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March Madness Winners at Chandler-Newberger Center

Over 150 youth participated in the annual March Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney at the Chandler-Newberger Center on March 12-13. Forty-seven teams of boys and girl in grades 4-8 competed. The winners in each of the competing categories were: boys grade 4, 4 Musketeers; girls grade 4, Red-hawks; boys grade 5, Carlin and the Clowns; girls grade 5, Top Sparks; boys grade 6, The Magic; girls grade 6-8, BSB; boys grade 7, E-Town's Finest; boys grade 8, Big 3. Our congratulations to all who participated and to the victorious teams!

Evanston Area Businesses Reminded of Summer Youth Employment Program Opportunities

Calling all Evanston businesses and organizations! Here is an opportunity for you to increase your summer workforce and hire some teens. The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is a nine-week summer work experience for in-school Evanston youth 14 to 18 years of age. The City and local businesses employ SYEP participants to perform a variety of full and part-time tasks to include bank tellers, office assistance, computer/software installation and maintenance, data entry, reception, camp counselors, building maintenance/custodial, painting, food service, and grounds maintenance.

Businesses interested in participating in the Job Fair on April 11 and Summer Youth Employment Program should complete the Employer Application Form and return it to the Human Relations Commission. For more information on the program and how the City can help you with SYEP salaries, go to www.cityofevanston.org/departments/humanrelations/youth.shtml

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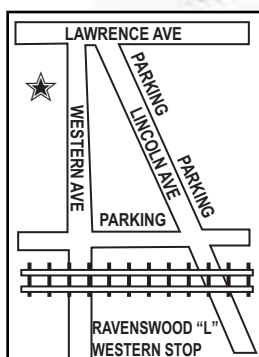
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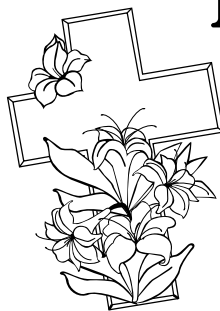
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DISTRICT 219 PLANS ONE OF THE LARGEST COLLEGE FAIRS IN THE AREA

High school students in Niles Township will have an opportunity to investigate future educational possibilities at one of the largest post-high school planning nights in the area. The 2010 Niles Township College Fair will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14 at Niles West High School, 5701 W. Oakton, Skokie. Representatives from approximately 250 colleges, universities, technical schools and the military will be in attendance.

Students and their parents will be able to discuss entrance requirements, special programs, admission procedures and course offerings with representatives from a diverse array of colleges and technical schools. All Niles Township students and their parents are invited to participate, regardless of whether they attend a District 219 school. For additional information, please contact College and Career Counselors Daniel Gin at (847) 626-2682 or Jodie Faltynski at (847) 626-2170.

Cultural Fund Grant Program Applications Available

The City of Evanston and the Evanston's Arts Council are now accepting applications for the 2010 Cultural Fund Grant Program. The revised Cultural Fund will award \$1,000 operating support grants to not-for-profit Evanston arts organizations. Applications are available on the city website, www.cityofevanston.org/arts or by coming to the Noyes Cultural Arts Center. Completed applications must be received in the Evanston Arts Council Office, Studio 100 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St. by 5 p.m. CDT on Friday, April 2.

For questions, please call 847-448-8260.

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Evanston Yard Waste and Refuse Changes Take Effect Soon

The Evanston City Council recently adopted several changes for sanitation services that will take effect in April.

Yard Waste: Starting on April 5, 2010 the City will now charge a yard waste collection fee for yard waste collections beginning April 5, 2010. Residents have two options for yard waste disposal: yard waste stickers for each bag to be collected or a yard waste cart for unlimited pick-up.

A \$1.75 charge for yard waste stickers will begin April 5, 2010 and stickers must be affixed to each yard waste paper bag and/or tree trimming bundles for pick-up. Stickers are now available for purchase at the City Collector’s Office located at 2100 Ridge Ave. as well as at all Evanston Whole Foods Markets, Dominick’s and Jewel stores with additional purchase locations to be added at a later time. Place yard waste in paper yard waste bags, such as 30 gallon Kraft Paper Lawn Waste Bags, available in packages at local stores. Plastic bags will not be collected. Special pickup fees for yard waste collection will be assessed after 48 hours for bags without stickers, three (3) bags will be charged at a rate equal to \$25, with each additional three (3) bags being charged \$10.

Alternatively, residents can have an unlimited amount of yard waste collected from a wheeled cart for an annual fee of \$25. Use your existing 95-gallon cart or one can be purchased from the City for \$82.50. These reusable carts do not require the use of bags or stickers. To order a Yard Waste Cart, download and complete the form or pick one up from the City Collector’s Office. Forms must be submitted to the City Collector’s Office, City of Evanston, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201. All orders must be accompanied by a check, payable to “City of Evanston” for the full amount of purchase. Carts have a limited five year warranty. Warranty does not cover theft, abuse or negligence.

Yard waste fees are assessed annually and will appear on your water bill in July. Yard waste pickups continue on your regular refuse/recycling collection day beginning April 5 through December 3, 2009. To ensure compliance with state laws, yard waste must be collected separately from the rest of the household waste.

Residents can also compost and mulch to recycle the earth's nutrients, save money, and conserve vanishing landfill space. For further information on composting, call the Ecology Center at 847/864-5181.

Refuse Collections: The City assesses a sanitation service charge for the solid waste services it provides to residents. Starting April 1, 2010 a new fee structure will be put in place.

For residents with a 65-gallon wheeled refuse cart, there will be a \$6.95 fee per month per dwelling unit for each wheeled refuse cart issued. For residents with the larger 95-gallon wheeled refuse cart (this is your current cart size), there will be a \$10.95 fee per month per dwelling unit for one City issued wheeled refuse cart plus one thirty (30) gallon or less trash bag. For any additional wheeled refuse carts a resident might need, there will be a \$6.95 fee per month per dwelling unit for each additional cart of any size.

The initial monthly fee shall be based on the largest wheeled cart present at the location. Residents interested in downsizing their container to a 65 gallon cart may do so by calling Streets and Sanitation at 847/866-2940. Residents with the 65 gallon cart will not be permitted to have excess refuse. If refuse exceeds the 65 gallon capacity, the City reserves the right to upgrade the resident to the larger cart.

All reoccurring charges will be assessed on your bi-monthly water bill. Refuse collection is provided weekly for one-to-four unit residences. Below are some general “rules of thumb” to keep in mind for quick, weekly pick-ups that keep our environment safe.

- Yard waste and household waste cannot be mixed. The City will not collect either until separated.
- Containers other than those issued by the City will not be handled by sanitation crews.
- No construction materials will be picked up. Contractors are responsible for disposing of this material from your property. Failure to dispose of these building materials will result in a citation. If sanitation crews must ultimately remove the materials, a bill for services rendered will be sent.
- Garbage must be placed on the curb or alley line by 7 a.m.; it will not be collected from private property.
- Due to landfill policies, the City must abide by the following rules:
 - We do not accept car parts (for tires, call for a special free pick-up); and no hazardous material: gas, oil, asbestos, medical waste, etc.
 - All refuse must be bagged, contained or bundled to prevent blowing or scattering.
 - The City provides one functional refuse cart at no charge. The City will provide additional refuse carts for \$75 each. To order an additional cart, download and complete a form or pick it up at the City Collector’s Office. Forms must be returned to the City Collector’s Office, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.

Skokie Yard Waste Collection Program

The Village of Skokie yard waste collection program resumes once per week on Wednesdays from April 14, 2010 until October 13, 2010. Grass clippings will not be collected. To schedule a brush and yard waste collection please contact the automated phone request system at 847/933-3333 by noon on Monday of each week for the coming Wednesday or visit www.skokie.org to make a request online.

