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## Local Hero Shani Davis Wins Gold, Silver at Vancouver Winter Olympics

Shani Davis followed his Gold Medal performance in the 2010 Olympic Games' 1,000-meter speedskating event with a Silver Medal in the 1,500 meters on February 20. His medals in these two events were a repeat from his performance in the 2006 Olympic Games in Turin.

Because Shani is still competing, a celebration honoring him is pending. He will be competing in the World Cup in Erfurt, Germany on March 6-7, followed by the Word Cup final in Heerenveen, Netherlands on March 13-14. Shani learned to speedskate with the Evanston Speedskating Club and returns to Robert Crown Center regularly.



Check with your local park district and city or village halls for events and parades.

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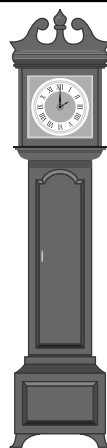
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See page 4 for story.

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Please call 847-635-1426 for more details or e-mail  
[www.oakton.edu/cont\\_ed/vita.html](http://www.oakton.edu/cont_ed/vita.html).

# Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation – 2010 Picnic Permit Procedures

In late winter when the sun shines brightly, our thought drift towards summer fun, and what could be more fun than a family gathering/picnic at the Proesel Park Shelter in Lincolnwood. Picnic Permits are required to hold a picnic in the shelter, and listed below are the procedures to obtain your 2010 Picnic Permit.

## 2010 Proesel Park Shelter Picnic Permit Procedure

Proesel Park Picnic Reservations will be taken starting on Thursday, April 1 at 9:00AM for the 2010 season at the Lincolnwood Village Hall, Parks and Recreation Department, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue

Access will be given to the Village Hall lobby at 7:30 AM 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. Prior to 7:30 AM, a single file line should form outside the double doors at the entrance. Please be courteous of your neighbors.

No blank reservation forms will be given out prior to April 1. All forms will have to be filled out on site after numbers have been distributed.

Parks & Recreation staff will process applications in numerical order based on your number. Each person is allowed to reserve one date per number. If a patron wants to reserve more than one date it will be necessary to go to the end of the line and get another number. Only one reservation date per number.

All reservations must be done in person. No online, phone or fax reservations will be accepted on April 1.

Only residents of the Village of Lincolnwood may reserve the Proesel Park Shelter. Proof of residency is required. A government issued ID, utility bill, tax bill, or lease is an appropriate form of identification. Forms of payment include MasterCard, Visa, check or cash. Some dates are not available for rental due to community events and recreation programs.

This process will take time. Your patience is appreciated. For more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

# Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission Seeks Nominations for Annual Award

Do you know someone who has demonstrated that they can bring people together and help the Lincolnwood community? Is there an unsung hero you feel has been an outstanding neighbor, co-worker or classmate — someone who promotes understanding, mutual respect and neighborly cooperation among Lincolnwood residents? The Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission (LHRC) is currently seeking nominations for its 2010 Human Relations Commission Award.

Seeking to honor its sixth award recipient, the LHRC aims to promote its message of diversity, tolerance and understanding by choosing an individual that really cares about his or her community. The Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission Award is open to all Lincolnwood residents and to all non-residents who either own a Lincolnwood business or work in Lincolnwood. The recipient will be awarded for outstanding personal leadership and accomplishment in any area of public service, human rights and/or equal opportunity, such as business, education, government, health or housing. Recipients may be selected for their work as a volunteer or through activities as part of their jobs.

Each spring, at a Village Board meeting, one recipient is awarded with a recognition plaque and the addition of his or her name on a perpetual plaque displayed in the Lincolnwood Village Hall. Past recipients include: Rabbi Joel Lehrfield, Dr. Azher Quader, Lillian Streicher, Dorothy Clarke and Julie Anne Nitz-Weiss.

Nominations for the LHRC 2010 Award can be submitted to the LHRC from anyone in the community. The LHRC's Award Committee will make a recommendation to the LHRC of the final selection. Everyone is encouraged to submit a nomination letter along with supportive materials, such as newspaper articles, photographs, etc. Nomination letters should include full contact information from the person submitting the nomination and must be received by April 20, 2010. Nomination letters may be directed to the Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission c/o Sgt. Mark Weidner, Lincolnwood Police Department, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, IL 60712.

For additional information, please contact Sgt. Mark Weidner at 847- 673-2167.

# Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Introduces Zumba® Fitness Party!

## Community Center adds new cardiovascular fitness class

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department is infusing party fun into fitness this March with the launch of Zumba®.

Zumba disguises the “work” from “working out” by combining amazing, irresistible Latin and international music with dynamic, yet simple dance exercise moves, using an intermittent training format.

While Zumba embraces all the fundamental principles of fitness, the key to Zumba's success is how the music and movement motivate the body to efficiently burn calories, effectively tone all muscle groups, incorporate full range of motion, and improve the cardiovascular system. Fun and music are the two special motivational ingredients. Utilizing the natural beat, tempo, and music transitions, the Zumba dances seamlessly flow from one toning, strengthening, or cardio move into the next. Participants are constantly engaged and entertained with the variety of rhythms including salsa, merengue, samba, belly dancing, cumbia, flamenco, reggaeton, and more! Zumba breaks away from the typical aerobic class format and uses the passion of the music as it was meant to be experienced. Even those who believe they have “two left feet” are successful in a Zumba class because of the natural flow of the simple steps that radiate though the body in synch with the music.

Zumba is recognized by the world's leading fitness educators, including the Aerobic and Fitness Association of America, the American Council on Exercise, and CanFitPro, a Canadian national fitness accreditation organization. With sanctioned training programs in countries like China, Japan, Taiwan, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Venezuela, Zumba is taking the world by storm.

A free Zumba demonstration class will be held at the Lincolnwood Community Center on Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is currently underway. For more information, please contact the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit the department's website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org), where online registration is available.

# The Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission Sponsors Local Food Drive

The Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission (LHRC) is sponsoring its annual, village-wide food drive from March 1 to April 15. There will be drop off stations throughout Lincolnwood at local businesses and organizations. The Annual Food Drive benefits the Niles Township Food Pantry.

Community members are urged to participate to help stop hunger in our neighborhood. Suggested donation items include canned/bottled foods, such as canned fruit, Canned/bottled juice, small jars of jelly, peanut butter, canned soup, baby food, formula, tuna, small jars of mayonnaise, etc., and dry foods, such as macaroni & cheese, pasta dishes, rice dishes, powdered milk, coffee, tea, crackers, packaged cookies, etc. Grocery store gift cards are also accepted.

The Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission is committed to promoting recognition and respect for the dignity of each member of the community. The Commission creates opportunities for the community to participate in positive interpersonal experiences by sponsoring enjoyable events and activities for citizen involvement by providing educational enrichment and by serving as a resource and facilitator for the citizens of Lincolnwood. The purpose of the Commission is to promote understanding, mutual respect and neighborly cooperation among all Lincolnwood residents.

Some of the other LHRC's activities include neighbor relations, educational seminars for businesses, the annual July 4th Concert, ethnic/multicultural fair, and the diversity flag display. Meetings are held on the second Monday evening of each month at Village Hall at 7 p.m. All Lincolnwood residents are invited to attend.

All businesses are encouraged to serve as drop off stations for food donations. So far, fifteen businesses have agreed to place a collection container in their front lobby. Community members may also drop off food donations at the Lincolnwood Police Department located at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue anytime of the day, seven days a week. For additional information or to find other drop off locations, please contact Sgt. Mark Weidner at 847-673-2167.

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# Evanston Ordinance to Ban Hand Held Cell Phones while Driving Takes Effect March 15th

The Evanston City Council recently passed an ordinance making it illegal to speak on a hand-held cell phone while driving. As of March 15th, 2010 drivers will now be required to use a hands-free device in a public safety effort to curtail distracted driving. The ordinance was put forth by 7th Ward Alderman Jane Grover.

As of the first of the year, Illinois law now bans texting while driving. The City’s new ordinance also bans texting while driving but additionally prohibits web browsing or listening to voice mail while driving. The City ordinance permits drivers to talk on the phone while driving if they use a hands-free device.

