods such as Hyde Park, Old Town, and Pilsen and in Millennium Park, May through October. In addition to March 16 through April 21, Magnificent Mile InstaGreeter is offered during the holiday season in November and December. All InstaGreeter walks are first-come, first-served and limited to groups of six or fewer. For more information, visit [www.chicagogreeter.com](http://www.chicagogreeter.com).

### Visitor Information Resources

Visitors and residents entertaining out-of-town guests will find helpful trip-planning tools and tips on Chicago’s top-ranked travel and tourism website, [www.ExploreChicago.org](http://www.ExploreChicago.org). For daily alerts about things to do and see in Chicago, follow Explore Chicago on Twitter at [twitter.com/explorechicago](https://twitter.com/explorechicago) (COTC’s free Twitter Concierge service @explorechicago) and on Facebook at [facebook.com/explorechicago](https://facebook.com/explorechicago). Discover fun itineraries on the Explore Chicago blog at [explorechicagotourism.com](http://explorechicagotourism.com) and on Foursquare at [foursquare.com/explorechicago](https://foursquare.com/explorechicago).

Expert advice and information about the city’s events and attractions are also available at the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture’s Visitor Information Centers located across from Millennium Park in the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph Street, and at the historic Water Works pumping station, 163 E. Pearson Street at Michigan Avenue.

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### Upcoming Events

16 Mar Mc Stammtisch	15 Apr Germania on the Pier
17 Mar Erin Go Berlin	6 May Bach & Beyond
23 Mar German Cinema Distant Lights	31 May Maifest
24 Mar Osterfest	9 Jun Euro 2012 Ger v Portugal
31 March Schuhplattler Fest	13 Jun Euro 2012 Ger v Nether
13 Apr Kulturkueche Sausage Making	17 Jun Euro 2012 Ger v Den
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## Village Lenten Recipes

### Broccoli Lasagna

Makes 10 servings

2 10 3/4 oz. cans condensed cream of broccoli soup  
1 10 oz. pkg. frozen chopped broccoli  
Salad Oil  
1 lg. onion, diced  
12 lasagna noodles (8 is enough)  
1 15 oz. container ricotta cheese

3 carrots, thinly sliced

3/4 lb. mushrooms, sliced

2 8oz. pkgs. Shredded mozzarella cheese

2 lg. eggs.

About 2 1/2 hours before serving:

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

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

vegetables are very tender; remove to bowl.

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

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

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

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

*From the kitchens of Rose Suter*

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### March Stammtisch

The March 16 Stammtisch will be known as McStammtisch to celebrate that favorite Chicago blend of ethnicities: German and Irish.

Bagpiper Peter Duffield of Celtic Sounds will perform traditional tunes as well as some German melodies. On tap will be Harp beer as well as Baby Guinness shots and a leberkäse reuben from the kitchen.

Pretzels, landjaeger and German beer still available

### Heimat Films

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10 Mar Jaegerblut

17 Mar Rosen-Resli

24 Mar Der Graf von Luxemburg, Free admission. Kaffee und Kuchen \$4-\$6

### Fairy Tale Worlds Exhibit

Late March thru 23 April Whether or not you read any of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales as a child or adult, there is a part of us all that connects to stories collected 200 years ago. Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm first published the world famous collection in 1812. The Goethe-Institut celebrates this anniversary with a worldwide exhibition for fans of fairy tales, both young and old! The DANK Haus is transformed into a pine forest with seven treasure chests exploring themes of good and evil, villains and heroes, animals and humans and more; in both German and English.

Exhibit opens late March. Please contact us for hours and days

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### DANK Haus Celebrates St. Patrick’s Day

After viewing the parade and the green river, grab a drink and some culture the evening of March 17 at Erin Go Berlin?! Irish music with German influence. DANK Haus German American Cultural Center teams up with VOX 3 Collective, Chicago’s source for vocal music, to provide a concert of gems that befit the Emerald Isle. Erin Go Berlin?! traces Irish influences in works by famed German, Austrian, French, and British composers. Ludwig van Beethoven set several collections of Irish folksongs for piano trio; Ignaz Brüll gave us expansively romanticized Irish melodies; Robert Schumann composed tunes to texts by Robert Burns and Thomas Moore. Rounding out the program are charming pieces by Benjamin Britten, Rebecca Clarke, and selections from the Hector Berlioz rarity “Irlande.” Join us for these great works for voices, violin, cello, and piano.

The performance is Saturday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in the Marunde Ballroom at DANK Haus, 4740 N. Western Avenue, Chicago. Admission is \$5; tickets are available online through Brown Paper Tickets: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/224447>. For more information, visit [www.dankhaus.com](http://www.dankhaus.com) or [www.vox3.org](http://www.vox3.org).

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