Yard waste that will be collected includes brush trimmings, thatch from raking (in spring only) and older flower or vegetable plants. Leaves remaining from fall 2009 will also be collected in spring only.

Residents are asked to let grass clippings lay on the lawn after mowing. A normal weekly grass cutting creates no aesthetic odor or nuisance problems. Since grass clippings are 75% water, the grass will quickly decompose and nourish the lawn with nitrogen, thereby less artificial or chemical fertilizer is needed. Residents who wish to bag their grass clippings will need to contact a private landscaper for disposal options.

The Village continues to collect bundled brush and tree materials as this material does not quickly decompose. Branches must not exceed five feet in length and three inches in diameter. Residents must make arrangements with a private landscaper or tree service for the collection of brush and for branches or logs exceeding three inches in diameter and five feet in length and for dirt and sod.

The Village has strong anti-dumping ordinances and violators will be ticketed. Also, garbage and recycling containers that contain grass clippings, branches or other yard debris will not be collected as state law prohibits land filling these materials.

For more information regarding yard waste collection please contact the Village of Skokie Public Works Department at 847/933-8427 or visit www.skokie.org.

CJE SENIORLIFE CO-HOSTING FREE PROGRAMS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CITIZENS UTILITY BOARD

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:

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.

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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Blackhawks Choose Evanston Hockey Player for Honor!

Congratulations to Evanston Youth Hockey Association participant Brandon Hilliard for having been selected from a long list of candidates to receive the coveted Harris Bank Player of the Month Award. Hilliard’s efforts both on and off the ice made him a clear choice for the award, according to EYHA Director of Hockey, JP Bordeleau. Hilliard is a member of the 2010 Northern Illinois Hockey League Championship PeeWee Gold Team. He was recognized on the ice at the Blackhawk’s game against Phoenix on Tuesday, March 23.

Hope for the People of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

A Film and Speaker Series at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, 1427 N. Chicago Ave., Evanston

March 24, 7:00 p.m. April 28, 7:00 p.m. May 16, 11:00 a.m.

Come to be inspired by a people of incredible courage!!

The Democratic Republic of the Congo has been embroiled in a 12-year war that has taken over 5.4 million lives and caused the rape of over 600,000 women and children. Despite this crisis, the Congolese, with U.S. partners, continue to run churches, schools, women's healing and micro-enterprise programs, hospitals/and clinics. How is this possible? How are churches and others partnering with the Congolese to bring change? How is our government helping?

Wednesday: April 28, 7:00 p.m. Topic: “Can Violence Be Stopped in the Congo and Women Recover to Care for Their Families?” Come to see “The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo”, a film about the war’s impact on women and about efforts to stop the violence and empower women. Panel moderator: Terry Halliday, Chicago Bar Association, with panelists Caryl Weinberg who worked in the Congo, Tom Sullivan, retired Social Service Administrator and Galya Ruffer, Northwestern University professor who is leaving this week to interview 300 Congolese women.

Sunday: May 16, 11:00 a.m. Topic: "Can the Congo’s Doctors Conquer the Three ‘Ms’(Malaria, Malnutrition, Micro-organisms)?" Come to see “A Glimpse of Grace” and hear about the Congo's health challenges and health programs. Presenter: Dr. Amy McAuley, M.D. and President-Elect of the Medical Benevolence Foundation Board.

Register by calling First Presbyterian Church of Evanston (847-864-1472).

Attend Free Health Career Info Sessions

Students interested in a health care career are invited to attend free information sessions during April at both campuses of Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, and 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

Sessions are designed to showcase Oakton’s relevant degree and certificate programs. Faculty will be on hand to discuss course requirements and industry trends.

Scheduled sessions include:

* Pharmacy Technician/Aseptic Pharmaceutical Preparations, 6 p.m., Thursday, April 1 (Skokie);

* Medical Coding, Medical Billing, and Medical Transcription, 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 7 (Des Plaines);

* Medical Laboratory Technology and Phlebotomy, 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 21 (Des Plaines);

* Nursing, 3 p.m., Tuesday, April 27 (Des Plaines); and

* Physical Therapist Assistant, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 28 (Des Plaines).

For more information, visit www.oakton.edu/healthcareers, or call 847-635-1629.

Spring Flea Market at Robert Crown Center

Ever hear of the three R’s: reduce, reuse and recycle? No? Then allow us to introduce you to the concept at the first-ever Robert Crown Spring Flea Market. Here people who own great “stuff” that they no longer want will connect with people who like a bargain. For just \$35, anyone 18+ can reserve a table and sell what they’ve cleared out during spring cleaning. Hurry, though, as tables move fast for our popular fall flea market and we expect that to happen this spring, too. The market runs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (with no early birds) on Sat., April 10 at the Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St., Evanston. For info., please call 847/448-8258.

POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE SENIORS TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 14, 2010

Vice President Paul C. Odrobina of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) announces that the North Side Seniors will have their monthly meetings on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., at the PNA Home Office Cafeteria, 6100 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646. Announcements of upcoming, Dinosauria program (April 17, 2010), Polish American Night at Cellular Field where the White Sox hosts the L.A. Angels (July 6, 2010), and Polish American Day at Six Flags Great America Theme Park, (June 5, 2010) and other topics will be discussed.

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

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

For additional information about the PNA and their activities, please call the PNA (773) 286-0500 ext. 316, or visit the PNA website at www.pna-znp.org and click on “EVENTS”.

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Evanston Receives Sunny Award

The City of Evanston’s website has won a 2010 “Sunny Award.” The Sunny Award is presented by the Editors of Sunshine Review to honor the most transparent government websites in America.

Award winners are among 39 out of 5,000 government websites to earn an "A" transparency grade. Sunshine Review’s “Transparency Checklist" analyzes websites for information about budgets, meetings, elected and administrative officials, permits and zoning, audits, contracts, lobbying, public records, and taxes. The “Checklist” measures what content is available on government websites against what should be provided.

“Sunny Award winners deserve recognition for making information available to citizens and for setting a transparency standard that all governments can, and should, meet,” said Mike Barnhart, President of Sunshine Review. “Access to information empowers every citizen to hold government officials accountable for the conduct of the public’s business and the spending of taxpayers’ money. Official accountability is the corner stone of self government and liberty.”

Since its inception in 2008, Sunshine Review has analyzed the websites of all 50 states, more than 3,140 counties, 805 cities, and 1,560 school districts.

FREE REELTIME SERIES PRESENTS "TYPEFACE" BY CHICAGO'S KARTEMQUIN FILMS

Evanston’s long-running REELTIME film and discussion series is proud to present the new documentary TYPEFACE by Chicago filmmaker Justine Nagan. A compelling look at the disappearance of older analog media in the digital age, TYPEFACE is Kartemquin Films' (Hoop Dreams, Terra Incognita, At the Death House Door) latest documentary on art in society.

This free REELTIME screening will take place at Northwestern University's Block Cinema, Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, on Thursday, April 15 at 7pm. Filmmaker Justine Nagan will be present for a post-screening discussion.

ABOUT THE FILM:

Once an industry leader for printing type, Two Rivers, WI has fallen on economic hard times. But on weekends, the quiet of this small town is interrupted when carloads of the nation’s top design talent flock to the Hamilton Wood Type Museum. But despite its hip following, the Museum’s days seem numbered.

In a time when people carry computers in their pockets and watch TV while walking down the street, Justine Nagan's new documentary TYPEFACE (2009, 60 min) explores the twilight of an analog craft that freshly inspires artists in a digital age. TYPEFACE, Kartemquin Films' (Hoop Dreams) latest documentary on art and society, asks: what is the responsibility of artists and historians to preserve a dying craft? How can rural towns survive in a shifting industrial marketplace where big-box retailers are king?

TYPEFACE

Thursday, April 15, 7pm

FREE ADMISSION

LOCATION:

Block Cinema, Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art

Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, IL 60208

Free parking is available in the F lot parking structure south of the museum.