The City ordinance calls for a \$50 fine, with an added \$200 penalty if the violation occurs at the time of a traffic accident.

# New School Speed Zone Fines - Police to Launch ‘Educational Enforcement’

Increased penalties for speeding in school safety zones took effect Friday, February 26, 2010 and the Evanston Police Department began an Education Enforcement program at that time.

Penalties for violating a school speed zone increase to \$500 plus a \$50 penalty paid to the school district. Prior to this ordinance, such violations had been handled under state law (625 ILCS 5/11-605), which provides for a minimum fine of \$150 with an additional \$50 penalty paid to the school district and court costs.

The City of Evanston’s Traffic Bureau, in support of the new ordinance for speeding in school safety zones, will initiate Educational Enforcement throughout the city’s school safety zones. The educational push began on Friday, February 26 and run through Friday, March 5 (On school days when school children are present). Normal enforcement action using this new ordinance will begin on March 8.

The Educational Enforcement action includes the issuance of warning citations to school safety zone violators along with a copy of the City of Evanston press release on the changes. Each violator will also be advised of the new ordinance and the increased penalty for any future violations of this nature. The Educational Enforcement does not include reckless or negligent driving behaviors nor drivers involved in traffic crashes.

The new ordinance, like the state statute, requires drivers to slow to 20 mph between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. in posted school zones on school days when children are present outside the school building.

The new ordinance means that the Evanston Police Department issues tickets under the new ordinance rather than state law. The cases would then initially be heard in the City’s Administrative Hearings Division rather than in the Skokie Municipal District 2 courthouse.

The purpose of a school speed zone is to reduce the speeds of vehicular traffic so that a driver has more time to recognize and react to a schoolchild within the travel way, allowing enough distance to slow, evade and/or stop prior to an incident. The zones also allow schoolchildren, especially young schoolchildren, to more accurately anticipate vehicular movements in order to safely cross the roadway.

# Crime Drops in Evanston by 13% in 2009

While other communities throughout the nation may have seen a rise in crime between 2008 and 2009, the City of Evanston has achieved a significant decline as it pertains to major part-one crime categories. Statistics indicate that murder is down 50%, criminal sexual assault rose from 5 incidents to 7 translating to a 40% increase, robbery was down a significant 29.6%, aggravated battery & assault down 5.7%, burglary down 12.6%, theft down 12.9%, motor vehicle theft down 23% and arson rose from 8 to 11, equaling an increase of 37.5%. This statistical analysis equates to a year to date comparison aggregate for 2008 to 2009 indicating a total overall decline in crime of 13.4%.

# Skokie Art Guild’s

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Skokie Art Guild is an affiliate of the Skokie Part District.

More Info: [Skokieartguild.org](http://Skokieartguild.org)

# Veterans Invited to Join VFW

Skokie Valley VFW Post #3854 has been faithfully serving veterans and the community since its inception way back in 1943. Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars is a coveted honor and restricted to those who served the U.S. in time of war or emergencies. Due to the loss of many of our WWII members, we are now seeking new younger members to help carry on with our programs for veterans and the community. We will gladly pay the first years dues for eligible veterans, male or female. If interested, call 847-673-9781 Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Every eligible veteran should help protect his or her rights by joining and supporting the VFW! The Skokie VFW Post is located at 7401 N. Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076

# Finalists Perform To Claim Title as the 2010 Opera Idol

American Idol-Style Contest Boasts Aspiring Opera Singers Competing for a Once-In-A-Lifetime Grand Prize

The competition is fierce as the finalists prepare to battle it out during their final performances for the title of 2010 Opera Idol. The Opera Idol finals, slated to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010, in the ballroom of the North Shore Retirement Hotel, located at 1611 Chicago Avenue in downtown Evanston, will feature the top six contestants, between the ages of 18 and 29 years old. The final contest will be presented in a Master Class format, with the internationally renowned opera star Sherrill Milnes providing guidance and coaching for the aspiring opera singers who are competing for a \$2,400 scholarship and more. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, so reservations are recommended.

One winner, chosen by popular vote of North Shore Retirement Hotel residents and their guests, will be announced at the end of the competition. The grand prize includes a \$2,400 scholarship and airfare to attend the nationally recognized V.O.I.C.Experience workshop, directed by Milnes and the non-profit V.O.I.C.Experience faculty. The workshop is an intensive three-week program of the V.O.I.C.Experience Foundation, held in August in Tampa, FL.

Milnes, a renowned American baritone, founded the non-profit V.O.I.C.Experience organization in 2001. As the organization’s Artistic Director, Milnes works with Maria Zouves, Executive Director, “to provide performance and study opportunities for singers, while creating an outreach of opera and musical theatre to the communities of the world.” This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with Milnes, Zouves and other world-renowned coaches, theater and operatic personalities at V.O.I.C.Experience provides the Opera Idol winner with coaching, lessons, master classes, outreach programs and a special “Mission: Audition” project.

For further information or to attend this competition, please call the Opera Idol coordinator at the North Shore Retirement Hotel at 847.864.6400, ext. 622.

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# Best Friends/ Companion Pets

## We We

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

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

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

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

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



## Evanston Dog Beach and Boat Launch

The Evanston Dog Beach pass packet is now online at [www.cityofevanston.org/dogbeach](http://www.cityofevanston.org/dogbeach). Patrons without a computer can call 847-866-2900 and have a packet mailed to them.

There are important changes this year when applying for a dog beach pass. We will ONLY accept the City of Evanston verification form as proof of shots and test. Mail-in registration begins Monday, March 1. Walk-ins start at 8:30 a.m., Monday, March 8 at the Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave. All applicants must have a valid 2010 City pet license, (available at the Collector's Office) or, if not a resident, proof of the required license from their community.

The Dog Beach season has been lengthened and will open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m., starting April 1 and ending Nov. 30.  
Boat packets for Church St. and Dempster St. launch facilities will go online Monday, March 1 at [www.cityofevanston.org/lakefront](http://www.cityofevanston.org/lakefront). Reconstruction of the Dempster Street Boat Launch Facility will be completed before the start of the 2010 beach season.

## Evanston Pet Licenses Go on Sale March 1

Call for information (847) 866-2926

# Urban Wildlife Coalition: Coexisting with Coyote

According to several Wheaton, Illinois city council members, coyote populations in the western suburb have increased, reaching "nuisance" levels and the animals must be destroyed. This decision was made after a coyote attacked and killed a pet dog that was off-leash in a resident's backyard surrounded by an invisible fence. Wheaton Councilman Jim Prendiville has urged the city council to reconsider this decision, but they are still investigating culling options, among them: suspending gun laws so the coyotes may be shot or setting leg traps.

Coyotes are among the most violently tyrannized animals in North American history. Hunted, trapped, poisoned, and deprived of habitat, they've relied upon their shrewd instincts and hardiness to adapt to a hostile environment. These highly intelligent animals have been quite successful. Once found only in the western United States and Canada, they are now in almost every state, including Alaska, and have learned to thrive in urban environments.

Like other animals that once lived quietly in our Midwestern wilderness, coyotes have taken to the streets only because their habitat has been systematically destroyed by humans. With plentiful shelter and food (like squirrels, rabbits, and mice), there would be no reason for coyotes to venture out into urban areas. Despite our attempts to vilify them as "menaces," they are not bad animals, simply creatures searching for food.

### Facts about coyotes:

Each year, more than 4.7 million people are bitten by dogs. Coyote attacks on humans, though far more publicized, are actually very rare.

Coyotes are smaller than you may think – adults generally weigh 15-45 lbs. – about the size of a small or medium dog.

Coyotes are omnivores and will eat just about anything available – berries, acorns, mice, rabbits, pet food, and pizza.

Coyotes are fast runners (reaching speeds of 30 mph) but poor climbers.