NILES WEST ORCHESTRA RECEIVES GRANT FROM VILLAGE OF SKOKIE FINE ARTS COMMISSION

The Niles West Orchestra has been awarded a \$500 grant from the Village of Skokie Fine Arts Commission. The grant was used to help offset the costs of bringing dulcimer soloist Stephen Seifert to Niles West for the performance of “Blackberry Winter” by Conni Ellisor. Seifert spent several days working with the Niles West Symphonic Orchestra and the guitar classes. According to Orchestra Director Steven Katz, “His extraordinary performance and the workshops with students strongly affected their understanding of American folk music and American classical music.”

“A Theater Review”

Koehnline Showcases Illinois Student Artists

An exhibition of works by Illinois community college students goes on display at the Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, starting Thursday, April 1. The exhibition runs through Friday, April 30.

A public reception with refreshments is scheduled 1 - 3 p.m., Saturday, April 10.

The Skyway Conference Art Competition is a juried competition featuring works of art from students in the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference. In addition to Oakton Community College, conference participants include the College of Lake County, Elgin Community College, McHenry Community College, Moraine Valley Community College, Morton College, Prairie State Community College, and Waubesa Community College. The exhibition showcases a variety of media, including paintings, prints, photographs, ceramics, and digital art.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. Museum hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday.

For more information, call 847-635-2633, or visit www.oakton.edu/museum.



"Fiddler on the Roof"

Marriott Theatre

10 Marriott Drive

Lincolnshire, IL

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire is opening its 2010 season with the classic "Fiddler on the Roof."

Some critics call the show an old war horse having been done so often in regional theatre since it premiered in New York in 1964 and not counting revivals played 3,242 performances.

Directing the Marriott production is the fantastic David H. Bell with musical direction by Doug Peck. Mr. Bell for many years was associated with the Marriott before departing for several years in Washington but he is now back in Chicago and a professor of musical theatre at Northwestern University. Mr. Bell is also the show's choreographer and all I can say is that he has assembled a strong cast that audiences should love. Ross Lehman plays Tevye. Paula Scrofano is his wife Golde and their five daughters are Dara Cameron as Hodel, Jessie Mueller as Tzeitel, Larua Scheinbaum as Chava and the two younger ones are Arielle Leigh Dayan and Talia Rawitz.

Other excellent men in the cast are Justin Berkobien as Perchik, Andrew Keltz as Motel, David Girolmo as Lazar Wolf, James Harms as the Rabbi, Craig Spidle as the Constable, Patrick Sarb as Fyedka and Gregory Hirte as the fiddler. I shouldn't forget Rebecca Finnegan as Yente and Heidi Kettenring - all first-class actresses and singers.

One wonders why there are troubled times in the world and we can't live in a peaceful one.

My favorite songs are "If I Were a Rich Man," "Now I Have Everything," and "Do You Love Me" which is a standout when Paula Scrofano sings it.

I've seen Zero Mostel, Topol, Luther Adler, Hersehll Bernardi but Ross Lehman is well cast in the lead role.

Jessie Mueller and Laura Scheinbaum as two of the five daughters give strong performances.

You don't have to be Jewish -- it's a play every ethnic group should see and love.

"Fiddler on the Roof" runs through April 25th. Running time is two hours and thirty five minutes. For show days and show times and reservations call 847-634-0200. Tickets are \$45.

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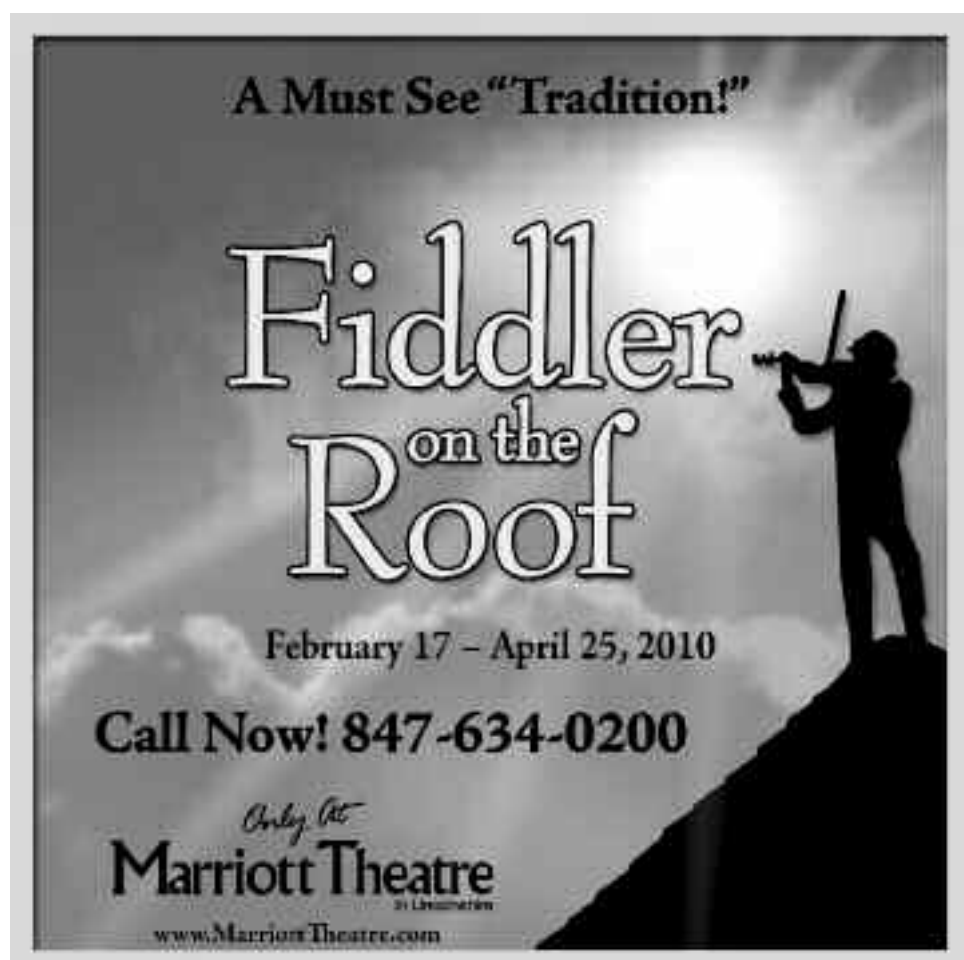
Shakespeare's 'Tempest' Swirls at Oakton

Shakespeare's classic play, The Tempest, will be presented by the Performing Arts at Oakton, March 25 - 28, and April 1 - 3, at Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines.

Privilege and ambition are among the themes explored in this postmodern interpretation of the Bard's enchanting romance. When shipwrecked newcomers arrive on a remote island inhabited by Prospero, his daughter Miranda, and the enslaved Ariel and Caliban, the sudden trespass results in a clash of intersecting truths, transformation, and renewal.

Performances will be held 8 p.m., Thursday, March 25; 8 p.m., Friday, March 26 and April 2; 8 p.m., Saturday, March 27 and April 3; 2 p.m., Saturday, April 3; 2 p.m., Sunday, March 28; and 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 1.

Tickets are \$12, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$8 for groups of 15 or more. For reservations, call the Oakton Box Office at 847-635-1900.



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March 31 · 1:30pm Jack Miuccio's THAT'S AMORE

April 3 · 8:00pm April 4 · 2:00pm & 7:00pm AND THEN THEY CAME FOR ME - REMEMBERING THE WORLD OF ANNE FRANK

April 10 · 8:00pm Special Consensus

April 11 · 2:00pm Jimmy Damon "CHICAGO'S BEST RETURNS"

April 16 · 8:00pm The Edge Comedy Club

April 17 · 8:00pm CHARLENE BROOKS IN "BIG BAND MEETS BROADWAY!"

April 18 · 2:00pm Goddesses Unleashed! with Michelle Greenberg & Friends

April 23 · 25 Three Cat Media presents Bab Fab

April 29 · 7:00pm Marcus Gentry in Stand by Me

April 30 · 8:00pm Jann Klose and Anne Harris

CHILDREN INVITED TO ATTEND DANCE CLINIC SPONSORED BY AURORIS DANCE COMPANY AT NILES NORTH

Auroris Dance Company will conduct a dance clinic for boys and girls from 1st through 8th grade on Saturday, April 17 at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler, Skokie. Children will learn technique, stretching and a jazz dance or hip-hop routine. At the conclusion of the clinic, children will give a performance in the Niles North High School Auditorium. The cost is \$30 per child and includes clinic and T-shirt. Please register by Friday, March 26. Contact Deanna Sortino, Niles North Auroris Dance Company Sponsor, at (847) 626-2129 or deasor@niles219.org.

First grade through fourth grade clinic:
Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Enter through Door 12 (Athletic Entrance) at Niles North
Check-in: 8:30 to 8:50 a.m.
Performance Time: 11:30 – 12 p.m. in the Niles North Auditorium

Fifth grade through eighth grade clinic:
Date: Saturday, April 17, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Enter through Door 12 (Athletic Entrance) at Niles North
Check-in: 12:30 p.m. through 12:50 p.m.
Performance Time: 3:30 to 4 p.m. in the Niles North Auditorium

Skokie Art Guild Meetings

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.

Next Event:
Tuesday, April 27th, 7:00 PM
Catherine Cajandig - The Art of the Book

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.

The City of Evanston is seeking artists for its two summer arts festivals, the Ethnic Arts Festival, July 17—18, and the Lakeshore Arts Festival, Aug. 7—8. Set against the scenic backdrop of Evanston’s lakefront, both festivals are held in Dawes Park, Church St. and Sheridan Road.

Artist applications for both festivals are now available online at www.cityofevanston.org/arts. For more details, call 847-448-8260.

JOIN THE NILES WEST BANDS AT “JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT” ANNUAL JAZZ NIGHT ON APRIL 9

Celebrate National Jazz Day on April 9 with an evening of hot jazz and cool friends. The Niles West High School bands present their annual “Just for the Fun of It” Jazz Night at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 9 in the Niles West Café at 5701 W. Oakton, Skokie. This free event will include performances by the Pop ‘N Rock Ensemble, the Niles West Jazz Band and special guest ensemble The Lucky Seven led by Corbin Andrick.

Two Oak Park Residents Sing Their Way to Finals MEET THE FIRST TWO WINNERS OF OPERA IDOL PRELIMINARIES

As Opera Idol Preliminaries come to a close, six qualified participants will proceed to the finals on Friday, April 16, 2010, at the North Shore Retirement Hotel, located at 1611 Chicago Avenue in downtown Evanston. The finals competition is free and open to the public. Oak Park residents Rosalind Lee and Jennifer Lazarz are both headed to these finals in hopes of capturing the \$2,400 scholarship and airfare to attend the nationally recognized V.O.I.C.Experience workshop, directed by Chicago born opera star Sherrill Milnes and the non-profit V.O.I.C.Experience faculty. The workshop is an intensive two-week program of the V.O.I.C.Experience Foundation, held in August in Tampa, FL.

The Preliminary Contests began on Tuesday, March 2 with five talented, aspiring singers performing for an audience of North Shore Retirement Hotel residents, their guests, and an esteemed panel of judges. Rosalind Lee, Pedro Willis-Barbosa, Erin Noell Watt, Rebecca Caliendo and Kelsey Betzelberger all sang their hearts out to advance to the Finals in hopes they could claim the title as the 2010 Opera Idol winner. Out of the five, Rosalind Lee had the fire, grabbing the attention of the audience and judges. The performers were judged based on musicality/expression, appearance, personality and overall performance. Rosalind was announced the winner and now continues to the Opera Idol Finals.

Rosalind, an Oak Park resident, is a graduate of the University of Illinois and is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in music at North Park University. Since she was a young girl, Rosalind always enjoyed performance art. Her mother encouraged Rosalind and her three sisters to take piano and violin lessons. Soon after, Rosalind went on to take voice lessons and never looked back. “I get more joy from performing than anything else,” declares Rosalind. “Performing is an out of body experience for me. It’s magical.” As Rosalind prepares for the Finals in April, she will continue to work with her voice coach to fine tune her performance, especially in the areas of expression and language.

The next preliminary competition took place on Wednesday, March 10, with four contestants battling it out to claim a place at the 2010 Opera Idol Finals. Jennifer Lazarz, of Oak Park, stole the show and will advance to finals in April. Jennifer grew up in Tinley Park and graduated from St. Andrew High School. She went on to receive her undergraduate in voice from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois and to pursue post-graduate studies at the University of Minnesota. Jennifer currently sings with the Chicago Symphony Chorus, Music of the Baroque, and Grant Park Chorus. On her days off, she works as a voice coach and teaches dance.

The Opera Idol finals, slated to begin at 7 PM 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, including Rosalind and Jennifer. 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 finals competition conducted by world-renowned baritone Sherrill Milnes is free and open to the public.

The D’Lustigen Holzhacker Buam Chicago, Celebrate their 86th Anniversary

The D’Lustigen Holzhacker Buam Chicago will celebrate the 86th Anniversary of their founding in 2010. Our club was founded to promote and preserve the rich traditions, costume and culture of the Bavarian and Alpine regions of Europe. For over four decades the club has maintained, and held dear these customs and pass them on to their children. We are a family oriented club and rich in heritage. We continue to promote these traditions through our dances and costume. We welcome all interested in a membership, you don’t need to know how to dance, or play and instrument, just have an interest in the culture and have some fun with us!

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NILES WEST’S CHAO COMPETES AT STATE POETRY CONTEST

Niles West High School sophomore Sam Chao earned fifth place at the Poetry Out Loud state competition held March 18 in Springfield, IL. Sixteen competitors, one from every region of the state (by population) squared off in the recitation contest from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Only the five contestants who made it to the final round were given the opportunity to perform all three of their poems. Chao performed “Hate Poem” by Julie Sheehan, “The Nymph’s Reply to the Shepherd,” by Sir Walter Raleigh and “A Barred Owl” by Richard Wilbur. Chao’s teacher, Niles West English teacher Tamara Jaffe-Notier said, “Sam’s poise and eloquent, effective interpretation of her poems was remarkable.”

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The Chicago Park District hops to it this spring by hosting dozens of egg hunts, including an egg hunt for dogs, from March 25-April 3 at parks throughout the city. 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.

Following are a few highlights:

Easter Egg Hunt Friday, April 2 10 a.m.

White (Willye B.) Park, 1610 W. Howard St., 773-262-5051

Admission \$4; recommended ages 5 and under with an adult; register by April 1

Easter Egg Hunt Friday, April 2 10 – 11:30 a.m.

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Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3 11-11:30 a.m.

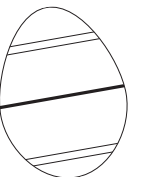
Loyola Park, 1230 W. Greenleaf Ave., 773-262-8605

Admission free, recommended for ages 2-4 with an adult



Join the Fun at the Ladd Arboretum Egg Hunt!

Tammy the turtle has misplaced her eggs in the Arboretum and needs your help! You can help her find them and learn all about turtles. Four, hour-long sessions are offered between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sat., April 3. The Ladd Arboretum is adjacent to the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. Activities and a craft follow the egg hunt; bring a basket or bag for collecting. A special area is reserved for egg hunters ages 18 months to 4 years. Pre-registration is required. The cost per person is \$4.50. For details or to register, please call 847/448-8256.