Killing coyotes as a solution to population management not only is inhumane, it simply does not work. History has proved their ability to adapt. Like other wild animals, they will adjust, producing larger litters and cross-breeding to fill the gap. Moreover, the lethal methods being considered in an urban area are disturbing and potentially dangerous. Does the city of Wheaton really want to hire someone to unload firearms in residents' backyards? Leg traps are indiscriminate and can potentially ensnare and injure the very pets and children this misguided method tries to protect. This method also is especially cruel, in fact, leg traps have been banned in 88 countries and several states. Animals experience excruciating pain – skin is lacerated, bones sometimes break, and the animal becomes so frightened, it may try to twist or pull off its own limb to save its life.

Why would anyone consider these gruesome alternatives, when other humane options are available?

### Tips for keeping coyotes away.

Coyote attacks on pets are infrequent, and attacks on humans are very rare. If you live in an area where coyote populations are high and you are concerned, simply take a few precautions. Keep small pets indoors or attended on a leash. Make sure to accompany small children playing outside.

Remove outdoor food sources: feed pets indoors and tightly secure garbage cans (or keep them in the garage until garbage pick-up days).

Since coyotes usually cannot climb higher than six feet, install a tall fence (with a row of rocks buried to prevent digging).

Generally, coyotes do not like loud noises or big movements. If necessary, deter them with a shrill whistle, by banging pots, or with a motion-detected sprinkler.

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John Prendiville (against the proposed coyote cull) [jprendiville@wheaton.il.us](mailto:jprendiville@wheaton.il.us)

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

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## U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY OFFERS BOATING CLASSES

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The class will cover topics such as Boat Construction and Nomenclature, Boat Handling, Safety and Legal Requirements, and Aids to Navigation, among others.

The course is an excellent introduction to boating, and can be a great review for more experienced boaters who want to further their seamanship skills.

The United States Coast Guard strongly recommends that all boaters, both new and experienced, take this course to become knowledgeable in understanding boating and the rules under which boats operate. Upon completion of the course, students will receive an official certificate and ID card recognizing their successful efforts. Registrations will be accepted through March 16th. For registration information, please call (773) 467-0260.

CJE SENIORLIFE CO-HOSTING TWO  
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Are high energy bills burning a hole in your budget? Are you paying too much for phone service? During these trying economic times, many individuals and families are feeling the crunch of paying the regular household bills. Representatives of the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) are teaming up with CJE SeniorLife through the J-Help initiative to offer up some helpful solutions:

**Tuesday, March 16** Saving Energy in Your Home. Representatives from CUB will discuss programs and incentives that can help individuals save money and energy in the home (no individual consultations will be offered). RSVP by calling 773/508-1000. 1 p.m., Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago.

**Thursday, April 15** Untangle Your Phone Bill. If you are paying more than \$25 for phone service, you are probably paying too much. Individuals can bring in their monthly phone bill and meet with representatives of CUB who may be able to lower monthly costs. Advance registration by April 8 is required. Call 773/508-1047. 1 p.m., Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway, Chicago

CJE SeniorLife is an innovative provider of community-based and residential programs, and services for older adults throughout the Chicago area. Over the past 38 years, CJE’s wide range of services has grown to include assisted living, counseling and care management, long-term skilled nursing, Alzheimer’s care, home health, wellness programs and much more. CJE is a partner in serving the community, supported by the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation. For more information about CJE services, call 773/508-1000 or visit [www.cje.net](http://www.cje.net).

CJE SENIORLIFE NOW TAKING  
APPLICATIONS FOR HOME  
REPAIRS FOR OLDER ADULTS

CJE SeniorLife is now taking applications for home repairs through its Small Accessible Repairs for Seniors (SARFS) program. Funded through a grant from the Chicago Department of Community Development, the program provides home repairs to older adults within the city limits of Chicago.

To qualify for this assistance, individuals must be 62 years of age or older, own their own home or condo, live in Chicago Wards 50, 49, 48 or 46, and fall under the income guidelines per household: one person, \$42,200 annually; two persons, \$48,250; three persons, \$54,250.

For those households meeting eligibility criteria, SARFS pays for all costs related to the approved repairs, both materials and labor. Included in the repairs covered by the program are installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, hand-held fire extinguishers, safety and enabling devices such as grab bars and handrails in stairways. Security issues are addressed with door, lock, window and glass repair or replacement, as well as tile floor replacement in kitchens and bathrooms. Bathroom modifications include sink, faucet, vanity and toilet replacement, as well as hand-held showers and shower benches installed.

The SARFS coordinator will assist with the application and documentation process, as well as coordinate the repairs from the evaluation of the home, determining the needed repairs, scheduling licensed/insured city approved contractors and final inspection. For questions or to submit an application, call 773/508-1000 and ask for the Home Repair program.

CJE SeniorLife is an innovative provider of community-based and residential programs, and services for older adults throughout the Chicago area. Over the past 38 years, CJE’s wide range of services has grown to include assisted living, counseling and care management, long-term skilled nursing, Alzheimer’s care, home health, wellness programs and much more. CJE is a partner in serving the community, supported by the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation. For more information about CJE services, call 773/508-1000 or visit [www.cje.net](http://www.cje.net).

Americans Recognize Risk of Fire  
to Older Adults

Older adults are more vulnerable to a number of risks including fire, either at home or in assisted living facilities such as nursing homes. In a recent nationwide survey conducted by the Society for Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), Americans correctly identified adults age 65 and older as the most at-risk group.

Thirty-nine percent of Americans named older adults as the most at risk of fire danger, while 26 percent of respondents indicated that infants and toddlers were most at risk. At the same time, 63% of Americans stated they think about fire less than once a year.

“I’m not surprised that Americans recognize the increased risk of fire to older adults. People with limited physical and cognitive abilities, especially older adults, are at a higher risk of death from fire than other groups,” says Chris Jelenewicz, Engineering Program Manager at SFPE. “At the same time, it’s dismaying that most people don’t think about fire even once a year when over 3,000 people die each year as a result of fire. Without a doubt, the public does not fully understand the enormity and seriousness of the fire problem.”

While fire is a noteworthy risk for people of all ages, federal government statistics cite older adults to be almost twice as likely to die in a fire as compared to the rest of the population. Older adults are more likely to suffer from reduced sensory abilities and mental capacities as well as physical disabilities. Moreover, medical devices, cooking equipment and electrical products can pose serious fire risks to older adults.

There are numerous ways that fire protection engineers play an essential role in designing safe facilities that house the aging population. For example, fire protection engineers analyze how buildings are used, how fires start, how fires grow, and how fire and smoke affects people, buildings and property. Additionally, they use the latest technologies to:

- Design systems that control fires, alert people to danger and provide escape;
- Evaluate buildings to pinpoint the risks of fires and the means to prevent them;
- Conduct fire safety research on consumer products and construction materials;
- Investigate fires to discover how fire spreads, why protective measures failed, and how those measures could have been designed more effectively.

SFPE is publishing a list of ways that fire protection engineers enhance the safety of public and private buildings and what American should look for in their loved ones living facilities at [www.sfpe.org](http://www.sfpe.org). The Society seeks to increase the public’s awareness of how science and technology is used to protect people from fire.

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# “A Theater Review”

## “Over the Tavern”

***Nobel Fool Theatricals, At the Pheasant Run Resort,  
4051 East Main Street, Charles, Illinois***

*Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt*

I first saw “Over the Tavern” at the Northlight Theatre in Skokie that was directed by William Pullinsi. It as so successful after its run there it was transferred to the Mercury Theatre in Chicago for a long run of several months.

To enjoy this funny and yet touching family comedy it isn’t necessary to be Catholic as that was proven when it first opened in Skokie.

John Gawlik, the artistic director of Noble Fools Theatrical, has assembled a terrific cast and has done an incredible job in directing this show. It is a show that should and could have a much longer run. It is a “Don’t Miss It” production.

The show requires a cast of seven and runs a fast two hours with intermission. It might even run a little longer by ten or fifteen minutes.

It is based on the playwright Tom Dudzick, growing up in 1959 Buffalo, New York, when Elvis, drive-ins, Ed Sullivan, and The Honeymooners were a part of most households. That made life fun and simple with exceptions.