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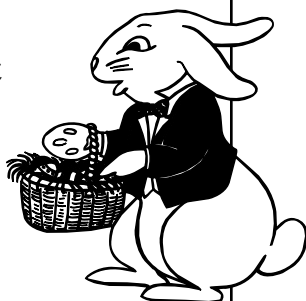
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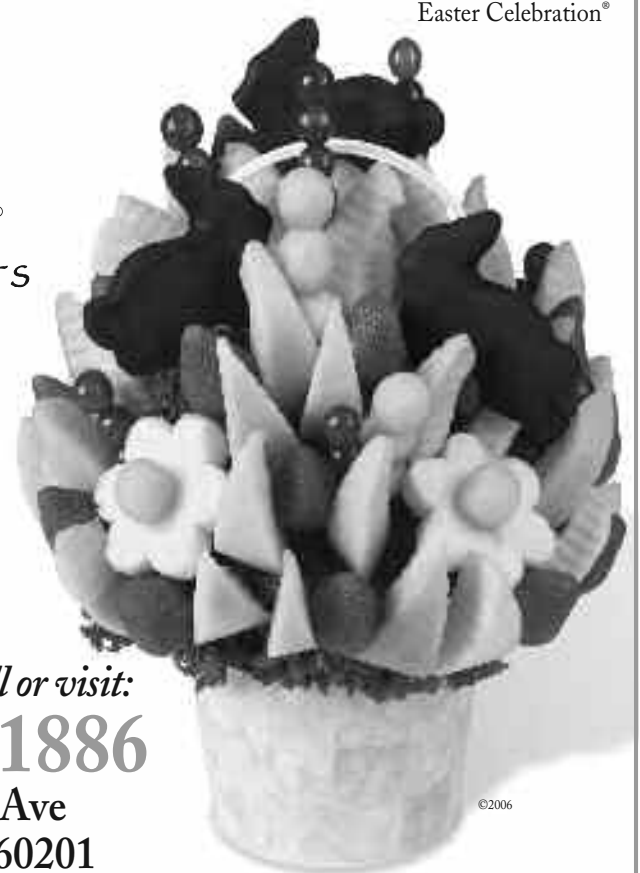
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CELEBRATE EASTER AND PASSOVER

Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Celebration of Passover

by Rev. Francis S. Rog, C.R. St Hyacinth Basilica Parish

Our deepest and most powerful impulses of LOVE must spring from this day -- "This is the day the Lord has risen." This season inspires a new beginning -- above and beyond that love already expressed -- to accept God's invitation, to identify ourselves with Christ, to offer "love for love" as we "live, die and rise with Him."

This Alleluia is the wonder in ordinary living with which we bring freshness and beauty in the lives we share with each other.

This alleluia is the mystery and marvel of redemption in our daily sore spots and pains of life.

This Alleluia is the newness of healing, of being filled up again with genuine understanding, with the extension of PEACE.

This Alleluia is a challenge to listen to another's needs as we die to our own ... to reach out to the sick and aged, to the lonely, to those who need understanding, and to the young...

to help each person understand whom God made him to be and help him to be that person.

This Alleluia is a challenge to take time and to be thoughtful.

This Alleluia is the powerful sign that we are His disciples because we love each other.

This alleluia must bring with itself the experience of support, encouragement, renewed strength and life that a believing community is to bring.

This Alleluia must be the conviction that each person in our communion of faithful is needed and valued.

At this Paschal celebration may we again plant the seed: life through death -- an excitement for what is ours today and tomorrow, and the day after, to build. May our Alleluia echo Hope... Promise... Joy... a fuller and more blessed life!

EASTER!

We began Lent as people on a mission in winter's darkness. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we joined the journey with Christ to Easter. We awake this morning to the good news of RESURRECTION, to sunshine and flowers, alleluias and blessings, and an affirmation that suffering and death will be destroyed. Healing and eternal life will be ours at last!

This is the day the Lord has made for breaking fasts, for hunting eggs, for exuberant hospitality. Feast the family and friends with the food blessed for this day. CHRIST IS TRULY RISEN!

SPRINKLING RITES

Easter rejoicing lasts 50 days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. People have always mingled the renewal of spring with celebrations of the resurrection.

In many parts of Europe - especially Poland - the boys and girls (men and women) "christen" each other with holy water and exchange Eater eggs on alternate days following the feast. While holy water might be used, regular tap water mixed with some perfume (scent) to "christen" an unsuspecting friend or member of the household. Some may add: "May you never wither!"

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The Jewish holiday of Passover begins this year on Monday evening March 29 at sundown and runs through sundown on Tuesday, April 6. Passover celebrates the biblical liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and the beginnings of the Jewish people over 3,000 years ago.



Due to their hasty departure from Egypt, the Israelites did not have enough time to fully bake their bread. Therefore, the Torah commands Jews not to eat any bread products during these eight days, and instead to eat matzah, or unleavened bread ("leavening" includes yeast and other products which may cause bread to rise). Matzah also symbolizes the bread of affliction that the Israelites ate as slaves.

The story of the exodus from Egypt is told each year on the first two nights of Passover at the Seder, a festive dinner which includes rituals that stimulate all the senses. The Seder is designed to fulfill the commandment that each participant should feel as if he or she had been in Egypt, able to taste the bitterness of slavery and the sweetness of freedom. The Haggadah (literally "the telling"), is the book that is used at the Seder, and relates the story of Passover.

During the Seder, there are a number of symbolic foods placed on the Seder plate in the center of the table. The meaning of each symbol is explained as the Haggadah is read. The roasted shankbone is a reminder of the Paschal lamb which was offered at the time of the Exodus. Maror (bitter herbs) recalls the bitter suffering of the slaves. Charoset is a mix of apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine looking like mortar used by the slaves to make bricks. Karpas (parsley) dipped in salt water symbolizes spring and the tears shed by the slaves. A roasted egg reminds us of the coming of spring and hope for the future.

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The Easter Howliday will soon be here and we dogs are again neglected. The Easter Bunny delivers a goodie basket to all the small humans, who do they think lets him in? Without us dogs our humans would miss out on a lot. Instead the Bunny is celebrated for being soft, fuzzy, and cute. Well so AM I!! Plus, we are smarter, more fun, and don't just visit for one day! But, are we celebrated, no! I believer we are taken for granted. We should have a National Howliday where we are celebrated. There is a National Pet Week in March, but why should we share with other pets? I know that I am being a little selfish (but that isn't often), but I am thinking of all CanineKind! We deserve to mascot a day where all Canines are loved, admired, played with, and adored. (Yes, this should happy daily, but we deserve a day to be special). We can call it The Canine Day of Independence or maybe Pooch Party day! At any rate, since our silly humans have yet to come up with an idea, we must. We have to come up with some plan to get out special day! So, every pup please chew on this idea for awhile and see what we come up with!

Until then, don't let that Bunny in this year!! Well only if he has some goodies for you too!

Bosley

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



Anti-Cruelty Society

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



Malee is a very pretty 8-year old torbie! She has all the beautiful coloring of a gorgeous tortie and the subtle striping of a wonderful tabby. Malee is a quiet and calm girl who came to the shelter when her owner was moving and couldn't take her along. Malee is a bit on the shy side and only recently arrived in the adoption room. She is still getting acclimated to her new surroundings and all the changes in her life. If you come to visit, you may be asked to visit Malee at her cage as there is where she feels safest right now. Once settled in her new home, Malee is sure to relax and will be a very special friend and loving companion. Won't you come and meet Malee? She is patiently waiting for you at The Anti-Cruelty Society, just ask for #9965132. Malee is ready to go to her new home today!

Devo is a 2-year old brown Cocker Spaniel who came to the shelter because his previous owner was moving and couldn't take him along. He is a bit uncomfortable in the shelter environment and takes a while to relax with new people ... although when food or a special treat is introduced, he does relax and warms to his visitors. Devo has had minimal training (but he is house-trained!), he will sit on command and he knows to accept his treats gently, so additional obedience training would be helpful. He should do best in an all-adult home and preferably with people familiar with the Cocker Spaniel breed. Devo is waiting right now for his new family at The Anti-Cruelty Society. Visit him today and ask for #9964314. Already altered, Devo is ready for his new home immediately!



GREAT OUTDOORS

Urban Wildlife Coalition:

City Hires Company for Coyote Control Program

WHEATON, Ill. – The City of Wheaton retained the services of On Target ADC of DeKalb, Ill., for the purpose of conducting coyote control activities.

On Target ADC will be performing an inspection and assessment of the City's coyote population. Based upon that inspection and assessment, the consultant will implement a coyote control program aimed at removing diseased coyotes as well as coyotes that have been exhibiting aggressive behavior. On Target ADC will perform its activities in compliance with all federal, state and local regulations.

Killing Coyote – Update from Wheaton

Following a coyote attack on an unleashed dog, several weeks ago the Wheaton City Council voted to hire a trapper to destroy coyotes in the area. The decision stirred debate in Wheaton and around the region, with hundreds attending recent City Council meetings.

Four coyotes were spotted via strategic video surveillance; trapped with leg traps, a method now banned in 88 countries and in several states and opposed by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the World Veterinary Association, and the American Animal Hospital Association; and were shot. According to trapper Rob Erickson of On Target, A.D.C., all four animals showed evidence of scarcoptic mange, an infestation of mites, and a necropsy revealed pet and human food in the coyotes' stomachs, leading Erickson to believe that people were feeding the coyotes.

Wheaton has halted further killing – for now. Traps have been removed and the suburb is in "wait-see" mode. Video monitoring will continue. If additional habituation behavior is observed (coyotes fearlessly approaching people) or if more coyotes with mange are detected, the City Council may opt to continue the cull.

Coexisting with Coyotes

Throughout history, coyotes have been hunted, trapped, and poisoned, yet these highly intelligent animals have managed to thrive, despite human efforts to erase them from the planet. It is no surprise that in the face of such antagonism, coyotes will avoid human beings if food sources and shelter are otherwise available. Yet, with urban development and habitat destruction, coyotes are forced into neighborhoods in an effort to survive.

Tips for keeping coyotes away.

Sounds simplistic, but when we stop destroying coyotes' natural habitat, they will be more likely to stay out of human-populated areas.

While coyote attacks on pets are infrequent, if you live in an area where coyote populations are high and you are concerned, keep small pets attended and on a leash.

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).

Wheaton City Council Contact Information:

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John Prendiville (against the proposed coyote cull) 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. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com.

Problems with your Pooch?

The City of Evanston is offering new classes for dog and puppy owners to help solve their pet issues. Choose from a classroom setting (leave your pet at home), phone or internet, and let an expert help you to help yourself. For seminar times, setting up a consultation, pricing or to register, call the Levy Center at 847-448-8250.

“Small Fry Science”

“Small Fry Science” will introduce your child to the world of science. The next session meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14 at the Ecology Center. The topic will be “Egg Science.” For ages 4- to 6-years old. The fee is \$12. Preregistration is required. For info. or to register, please call 847-448-8256.

Teen Trip is to eSkape

The next teen trip is to eSkape in Buffalo Grove. Join us for bowling and laser tag from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, May 7. Boys and girls age 10-16 years are welcome to join in. The fee is \$20/resident or \$30/nonresident and includes transportation. Registration by April 21 at 847-448-8250.



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Kick off the Evanston outdoor golf season with this free youth golf clinic. This program offers golf instruction and games for grades 4-8 at all golf skill levels. Please register by Wednesday, April 7. The clinic is from 9-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 10 at the Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St. Late registration will result in a fee of \$10/resident or \$20/nonresident. Call 847-448-8252.

Save Money by Buying Your Beach Tokens Early

The preseason beach token sale begins Thursday, April 1 and runs through June 11. Evanston and Skokie residents can purchase tokens during this period for \$22 each. When beaches open on June 12, token prices increase to \$30. Tokens are available at the Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., and all community centers. A daily pass is \$8 for those age 12 and older and \$6 for children age 1-11. Children under age 1 are admitted free. Fee assistance and a limited number of free tokens are available to Evanston residents who meet income guidelines. For more details, call 847-866-2900 or you can go to the website www.cityofevanston.org/beach.

Practice Your Three R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

Contribute your gently-used small articles to the Eco-Garage Sale and benefit the Evanston Environmental Association. Donations are being welcomed April 12-16 at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. For those looking for a bargain, the sale will run 8 a.m.-noon, Sat., April 17. Admission is free. Please call 847-448-8256 for details.

“Adapting Our Gardens to Climate Change”

Learn new gardening tips at a free program from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 10 at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. Speakers will focus on the stresses placed on local plant life due to warming temperatures and changes in precipitation. They will offer suggestions on plant choices and water management techniques that will help our gardens adapt to changing condition. Pre-registration is requested due to limited seating; please call Karen Taira at 847-448-8256. Parking is also free.

Peak Oil, what is it and is it real?

This Ecology Center presentation is a primer on current oil reserve depletion and at what point oil production will have reached its peak. The presentation runs from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13 at the Center. There will be a discussion afterwards for anyone 16 years and up. The fee is \$5 per person. For info., please call 847-448-8256.

LEARN WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A COLLEGIATE ATHLETE BY RECRUITING EXPERT CECIL MARTIN ON APRIL 12

Niles North High School has partnered with the National Collegiate Scouting Association (NCSA) to provide a free seminar on the college recruiting process for athletes. Cecil Martin, a former National Football League veteran with the Philadelphia Eagles, will present “College Recruiting Simplified” at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 12 in the Niles North High School Auditorium at 9800 Lawler, Skokie.

All athletes who are interested in participating in college athletics, no matter what grade level or sport, are encouraged to attend the “College Recruiting Simplified” presentation with their parents to learn: the benefits of playing collegiate sports; strategies on how to maximize recruiting potential; timelines for college recruiting; and the five things every potential college recruit must do to get recruited. Only five percent of high school athletes get the opportunity to play sports in college. Martin, the Captain of a Rose Bowl Championship-winning Wisconsin team and an Evanston High School graduate, will guide parents and student athletes through the importance of establishing athletic and academic goals, setting realistic expectations and seeking opportunities at all college levels.

The hour-long presentation is free to all high school athletes and their parents. For more information contact College and Career Counselor Jodie Faltynski at (847) 626-2170.

Don’t Miss Your Spot in Evanston Summer Camp!

Phone-in, walk-in, and walk-in registrations continue regardless of residency. Summer camp guides are available at any of the centers or online at www.cityofevanston.org/summercamps. For information, call 847-866-2900.

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NILES WEST EDITOR ACCEPTED TO JOURNALISM HONOR ROLL

Niles West High School senior Katarina Sostaric, an editor of the high school’s yearbook, Spectrum, was recently awarded the prestigious distinction of being on the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) Journalism Honor Roll. The NSPA Journalism Honor Roll acknowledges student journalists who achieve a 3.75 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher grade point average and have worked in student media for at least two years. Additionally, Sostaric, as a senior, is eligible to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship.

All Honor Roll inductees receive a certificate of recognition and will be listed in the NSPA’s Best of the High School Press.

Maine Township High School South wins 15th annual Rube Goldberg Machine Contest

A team from Maine Township High School South, Park Ridge today won Argonne National Laboratory’s 15th annual Rube Goldberg Machine Contest held at the Chicago Children’s Museum on Navy Pier. By winning Argonne's contest, Maine Township High School South advances to the National High School Rube Goldberg Machine Championship to be held Saturday, March 27, at Purdue University.