Chet and Ellen Pazinski are a Polish-Catholic family who live above the tavern they own with their four teenage children -- Eddie, played by Alex Adams; Rudy played by Gabriel Harder; Annie played by Katrina Syrris; and Georgie played by Dan Velisek. Their mother Ellen is played by Stacy Stoltz. The show has two equity actors who are veterans and they are Renee Matthews as Sister, the nun who is tutoring Rudy and Scott Cummins and Chet, the father of the family.

The young actors playing the teenage children all have great future ahead of them if they follow through in their current profession. Gabriel Harder and Alex Adams should go far and Katrina Syrris is not far behind. Daniel Velisek is also excellent but we hear he wants to become a professional chef.

The story deals with the son Rudy who plays a wise-cracking 12-year-old. Rudy questions the Roman Catholic Church to the ruler-cracking Sister Clarissa, before his confirmation. One of his funny lines is when he tells Sister, “I read where there are over thirteen hundred religions in the world and I’d like to shop around!” -- to the frustration of Sister. Eddie, the older brother, enjoys taking adult magazines in the bathroom to look at the pictures. Annie is a typical teenage girl and Georgie is a handicapped teenager who sucks his finger and loves watching Rudy impersonate Ed Sullivan.

It’s great to see Ms. Matthews back on the stage. She is a top draw actress whether it’s musical, comedies or dramas. She fits the role perfectly as an actress.

“Over the Tavern” runs through March 28th with the possibility of an extension. For show dates, show times and reservations call 630-584-6342. Tickets are \$29 and \$39.

**-Four Stars-**

## Call for Nominations 2010 Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence

The Skokie Fine Arts Commission is inviting nominations from the community for individuals who have made a significant contribution to the arts in Skokie. The 2010 Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence will be presented at the June 7, 2010 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 1, 2010, 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).

## 2010 TALKING PICTURES FESTIVAL

Evanston’s Percolator Films is getting ready for the 2010 Talking Pictures Festival with a Pre-Festival Party designed to raise funds for the festival.

The event will take place at Boocoo Cultural Center and Café, 1823 Church Street, Evanston, on Thursday, March 18th from 7:30pm - 10:30pm. Advance tickets are \$15 via: [talkingpicturesfestivalparty.eventbrite.com](http://talkingpicturesfestivalparty.eventbrite.com). Tickets at the door are \$20.

The party will include exclusive sneak previews of selected short films, music, games, and a raffle, and will be emceed by local actor James Zoccoli (aka JAZ). The Onion (America’s Finest News Source) and AV Club Chicago, the festival’s major media sponsors, will help celebrate. Complimentary appetizers. Cash bar.

### About the Talking Pictures Festival:

Now in its second year, the 2010 Talking Pictures Festival will take place May 7th - 9th in Evanston. The Talking Pictures Festival celebrates the art of cinema by showcasing independent films from around the world along with new offerings by local filmmakers. True to its name, screenings at The Talking Pictures Festival are often accompanied by discussions with filmmakers, guest speakers or community groups. The festival will once again draw audience members from across the northern Chicago metro-area to this annual celebration of independent film.

The festival was established in 2009 by Ines Sommer and Kathy Berger of Percolator Films, a 501c3 non-profit media arts organization, that also organizes Evanston’s popular 10-year-old Reeltime film and discussion series ([www.percolatorfilms.org](http://www.percolatorfilms.org))

The festival has the support of Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl, who stated in November 2009: “I encourage all members of our community to support our “home-grown” film festival and the contributions it makes to distinguishing Evanston in the Chicago-area.” Last year’s inaugural festival was featured in the Chicago Tribune and on ABC News and showcased award-winning independent films such as Treeless Mountain, Sita Sings the Blues, and Pray The Devil Back to Hell along with Oscar-winning short films. Over 1,100 people attended the 3-day celebration of film.

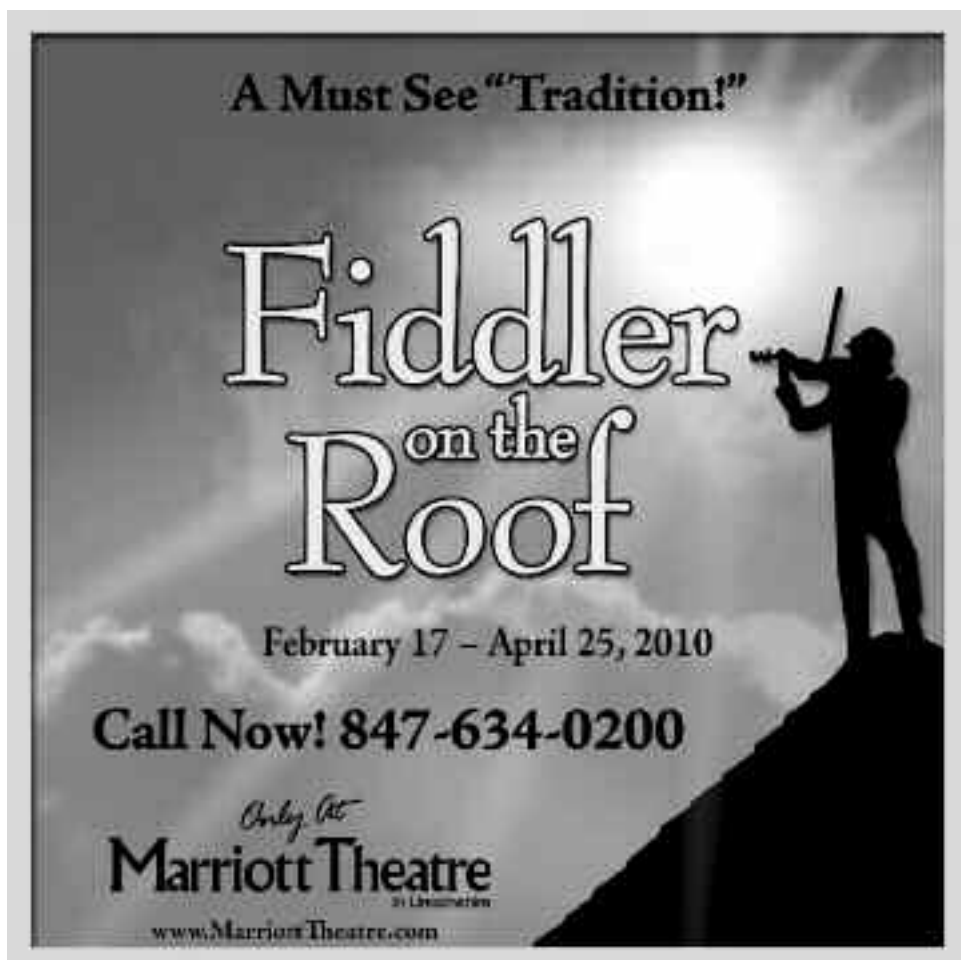
## Oakton Playwright Festival Scheduled March 13 -14

Play On, a collection of original one-act plays penned by Illinois community college students, will be staged at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 13, and 2 p.m., Sunday, March 14, at Oakton Community College’s Studio One Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Original works to be performed include Family and Money by Arif Choudhury (Oakton); The Wrong Clown by Philip Hasso (Oakton); The Proposal by Steve Flowers (Harper College); Goodbye, Bad Bye, Whatever, Just...Bye by Lauryn Lugo (McHenry County College); Misfortune by Steven Krage (College of DuPage); and Timer Sand by Michael Bennett (Carl Sandburg).

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. Proceeds support the Oakton Performing Arts Scholarship Fund. For tickets, call 847-635-1900. For more information about Play On contact Kate Tillotson at 847-635-1976 or [katet@oakton.edu](mailto:katet@oakton.edu).

## ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER

‘Miracle at Moreaux’ - This family-friendly film shares the story of gentile children helping Jewish children flee Nazi-occupied France. Based on the book Twenty and Ten by Claire Huchet Bishop, the film serves as an introduction to related subject matter in the upcoming temporary exhibition, “The Wartime Escape: Margret & H.A. Rey’s Journey from France.” The running time of the film is approximately 1 hour. Q&A will follow. Sunday, March 21, 1:30 p.m., Free with Museum admission. For more information call 847.967.4889 or visit [www.ilholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org). Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Goodman Auditorium, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie



# Local Arts and Entertainment

## St. Peter Catholic School News

The annual St. Patrick's Day Party & Silent Auction will take place on March 13, from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm in the auditorium. Music will be provided by Velvet Green and dances will be performed by the famous Sheila Tully Academy of Irish Dance. There will be a silent auction and a raffle with a \$1000 first prize. Dinner will be a choice of corned beef and cabbage or chicken accompanied by a cash bar. All proceeds will benefit St. Peter School. For more information, please call 1-847-673-0918.