Maine Township High School South defeated 11 other teams by building a complex machine that takes at least 20 steps "to dispense an appropriate amount of hand sanitizer into a hand."

Second place in today’s competition was won by York Community High School, Elmhurst and third place went to Chicago Christian High School, Chicago.

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

Other teams in the contest were:

Antioch Community High School, Antioch
Glenbrook North High School, Northbrook
Hoffman Estates High School, Hoffman Estates
Joliet Central High School, Joliet
Latino Youth High School, Chicago
Rich East High School, Park Forest
Alan B. Shepard High School, Palos Heights
Walter Payton College Prep High School, Chicago
Wilmington High School, Wilmington

In addition to advancing to the national championship, the winning team received a traveling trophy to display until the 2010 contest and a tour of Argonne, which will include the Advanced Photon Source, and lunch with Argonne scientists. The first-place team also will have the opportunity to demonstrate its winning machine at Argonne on the day of its tour. In addition, each team member and the team's faculty advisor received an Argonne National Laboratory Rube Goldberg Machine laptop backpack and an Argonne Rube Goldberg Machine Contest T-shirt.

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

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

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

Information about the Argonne Rube Goldberg Machine Contest for High Schools is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.anl.gov/Careers/Education/rube/rubeteams.html>

Argonne's Division of Educational Programs and Communications and Public Affairs Division sponsored today's contest in collaboration with Chicago Children's Museum and the National Rube Goldberg Machine Contest, held annually at Purdue University. The event is licensed by Rube Goldberg, Inc.

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NILES WEST EARNS SECOND PLACE IN RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE CONTEST

Niles West High School earned second place in the 2010 Rube Goldberg Machine Contest held recently at Prosser Career Academy in Chicago. Rube Goldberg was an engineer-turned-cartoonist who satirized new technology by drawing incredibly complex machines and gadgets to complete simple tasks. As Goldberg once stated, machines were a “symbol of man’s capacity for exerting maximum effort to achieve minimal results.”

This year’s Rube Goldberg Machine Contest challenge was to dispense hand sanitizer into a hand. The Niles West team crafted a machine to look like downtown Chicago and successfully dispensed the appropriate amount of hand sanitizer into a hand in 22 steps, earning second out of 12 teams. Niles West was led by Danny Lohan and Thea Ledesma. Other team members: Jorge Quiroz, Kevin Lohan, Kamil Koltys, Juan Camacho, Alex Makeyev, Celine Ledesma, Alex Petroulakis and Josh Melfi.

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Volunteer Applications Available

Volunteer applications are now being accepted!
Get involved, meet people that share your affinity for German culture.
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Sign up today to secure your place cutting cake, pouring beer, and dragging it all back to the DANK Haus till the next year.

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.

NILES NORTH’S LITERARY MAGAZINE EARNS PERFECT SCORE FOR DESIGN

The staff of Calliope, the Niles North student-published art and literary magazine, recently learned that the 2009 issue received a First Place award from the American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA). Each year the ASPA evaluates publications from about 1,000 U.S. colleges, junior colleges, high schools and middle schools, awarding points in the following categories: content coverage, organization, design, presentation and creativity. Sensations, the Niles North 2009 issue, scored 945 out of a possible 1,000 points, with a perfect score in design and 390 out of 400 points in content coverage. A judge noted that Sensations was “an excellent publication,” demonstrating the efforts of a wide range of talented contributors.
More than 46 Niles North writers, photographers and artists, representing each class level, contributed to Sensations. Vicky Kao, Class of 2009, created the cover drawing. Student editors for the 2009 issue were: Pooja Desai and Brianna Nielsen, editors-in-chief; associate editors Jenna Cohen, Sara Kaucher and Krystine Hoang; and assistant editors Becky Dykes, Monica Pabelonio, Esther Reiberg and Alicia Singer. General staff included Faith Barksdale, Max Kirschenbaum, Becca Shea, Stephanie Ruiz, Amanda Decker and Liang Hou. Cohen, Dykes, Kaucher, Hoang, Pabelonio and Reisberg are returning member of the editorial board for 2009-10. English teacher Charles Pratt is the Calliope faculty advisor.
The 2010 issue of Calliope will be published in May.

NILES TOWNSHIP YOUTH COALITION PRESENTS “RAISING TEENS: A RISKY BUSINESS” ON APRIL 6

Parents and guardians in Niles Township are invited to a Town Hall Meeting to discuss “Raising Teens: A Risky Business” from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6 in the Niles West High School Auditorium at 5701 Oakton, Skokie, The Niles Township Youth Coalition (NTYC) is sponsoring this meeting to inform parents about the kinds of lifestyle choices young people are making. The meeting will begin with a summary of results from the social norms survey recently completed at Niles North and Niles West High Schools. The findings will give parents of teens and pre-teens a true picture about the usage of drugs, alcohol and tobacco among young people. Most of the meeting will give parents time to ask questions of professionals from local social service agencies, schools and law enforcement. Please attend this important meeting to help your children make healthy life choices.
An Information Fair will be held in the Lobby after the meeting. Literature from local community agencies and agency representatives will be on hand.
The Niles Township Youth Coalition is composed of local community agencies that serve Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles and Skokie. Its purpose is to bring together the key social service agencies that support children and families in Niles Township, to help provide a safe and secure community.

Village Cooking Corner

Ham, Turkey or Chicken Timbale

2 tablespoons butter
1 cup ground cooked ham (may substitute turkey or chicken)
2/3 cup milk
pepper
1/4 cup stale bread crumbs
1 tablespoon parsley flakes
2 eggs

Melt butter, add crumbs, milk, meat, parsley and eggs. Season. Turn into buttered baking dish. Bake 20 minutes, or until firm, at 350 degrees.
Recipe: “From the Kitchens of Nantucket”

Lamb with Green Beans (Arni Me Fasolakia)

3 lbs. lamb shoulder - boned
1 large onion, grated
2-3 medium tomatoes, chopped
3 Tablespoons cooking oil
1 1/2 lbs. green beans, pinch off stems and cut in half
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup water

Trim excess fat from boned lamb and cut into 2” cubes. Saute onions with oil in large saucepan, then add the meat and saute until brown. Add remaining ingredients, except for green beans. Cover and simmer together for about 45 minutes or until meat is almost tender. Add the green beans and continue to cook together occasionally stirring gently. Cook until both meat and beans are tender.
Note: Excellent substitutes for green beans are okra, artichokes, zucchini, eggplant or peas.
Recipe: “The Greek Flavor”

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Lorraine Heinichen Memorial Book Review. Apr. 2, 10:30 a.m. Suzanne Hales reviews “The Longest Trip Home” by John Grogan. Program preceded by 10 a.m. coffee time.
Morning Matinees. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Apr. 1: “A Serious Man.”; Apr. 8: “Sherlock Holmes.”
Friday Films shown weekly at 1 p.m. Apr. 2: “Adam.”; Apr. 9: “The Time Traveler’s Wife.”
Humanities Treasures. This free discussion group meets Wednesdays, 1–3 p.m. at the Lincolnwood Library to explore current events and selected readings. Humanities Treasures is affiliated with the Oakton Community College Emeritus Program.
English as a Second Language Class. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. through May. Free weekly class for adults who want to learn to speak English. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call (847) 635-1426 for more information.
Literacy Class. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free weekly class for adults who want to improve reading, writing, and math skills. Sponsored by Oakton Community College. Call (847) 635-1426.
Knitting for Adults. Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Adults can learn to knit or work on knitting projects. All skill levels welcome.
The Friends of Library meet the third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m.
The Adult Stamp Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.
The Mac Users Club meets the second Thursday of each month, 7-9 p.m.
Afterschool Café. Mondays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Students of all ages can buy a snack and relax before tackling homework.
Acting Class. Mondays through April 12, 2 p.m. Games, skits, bit parts and more “acting out” for students in 3rd-5th grade, directed by Debbi Brodsky. Possible show in April. Register with Lincolnwood Library’s Youth Services Department, 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.
Beginning with Books. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Spring session begins Apr. 7. Stories, songs, and activities for infants to 2-year-olds and a caregiver. Families are welcome to stay for Playtime program that follows. Register with Lincolnwood Library’s Youth Services Department: 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.
Playtime at the Library. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Spring session begins Apr. 7. A friendly, social time for young children, ages 3 and under, and their caregivers. Toys and snacks are provided for the children.
Stories & More. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Spring session begins Apr. 6. Children ages 3-5 enjoy language-rich activities including fingerplays, songs, and crafts during each 45-minute session. Siblings welcome. Register for morning or afternoon session with Lincolnwood Library’s Youth Services Department: 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.
Family Storytime. Apr. 8, 7 p.m. Feel free to wear your pajamas to the library for “Move with Me,” a storytime filled with movement, music and fun.
Monday Movies. Films for children on early release Mondays after school, 3:30 p.m.
Knitting for All Ages. Fridays, 3:30-5 p.m. Adults and children, ages 10 and up, can learn to knit or work on a project.

When Father Time Catches Up With Our Parents



Chester M. Przybylo

We all expect it to happen eventually-our parents getting older. Not just older chronologically, but physically and mentally older as well. It's a difficult and sometimes painful process to realize that our parents are in fact aging. With each passing year, your parents, too, may be showing more obvious signs of time gone by. Even the spryest of spry eventually start to slow down and need more help than they did before.

Sometimes it happens slowly and you have time to adjust to your new reversed role as the caregiver.

When you visit, you notice they are not keeping up with their normal routines, they may need more help around the house, or help managing their checkbook and bills. And other times, the caregiver role reversal is thrust upon you suddenly and unexpectedly due to an illness or accident which can cause much stress and concern for your parents' well being. When these turns of events happen, there may also come a time when your parents will need more care than you can provide on your own. They may need in-home care, an assisted living facility, or even a nursing home. The good news is you can help them plan now for these eventual needs and help them prepare for this next stage in life when the time comes.

Set up an appointment for them to meet with a qualified estate planning attorney, one who focuses their practice in that area. That attorney can help your parents with a comprehensive estate plan, including a Revocable Living Trust, Pourover Will, Financial Power of Attorney, Health Care Power of Attorney, and "HIPAA" Authorization Form.

A Revocable Living Trust will hold your parents property and facilitate your management, as successor Trustee, of that property in the event of their disability. Similarly, as "Agent" under your parents' Financial Powers of Attorney, you can manage any assets which are outside their Trust, file their income tax return, etc. Their Trust and Financial Power of Attorney should contain "Medicaid triggers" which allow you, as their decision-maker, to engage in planning strategies which will enable them to qualify for Long-Term Care Medicaid for nursing home care. That way, their assets may not have to be exhausted on medical bills and nursing home costs and can be retained instead to provide them a better life.

Health Care Powers of Attorney enable you, as their Agent, to make medical decisions for them if they are unable to make them for themselves. A Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act or "HIPAA" Authorization Form allows for you and others to have access to your parents' protected health care information, when needed.

If the time comes that one of your parents need care in a nursing home, you'll have the tools you need to help facilitate that. At that time, of course, you'll want to choose a facility carefully. Consider the following factors: proximity to you and other family members, the ratio of nursing staff to residents, the facility's safety and overall ratings, etc. You can find a listing of nursing homes in your area and their ratings and ratios at: www.Medicare.gov/NHcompare.

If you plan now, you and your parents will be ready whatever the future might bring. A qualified estate planning attorney can help tailor a plan to your parents' unique needs.

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

Social Security to Provide Helpful Health Care Information to Over 3 Million Disability Applicants Each Year

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, announced the agency is providing helpful health care information and website links to the more than three million individuals who apply each year for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits. The website links take disability applicants to two U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) websites – www.healthfinder.gov where they will find information and tools to help them better understand and cope with their conditions; and www.healthfinder.gov/rxdrug where they may be able to get help paying for prescription drugs.

“This year over three million Americans will apply for disability benefits. Whether they meet the statutory test and qualify for benefits or not, almost all of them are facing difficult economic and medical challenges. One of the advantages of our fully electronic system is that our notices can provide applicants with valuable information provided by HHS that might help them make good choices faster,” Commissioner Astrue said. “Twenty five years ago, I had the experience of filing for disability benefits on behalf of my seriously ill father. It would have been a blessing to have had easy access to this kind of important information.”

The website at www.healthfinder.gov provides detailed information about specific diseases. For example, an applicant with breast cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, Alzheimer’s disease, diabetes, or other diseases can go to the site to gather information about diagnosis, symptoms, treatment, ongoing research, and local resources available to people with those diseases. The website at www.healthfinder.gov/rx-drug links people to the Partnership for Prescription Assistance, which directs people to information on reduced cost or free prescription drugs offered by drug companies, state and local governments, and local organizations.

The helpful health care links also are available on Social Security’s website at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability.

FAST FACTS ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

By Andrew Salata, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

When you think of Social Security, you probably think about a monthly payment for retired and disabled workers. But Social Security has a rich history full of interesting facts. The program has been around for almost 75 years, so there has been ample time to put together a list of fun facts and figures. Here are a few. Social Security paid benefits to about 55.8 million people in 2008. Fifty-six percent of adult beneficiaries were women.

Here is some trivia about wages over the past few years. In 2007, the average annual wage was \$40,405. In 2008, it went up to \$41,679 (estimated). And in 2009, the average wage was \$42,041 (estimated). Looking at the average wages, it’s plain to see how easy it is to reach your full Social Security credit each year. For example, in 2009, a wage-earner needed to earn and pay taxes on \$4,360 of wages to earn the full four credits of Social Security coverage for the year.

When you retire, you’ll fully appreciate just how useful Social Security can be. In 2007, 88 percent of married couples and 86 percent of single people aged 65 or older received Social Security benefits. Social Security was the major source of income (providing at least 50 percent of total income) for 53 percent of aged beneficiary couples and 73 percent of aged single beneficiaries. Social Security made up 90 percent or more of income for 21 percent of aged beneficiary couples and 44 percent of aged single beneficiaries.

New benefits were approved for about 5.1 million people in 2008. Of these new beneficiaries, 44 percent were retired workers and 17 percent were disabled workers. The remaining 39 percent were survivors or the spouses and children of retired or disabled workers.

Then there’s Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a program that provides income to needy people aged 65 or older, or who are blind or disabled. Payments under SSI began in January 1974, with 3.2 million people receiving federally administered payments. As of December 2008, the number of recipients was 7.5 million. Of this total, 4.3 million were between the ages of 18 and 64, 2 million were aged 65 or older, and 1.2 million were under age 18. To learn more, read our online publication Fast Facts & Figures About Social Security, 2009 at www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/chartbooks/fast_facts.

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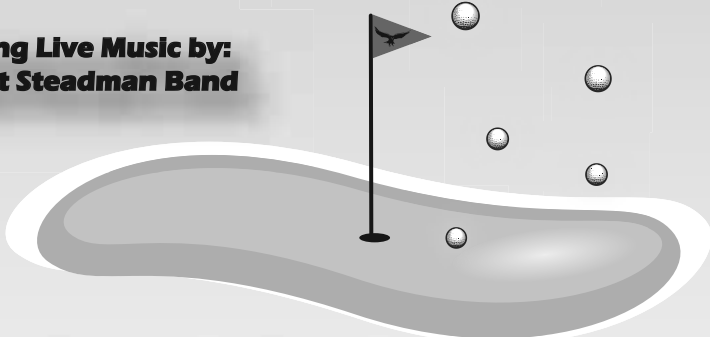
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