A check for \$1200 was recently sent to the Heifer Project to buy livestock for needy villages around the world. Also, \$400 were sent to Haiti to assist the victims of the earthquake. This money was raised by the St. Peter Student Council, other students, and parents. Mr. Fish was instrumental in organizing these fundraisers.

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**German Greeters Needed**  
The City of Chicago needs German speaking greeters. Chicagoans can show off their neighborhood pride and give back to the community. Greeters are encouraged to personalize visits with their own experiences(bring them to DANK!), taking guests across the city, demonstrating its walkability and the user-friendliness of it public trans system. Ideal greeters are friendly and knowledgeable about the city. Basic training is provided. Visits are generally between 10a, and 4pm. The Chicago Greeter program requests a commitment of at least 6 visits per year.

**Volunteer Applications Available**  
Volunteer applications are now being accepted!  
Get involved, meet people that share your affinity for German culture.  
Opportunities range from museum docent to cook to greeter to office assistance to terrace watch to library work to beer pouring. And dare we dream - the trades : plumbing, carpentry, electricity - anything to keep 70,000 sqft in tip top shape

**Kino Kaffee und Kuchen at DANK Celebrates 20th Anniversary**  
The DANK Haus in historic Lincoln Square celebrates the 20th Anniversary of its Kino Kaffee und Kuchen program in 2010. The program began in response to the end of German film screenings at the Davis Theater 4614 N Lincoln Ave.  
For two decades, dedicated volunteer Hans Lohr has spent Saturdays wrangling formats from 8mm reels to betamax tapes to PAL to DVD's. The programming entertains approximately 50 people each week, largely senior citizens and those seeking German language exposure. More than just a movie, Kino Kaffee und Kuchen opens its doors at Noon, serving rich Austrian coffee and delicious cakes from Schlegl's while patrons mingle. Erwin Lickmann greets each guest exuberantly at the door with his rich voice and twinkling eyes be they a regular or a new face. The film selections are drawn mainly from the Heimat genre, characterized by sweeping Alpine landscapes, pretty girls, handsome boys and bouncy songs.  
The event is held Saturdays September through June. Doors open at Noon. Vorfilm at 1:00pm. Feature at 2:00pm. Admission free. Coffee and cake \$6 for the public \$4 for members.

**Lost German Chicago Exhibit**  
Saturdays 11am - 3pm  
Come remember the institutons and establishments no longer with the Chicago community. The inspiration piece for the exhibit is 30 feet of woodcarvings from the East Dining Room of the Germania Club, closed since 1987. The carvings were resucedby the Oscar Mayer family from a private home in Logan Square in 1963 and have never been publicly displayed. They depict Wagner's operas in supreme German woodworking style. Exhibit Free and Open to the Public. Open through Sept 2011. Weekday visits by appointment.

**Willi Resetarits and the Stubnblues Allstars**  
Mar 27 7:30 pm \$5.00  
The DANK Haus hosts Austrian Star Willi Resetarits and the 4 piece Stubnblues Allstars interpreting a wild mixture of folk music, Wienerlieder, Jazz and Blues as Stubnblues. Willi engages the audience in English between selections with explanations of the Viennese dialect lyrics. The performance will be set intimately to keep the interaction high.  
Stubnblues? It's music far beyond blues. It's funk. Samba. Folklore. Soul. Viennese songs. It's poems and stories. Back in the day, a Stubn was the only heated room in the house. It was the place where people gathered, ate, talked and sang. Stubnblues is not afraid to deal with troublesome issues; with something not being right, with failure, pain and miscommunication. Still all the while, there's beauty, hope and joy to it.  
To draw a group of this caliber is entirely due to excellent collaboration with the Austrian Consulate General Chicago who is also underwriting the project, keeping admission low in order to provide quality cultural programming to a large audience. Additional support provided by Wein Bauer  
Tickets are only \$5.00. Please reserve your place. Refreshments available.

**SKOKIE ART GUILD**

**Skokie Art Guild Meeting**  
Skokie Art Guild demo/meetings are held at on the fourth Tuesday of March, April, May, June and September at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. in the Mary Radmacher room. Nonmembers are welcome. Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 PM Phil Kantz - Portait Painting

**Skokie Art Guild Live Model Figure Drawing Workshops**  
Thursdays 7:00 PM - 9:45 PM    Saturdays 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. Live Models/no instructor. Fees per session: Sag Members \$12; non-members \$20. For information call:Richard Wilberg 847-677-3461 or Skokieartguild.org

**CALL FOR ARTISTS:**  
Skokie Art Guild's 49th Annual Art Fair. July 10-11, 2010. Fine Art. Held downtown Skokie on the Village Green, 5211 Oakton (next to the Library). Prizes and Awards! APPLY NOW! For information/application: skokieart@aol.com    www.skokieartguild.org    847-677-8163.

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# LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

## MOMS Club of Northern Chicagoland

The MOMS Club of Northern Chicagoland will be holding its Spring Open House for current members and Moms interested in joining on Monday, March 8th, 9:30am-11:30am at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Feel free to bring your kids. MOMS Club is a non-profit support group designed for the at-home Mother and their children. Our club holds weekly activities (such as playgroups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and our popular Moms Night Out. Our membership area includes such areas as all of Northwest Chicago (including Edgebrook, Sauganash, Jefferson Park, Edison Park, Norwood Park, Oriole Park, etc), Skokie, Niles, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Park Ridge, Des Plaines, Glenview, Norridge and Harwood Heights. For more information, visit <http://sites.google.com/site/momsclubofnorthernchicago> or email [chicagomomsclub@gmail.com](mailto:chicagomomsclub@gmail.com).

## Facets' Kids Film Camp - Summer Program

### What's it all about?

Facets Kids Film Camp gives kids a real foundation in the technique, language, and process of filmmaking. Using expert instruction, professional filmmakers and respected critics involve kids in what it takes to understand and create a film.

Participants are taught a wealth of filmmaking knowledge including storyboarding, screenwriting, operating a camera, acting, directing, and more. Kids will leave the camp with confidence in their film vocabulary, theory and criticism.

### Dates and Fees:

**Session 1:** June 23- July 2, 2010 Cost: \$325

Ages 11-14: 9am-12:30pm Ages 7-10: 2pm-5:30pm

**Session 2:** July 12- July 16, 2010 Cost: \$450

Ages 11-14 ONLY: 9am-5pm (Full day, lunch included)

**Session 3:** July 19- July 23, 2010 Cost: \$450

Ages 7-10 ONLY: 9am-5pm (Full day, lunch included)

### Post-Camp Opportunities

Graduates of the Facets Kids Film Camp are prepared to take part in many more exciting Facets children's film programs! The Children's Jury of the Chicago International Children's Film Festival critiques and awards films at the CICFF, North America's ONLY Academy Award-qualifying children's film festival. The Facets Kids Ambassador Program sends kids ages 12-14 to renowned international children's film festivals in Italy, Korea, India and Canada.

## Youth Community Service Recognition Program Diversity Action by Youth (D.A.Y.) Deadline Extension

The deadline for Youth Community Service Recognition Program Diversity Action by Youth (D.A.Y.) entries has been extended to Friday, March 12, 2010.

The Education Committee of the Village of Skokie Human Relations Commission offers the Diversity Action by Youth (D.A.Y.) initiative, which is a community service recognition program for Skokie high school students during the 2009-2010 academic year. The goals of the program are to show the value of diversity and to promote cultural awareness through volunteer work performed by Skokie's high school students.

Applicants must be Skokie residents or enrolled in a Skokie school in grades 9 through 12 and must perform a minimum of 24 hours of community service related to helping an individual or a group that is different from the applicant. For example, volunteering at a senior citizen facility or helping to serve meals at a shelter would qualify as D.A.Y. program services.

After completing the 24 hours of community service, applicants are to submit a Skokie D.A.Y. application and an essay of 300 to 500 words describing their experience. Each essay will be evaluated by a panel. Recognition and honors will be given at the Skokie Festival of Cultures on May 22, 2010. Entries are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2010.

Program details and applications for the Skokie D.A.Y. program may be found at the Human Relations Commission webpage at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) or by calling the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208.

## FOURTEEN NILES NORTH ARTISTS EARN AWARDS IN SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING COMPETITION

Fourteen Niles North artists earned awards in the national Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers in New York. The Awards, founded in 1923, is the nation's longest-running, largest, most prestigious recognition program for creative teenagers in the visual and literary arts.

Gold Key awards, which honors work of the highest levels of originality, technique and personal vision, were given to: Amaris Sturm, portfolio (only 7 percent earn portfolio gold keys); Ashley Carol-Fingerhut, photography; Manar Elkheir, photography; and Peter Tran, digital art. Gold key award winners will have their work on exhibit at the University of Iowa, Dubuque. These works are entered for national adjudication.

Silver Key awards, works worthy of recognition on the regional level were given to: Jonathan Leithold-Patt, portfolio; Veronica Nemirovsky, painting; Ethan Orbach, drawing; Katherine Kalm, drawing; Ashley Carol-Fingerhut, photography and Seth Penafloida, photography.

Honorable mentions were given to: Nini Kao, portfolio; Paul Fricano, photography; Sarah Lentz, photography; Sarah Levine, photography and Felicia Huettmann, painting.

## NILES WEST'S ZILEWICZ TO EXHIBIT AT NATIONAL JURIED SHOW

Niles West High School visual arts instructor John Zilewicz was selected to exhibit his artwork "Claustrophobia" at the Union Street Gallery National Juried Art Show in Chicago Heights, IL next month. The show's theme is "Image Attitude Impression" and covers a wide spectrum, from portraits to masks, games and masquerades, beliefs and affectations, and the creation and transformation of identities. An opening reception will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 11 at the gallery, 1527 Otto Boulevard, Chicago Heights. The exhibition runs from March 12 through April 9.

For more information, go to [www.unionstreetgallery.org](http://www.unionstreetgallery.org).

## NILES NORTH CHESS TEAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Niles North High School Chess Team claimed the Illinois High School Association state championship title in the competition held February 12 through 13 at the Peoria Civic Center. Niles North won the title with a score of 176.8, with Stevenson High School earning second (141.5) and Hinsdale Central High School earning third place (135.9). This is Niles North's second state crown. The Vikings also won the state championship in 2006 and placed fourth at nationals last year.

The Vikings championship team includes: Eric Rosen, Fedor Titov, Saagar Gupta, Michael Chinitz, Evan Spiegel, Chad Hirsch, David Paykin, Rafah Qazi, Evan Goldstein, Emmett Barr and Adil Dzelilovic. Coaches are Harry Kyriazes, Heather Ingraham and John Kretsos.

The Vikings have advanced to the United States Chess Federation's 2010 National High School Championships to be held in April in Columbus, Ohio.

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## LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

# The City of Evanston Wants To Enrich Your Child's Spring Break

From March 29 through April 2, there are many options to fill your child's school break with continued learning and/or exercise. For the active child, there is a soccer camp, an indoor tennis camp, two basketball options and, new this spring, the popular summer Pee Wee Sports Camp will be offered over spring break! There are also camps for art, chess, and several fun excursions planned. Extended care is available with some of the programs. With camp options that range from drop-in programs to those that meet half- or full-day, for all or most of the week, there is a camp to satisfy almost every interest or schedule. Choose from such specialty camps as the Ecology Center's Under the Sea mini-camp, or the new vacation adventure at the Robert Crown Center. For more information, call 847-866-2900 or go to [www.cityofevanston.org/recreation](http://www.cityofevanston.org/recreation).

**The Evanston Children's Theatre presents  
James DeVita's, "Looking Glass Land"**

This delightful romp through Alice's looking glass retains all of the familiar characters of the Carroll original, then introduces dozens of new ones: a baseball team, a gospel group called "The Responsibilities," a train conductor, a peanut salesman, detectives, a Miss America pageant contestant, star-struck tourists, plastic light saber-wielding knights and much more. Performers are age 8 through eighth grade. The play opens at 7 p.m. on Fri., March 19, with additional performances at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sat., March 20, and a final matinee at 3 p.m. on Sun., March 21. The performances will be held at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston. The ticket price for anyone age 1 & older is \$6. For information or to register, please call 847/448-8250.

# EVANSTON RECREATION SUMMER CAMPS

It's time to be contemplating summer camp! Phone-in, walk-in, and online registrations start at 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 22 at the Morton Civic Center or any of the community centers regardless of residency. Mail-in registrations for residents are still being taken. Summer camp guides are available at any of the centers as well as online at [www.cityofevanston.org/summercamps](http://www.cityofevanston.org/summercamps). For information, call (847) 866-2900.

# NILES NORTH SEEKING DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Niles North High School is accepting nominations from the community and staff for its annual Distinguished Alumnus Award, which is presented each year to a former student during the Awards of Distinction ceremony.

Nominees must be a graduate of Niles North High School and should have distinguished themselves through their achievements in their field or contributions to society. The nominees' accomplishments should reflect credit on their association with Niles North High School. Support for such nominations shall come from personal opinions and documented evidence. Those wishing to nominate a former Niles North graduate should email Iris Kerbis Cantor ([irican@niles-hs.k12.il.us](mailto:irican@niles-hs.k12.il.us)) to request a nomination form.

The 45th Awards of Distinction ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 18.

The deadline for receiving nomination forms is April 5, 2010. For further information contact Iris Kerbis Cantor at (847) 626-2354.

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Discover how sap is tapped from maple trees at the Maple Syrup Festival at North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski Road on Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. No registration is required and the event is free for all ages.

During the two-day festival visitors can enjoy music and storytelling throughout the day, try tapping a tree, watch the sap boil and sample fresh maple syrup fresh off the fire. There will be guided nature walks to the “sugar bush” where visitors will learn more about the tapping process and enjoy maple tree tapping folklore.

Elementary school children from throughout the city who participate in North Park Village Nature Center programs start planning for the Maple Syrup Festival in mid-February. The school children help prepare for the 2-day event by tapping into Sugar Maple trees to release the flow of sap with hand drills, spiles and buckets. More than 1,000 children and families visit the Nature Center in February to learn about both the ancient and modern processes of syrup making. Approximately 50 trees in the nature preserve will be tapped to collect the watery sap. It takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup.

North Park Village Nature Center is the city of Chicago's first nature center, and just one of the Chicago Park District's 56 nature areas. Visitors to these special places will discover a variety of opportunities to explore nature with its vast array of lagoons, wetlands, prairies, woodlands, river edges, bird sanctuaries, dunes and wildlife gardens. The North Park Village Nature Center's nature preserve is open seven days a week, year round. Admission is free.

## Interest in LEGOmania Camp Builds This Summer

Due to popular demand, Chandler-Newberger Center has added an additional session of the new LEGOMania Summer Camp. An entirely new session has been added for ages 8—10 to accommodate the surge of interest. This camp will meet from 9 a.m.—noon, Monday—Friday, July 26—Aug. 6, in Ackerman Park, Central St. at McDaniel Ave., Evanston. Priority registration for Evanston residents (60201 and 60202) will begin with the acceptance of first class mail envelopes addressed to the Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St., Evanston, IL. 60201, and having a postmark no earlier than a Friday, March 19. Nonresident and resident phone-in or walk-in registrations will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7 ONLY at the Chandler-Newberger Center, 847-448-8252.

There is a nonrefundable deposit of \$50. The fee is \$239/resident or \$267/nonresident. Be sure to read the 2010 Summer Camp Guide's policy and information pages for important information regarding balance due dates, deposits, etc. The 2010 Summer Camp guide, which describes each camp in detail and the registration procedures, is available at the Morton Civic Center and at all community centers.

The full guide can also be found online in a downloadable format at: [www.cityofevanston.org/summercamps](http://www.cityofevanston.org/summercamps).

It seems everyone loves LEGO® bricks! For additional information, call 847-448-8252.

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Students in Andrea Davis' Community Leadership class at Niles North High School recently raised more than \$1,000 for The Night Ministry. The Night Ministry works with Chicago's homeless by providing basic supplies through a mobile health bus. In addition to fundraising by holding bake sales and selling gift cards, the students packaged more than 85 hygiene kits for The Night Ministry to distribute. These are the Community Leadership students who made a difference: Stephanie Arias, Breanna Bartlett, Janice Bek, Cesiah Cruz, Faranak Ghorbanpour, Sarah Haggerty, Neha Iqbal, Nashifa Ladiwala, Claudia Landsman, Andy Lin, Kayla Manilow, Alejandra Martinez, Andreea Mathe, Anum Poonawala, Rachel Roti, Dan Salganik, Emily Shulmanovich and Gabi Weinketz.

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# Preserving Grandma's Legacy



Chester M. Przybylo

You find your grandma's estate-planning documents when you're helping her organize her attic. The documents were dated two decades ago, just before grandpa died. After grandma dies, the assets will have to be split among her three kids. However, since the estate plan was drafted, the family's circumstances have changed considerably and things aren't quite that simple anymore. Leaving her assets outright to her 3 children would mean that their inheritance would be lost to creditors and medical expenses. This article discusses the importance of having an up-to-date estate plan to preserve your legacy and family history as well as having a conversation with

family members about their own planning.

When you were younger, grandma's attic held such fascination for you. The hat boxes and old clothes Were great fun when playing dress up. There were old records of "Big Band" music. It was like travelling back to an earlier time.

But, the years have taken their toll. You can barely move in the attic now, in part because you aren't a child of six anymore, but mostly because of all of the odds and ends grandma has continued to collect. You decide to ask grandma if she would like help going through the attic and organizing it. Some things can be discarded, while others the family would love to be able to have on display. You know if you wait until grandma's gone, it would be a much more difficult process ... not to mention that you'd lose out on all those cherished family stories!

Before dusting off the shelves and looking at the memorabilia, you pull out the box marked "IMPORTANT PAPERS." As you are going through old papers, you find grandma's estate-planning documents, buried under layers of dust. The documents were dated two decades ago, just before grandpa died. You know how smoothly things went, from a legal perspective. Of course, in many ways things were far easier then: Grandma got all the assets. After grandma dies, the assets will have to be split among her three kids, Aunt Karen, Uncle Mitch, and your mom.

Also, since the estate plan was drafted, the family's circumstances have changed. Uncle Mitch was in an auto accident a few years ago and needs medical and custodial care, which he cannot afford without government assistance. If Uncle Mitch inherited the assets as currently drafted, they would all go to Medicaid to pay for his care, since they are not left in a "Special Needs Trust".

Likewise, Aunt Karen's family has been struggling through these hard economic times. It would be awful if Aunt Karen's inheritance were lost to creditors.

You and your spouse recently consulted with an experienced estate-planning attorney about your own estate plan. He included provisions to protect against these sorts of situations.

He also included a "My Legacy Workbook" to preserve your own family stories and information, because that is really a central part of anyone's legacy.

You decide to talk with grandma about her estate plan. You make a list of things to discuss with grandma:

1. A Special Needs Trust for Uncle Mitch
2. Asset Protection for Aunt Karen
3. My Legacy Workbook (to preserve those stories)
4. Update who is Trustee, Executor, etc.

You know how much better she'll feel knowing it's up-to-date. Having an up-to-date estate plan prepared by all experienced estate-planning attorney will help preserve her legacy and make infighting after her deathless likely.

Of course, each relationship is unique, so the conversation would be slightly different for each person. But, it is easy to gently, tactfully raise the topic of estate planning. Once it's done, everyone will feel much better. We are all relieved having our legacy preserved. Of course, you'll be relieved knowing that you've helped the family avert problems down the road. That's why you'll encourage her to go to an experienced estate-planning attorney who focuses his or her practice in that area.

*Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. For more information or to attend an upcoming seminar, call (773) 631-2525.*

# CHUBBY CHECKER ANNOUNCES NEW "TWIST" IN MEDICARE LAW

By Andrew Salata, Public Affairs Specialist - Social Security Administration  
If you've been thinking about applying for extra help with your Medicare prescription drug costs, then now's the time to get on the dance floor and hop to it.

Chubby Checker, the Grammy Award winning rock and roll legend most known for his hit, "The Twist," has teamed up with Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, to tell people about a new "twist" in the law. The change in the law makes it easier for people with Medicare to qualify for extra help with their prescription drug costs.

"The changes in the Medicare law will allow hundreds of thousands of Americans who are struggling to pay their prescription drug costs to get extra help during these tough economic times," said Commissioner Astrue. "I am thrilled that Chubby Checker has volunteered to help us spread this important message through a new television, radio, and Internet spot as well as pamphlets and posters."

"Listen up, America! For 50 years, people of all ages and backgrounds have danced the Twist," Chubby Checker said. "Now it's important everyone learn about this new twist in the law. Check it out at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)."

There are income and resource limits a person needs to meet to qualify for the extra help. But the new Medicare law eases those requirements in two ways:

The cash value of life insurance no longer counts as a resource; and Assistance people receive from others to pay for household expenses, such as food, rent, mortgage, or utilities, no longer counts as income.

A bonus "twist" is that the application you file for extra help can now start the application process for Medicare Savings Programs as well — state programs that provide help with other Medicare costs. These programs help pay Medicare Part B (medical insurance) premiums. For some people, the Medicare Savings Programs also pay Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) premiums, if any, and Part A and B deductibles and co-payments.

To learn more about the extra help program and to view the new television spot featuring Chubby Checker, visit Social Security online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp).

## CJE SENIORLIFE LAUNCHES CAREGIVING WEBSITE – WWW.CAREGIVINGHELP.ORG

No matter one's background or circumstance, almost everyone becomes a caregiver at some point in time. More than one in five Americans today is a caregiver for a family member, a number expected to grow astronomically as the Baby Boomers age into their 70s. In fact, 29 percent of the U.S. adult population, or 65.7 million people, are caregivers, including 31 percent of all households. Families are being called upon to care for relatives living longer, with longer periods of greater dependency, than ever before, but few feel well prepared or up to the task.

Caregivers can turn to [www.caregivinghelp.org](http://www.caregivinghelp.org) for practical information and solutions to help care for their older adult family members and themselves. Providing caregivers with educational materials, articles, streaming video and other resources that are applicable to many different caregiving situations, the website helps caregivers maximize the quality of care they can offer their loved ones while also minimizing the risk of "caregiver burnout."

"So many adults are being thrust into the role of caregivers for their aging family members but don't know where to begin," says Gerri Fiterman Persin, manager of CJE SeniorLife's Center for Healthy Living. "This provides a road map for the caregiver to not only tend to the needs and concerns of their loved one but to also help maintain that balance between their work, family and personal lives."

Through [caregivinghelp.org](http://caregivinghelp.org), CJE professionals share their expertise in dealing with the older adult around the most challenging aspects of caregiving. Topics covered include how to create a circle of support, emotional perspectives, in-home safety tips, planning ahead to address health and legal issues, dealing with complex family relationships, how to hire a professional caregiver, dementia care, and much more. A resource directory provides a comprehensive database of national and local sources and organizations that provide information and assistance on a broad range of caregiving related topics.

For questions about [caregivinghelp.org](http://caregivinghelp.org) or CJE's Center for Healthy Living, contact Barbara Milsch at 773/508-1169 or [caregivinghelp@cje.net](mailto:caregivinghelp@cje.net).

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# “THE WARTIME ESCAPE: MARGRET AND H.A. REY’S JOURNEY FROM FRANCE”

Experience the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center’s new traveling exhibition entitled, “The Wartime Escape: Margaret and H.A. Rey’s Journey from France.” More than three generations of Americans have grown up reading the stories of an irrepressible little brown monkey known in this country as “Curious George.” But few people know about the incredible journey made by his creators, Margret and H.A. Rey, to escape the Nazi invasion of Paris at the start of World War II.

“The Wartime Escape” explores the Reys’ early creative collaborations and traces the story of George himself throughout the wartime period. Based in part on the 2005 book, *The Journey that Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey*, written by Louise Borden and illustrated by Allan Drummond (Houghton Mifflin Company, New York), the exhibition features 27 framed art prints by Allan Drummond and supplemental archival images.

The Museum will host a special opening reception featuring illustrator Allan Drummond and light refreshments on March 25. The reception is free for Museum members and children, and \$15 for adults. Tickets must be reserved in advance. The exhibition will be open to the public beginning Friday, March 26th and runs through June 20.

**Special Reception** Thursday, March 25, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. \$15 for adults, Museum members and children free To RSVP call 847.967.4507 or email membership@ilhmec.org, deadline is March 18

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## Organically Certified Production Practices Updated

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently finalized regulations that will ensure organically certified production practices are in keeping with the spirit of what an organic label means to consumers.

The organic rule already required that producers afford access to pasture to receive certification, but the new rule will clarify vague language about how much grazing is enough and the limited circumstances under which animals can be denied pasture access. Previous requirements, for instance, allowed some products to receive the certified organic label although the animals rarely set foot outside a confined animal feeding operation (CAFO).

To obtain the label under the new rule, producers will have to give livestock access to the outdoors year-round and graze animals throughout the grazing season, which much be at least 120 days. In addition, the rules ensure that minimum amount of an animal’s food come from pasture. A report by the Union of Concerned Scientists found that grazing animals on pasture is not only less damaging to the environment than raising animals inside confined operations, but that meat and milk from grass-fed cows can contain higher levels of good fats that may provide health benefits.

USDA’s new rules will remove ambiguity for producers in meeting organic standards and give consumers greater confidence that milk and meat bearing the organic label have been produced in ways that truly benefit people, animals, and the environment.

Brise Tencer, Food policy advocate  
Union of Concerned Scientists, Washington, DC

## Secretary of State ID Renewals at the Skokie Human Services Division

The Skokie Human Services Division, located at 5120 Galitz St. will host the Illinois Secretary of State on Monday, April 12, 2010 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Driver's licenses for those under the age of 75 are renewable at this event, and state I.D. cards will be issued for everyone. State I.D. cards are free to those over the age of 65. This service is available on a first-come, first-served basis for all area residents and numbers will be distributed upon arrival.

For more information, contact the Human Service Division at 847/933-8208 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

## Women Out Walking

The City of Evanston’s Department of Health, through a grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health’s Office of Women’s Health, will again be offering the Women Out Walking (W.O.W.), program. W.O.W. is a 12-week walking campaign beginning on Saturday, March 27, 2010. Save the date!

This program is designed to not only encourage women to become more physically active, but to live healthier lifestyles through a better understanding of nutrition and women’s health issues. Throughout this campaign, women will be encouraged to walk, and will also participate in activities, cooking demonstrations and health information sessions.

This event is free to participants. Visit our WOW website [www.cityofevanston.org/WOW/](http://www.cityofevanston.org/WOW/) or call 847/866-2919 for more information on the program and how to pre-register.

## Lenten Menu Ideas

### *Broiled Salmon Fillets (Moroccan style)*

3 to 4 salmon fillets	2 tsp. paprika
2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley	1/4 tsp. of cayenne pepper
4 tablespoons of olive oil	1 tablespoon of cumino
1/2 stick of butter, melted	juice of 1/2 lemon
3 garlic cloves - crushed	

Arrange the fillets in a baking dish and place them under a very hot broiler. Cook, with the broiler door open for 3 to 5 minutes or until golden brown. Melt the butter, add oil and all the remaining ingredients, mix them all well, and pour over the salmon. Continue to broil for additional few minutes till a nice crisp on the top of this dish. Sprinkle with fresh lemon juice. Serve immediately with quartered lemon, if desired.

Prepared by: Elizabeth Elkayam

## Evanston Mayor’s Award for the Arts

Karen Thomson and The Actors Gymnasium have won the 2009 Mayor’s Award for the Arts. Both were honored at the State of the City Address and Annual Awards for the Arts Luncheon on Friday, February 26. Each year, the Mayor’s Award is given to one Evanston artist and one Evanston arts organization for their contributions to the community through excellence in the arts. Recipients are selected from nominations from the public at large.

## EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BREAKS RECORD

For the first time in its history, the Evanston Public Library has circulated more than a million items in a year. Evanston library users have taken advantage of the Library’s array of resources during the recent economic downturn.

The Library checked out one million items from all three locations: Main, North and South branches. Items included not only books, but also audio books, downloadable books, films and sound recordings. Checkouts exceeded one million just three days before the end of the City’s fiscal year. Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl was on hand to help commemorate the occasion.

The millionth checkout occurred on Thursday, Feb. 25. Evanston resident Daniela Nelke won the honor of surpassing the one million mark. Ms. Nelke also received a tote bag filled with prizes. A mother of two, Ms. Nelke commented, “I’m in love with the children’s room.”

Circulation Supervisor Jill Skwerski, who organized the event, expressed her gratitude to library users: “Thanks to the entire community for making this possible.”

For more information about the Library, visit [www.epl.org](http://www.epl.org).

## ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER HOST 2010 HUMANITARIAN AWARDS DINNER

Join the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center as it celebrates its inaugural year by honoring three extraordinary individuals with its Humanitarian Award. This special evening, featuring keynote speaker Tom Brokaw and CNN’s Don Lemon as emcee, will recognize Jeffrey Aronin, President and CEO of Paragon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Fritzie Fritzshall, Holocaust survivor, educator, activist; and David Speer, Chairman and CEO of ITW, for their many accomplishments, steadfast commitment to fighting hatred, injustice and intolerance, and dedication to educating current and future generations about the dangers of unchecked bigotry.

Monday, March 8 5:30 p.m. reception 6:30 p.m. dinner

Hyatt Regency Chicago – Grand Ballroom, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago

**Who:** Tom Brokaw, Special Correspondent, NBC News; Don Lemon, Anchor, CNN; Jeffrey S. Aronin, President and CEO, Paragon Pharmaceuticals, Inc; Fritzie Fritzshall, Holocaust survivor, educator, activist; David B. Speer, Chairman and CEO, ITW

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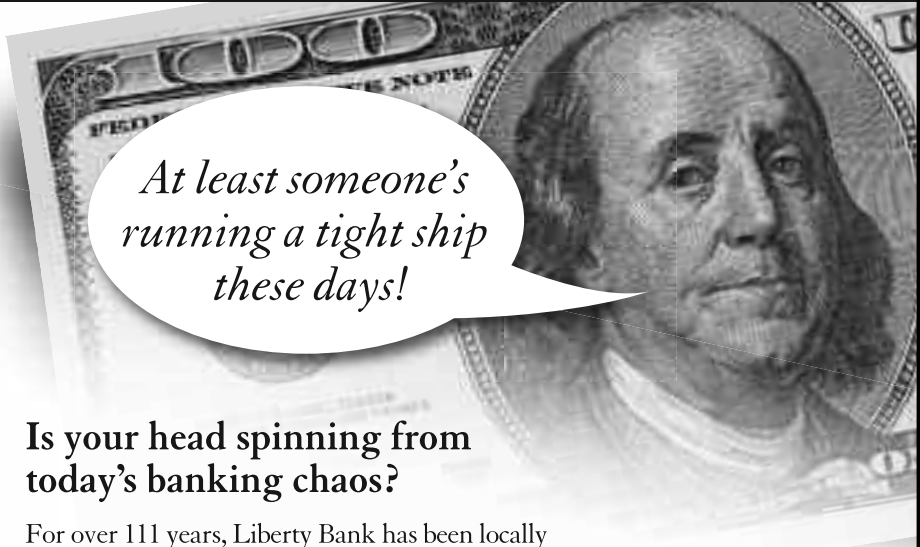
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
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
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
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
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