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STUDENTS DO GOOD DEEDS FOR OTHERS

Orchard Academy students are bringing comfort to sick and needy children and adults by helping Bears of Hope, a Skokie based volunteer organization. The organization makes huggable handcrafted fabric bears it delivers to clergy and social service organizations to give to individuals they serve who are facing difficult life situations. There is no charge for the bears. Since Bears of Hope's beginning in 2007, over 600 bears are now bringing hope to children and adults needing TLC. A student at Orchard Academy remarked, "It feels good to do something meaningful for others."



Teacher, Sarissa Hahn said, "Students enjoy the work. It's a practical way for them to develop work and life skills while learning the value of volunteering to help others." She takes students to Bears of Hope to pick up bears. At Orchard Academy, students machine wash and dry bears and iron-on their face features. This step gets bears ready to give hugs, comfort and hope to children and adults. Students also stuff bears with Fairfield poly-fil and prepare unprinted cotton fabric, as needed, for Bears of Hope's children's craft program "Design a Bear for Sick and Needy Children". Student Alex exclaimed, "I like the bears. They are awesome!"

Orchard Academy, located in Skokie, is part of Orchard Village, a nonprofit organization, which for 38 years supports over 300 men, women and children with disabilities. For further information, contact Tim Bobrowski, Director of Orchard Academy at 847-967-1800, x130 or visit the website www.Orchardvillage.org

Contact Bears of Hope founder, Carolyn Reiner at 847-673-4098; Bears@bearsofhope.com or visit the website www.bearsofhope.com

In Memory ...

The buzz of the news media personnel and their interviewing people shocked with the news: "The President is Dead." Did we not all experience utter shock and sorrow as the news spread throughout the United States ... throughout the world ... throughout each mind and heart upon hearing of this tragedy of Polish President Lech Kaczynski and 95 others, who were all, in one way or another, very important at this time in Poland's history: political, economic, legislative leaders ... and Chicago's own artist/sculptor, Wojciech Seweryn.

Not too long ago, Seweryn completed a tribute to the "slaughter," in the Katyn Forest of 20,000 highly influential Polish military and intelligencia, who 70 years ago, after the Second World War, would be capable of leading the Nation at the end of the Soviet and Nazi war, which tore Poland apart. Seweryn's Father was one of the 20,000 massacred at Katyn.

At the entrance gate of St. Adalbert's Cemetery in Niles, the large cross with angelic wings, the statue of the Blessed Mother holding her own Son in her lap at the foot of this cross ... another Pieta, was the design and the dream of Wojciech. Another tribute at this monument was meant to be held in the first days of May, when President Kaczynski was to be in Chicago for the Polish Independence Day parade.

There was supreme joy in the Seweryn household that Wojciech was invited to the original location in the Katyn Forest for the 70th anniversary memorial as part of the presidential delegation ... accompanying President Kaczynski on the Polish Air One.

The questions are many: why were so many political, economic, military and influential Polish people on one flight?

The Polish are accustomed to walking in pilgrimage for miles - even days - in the annual tribute to Our Lady of Czestochowa during the month of August. Thousands march from St. Michael Church on South Shore Drive to Merrillville, IN in a prayerful procession. Two thousand Poles marched along Milwaukee Avenue from the original "port of entry" of years ago (Division and Milwaukee) to St. Hyacinth Basilica (Milwaukee and Central Park) to celebrate at Mass the death of another most beloved world leader, the Polish Pope, John Paul II.

On Sunday, April 11th, three hundred walked from Chopin Park (Long at Belmont) to St. Hyacinth Basilica Parish.

As three thousand people filled the Basilica, they heard each name of the deceased announced individually. They came to pray for each of them.

Afterwards they struggled to find the words which would somehow express how they felt about the tragedy ... words of grief ... words of gratitude ... words of hope ... words of love of Country ... for the leadership which is bringing Poland from the grips of Communism.

From this difficult and painful, yet communal experience, strong and peaceful might describe the sentiments of these Polish people: powerless and helpless, yet strong; sad, yet divinely peaceful; broken, yet whole.

It is faith in God which unites the praying community, connecting this world with divine life. All that matters is simply a communion of people with no words needed. The deaths of our brothers and sisters bring us all together here, and at many other churches where the memory of these people will be celebrated in masses at various churches throughout the world.

Eucharist is thanksgiving.

They rest in peace. May they inspire us to live in the memory of Katyn of 70 years ago and the Katyn of today.

We remember ... their patriotism ... love of Country and family.

We celebrate ... their dedication.

We believe ... we will see them in the eternal life.

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

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ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER NOW ACCEPTING DOCENT APPLICATIONS

Skokie Museum seeks dedicated volunteers eager to make a difference; serve as tour guides, ambassadors

The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is looking for enthusiastic, motivated volunteers to serve as docents. Applications are available online now at www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Completed applications are due by April 30, 2010.

Docents advance the educational mission of the Museum by serving as the Museum’s principal ambassadors. They conduct tours and facilitate conversations with school groups and visitors of all ages and backgrounds. Extensive prior knowledge of the Holocaust or other genocides is not required, but a working knowledge of European, world, or Holocaust history and a willingness to learn are recommended. Flexible hours and bilingual speaking ability are also a plus.

Successful docents have positive energy and enthusiasm, great teamwork skills, and are dependable and comfortable speaking in public. Docents should embrace change and challenge, enjoy interacting with new people, be capable of physical activity and have regular access to email.

All docents must be available to attend a two-week Summer Institute. The first week, June 14-18, will cover “Teaching the Holocaust” and the second, June 21-25, will address “Teaching Human Rights and Genocide.” Each session runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., plus two evening sessions each week. Friday sessions are optional. In addition, the Summer Institute will be followed by two sessions on technique training -- July 28 and 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information or to obtain an application, please visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org or call 847.967.4800.

Likely the last international institution of its kind built with the active participation of Holocaust survivors, the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center is the largest facility in the Midwest dedicated to preserving the memories of those lost in the Holocaust and to teaching current generations to fight hatred, indifference and genocide in today’s world.

SEMINAL 6 WEEK HOLOCAUST COURSE COMING UP

Our next 6 week course begins soon on April 29th. It is entitled “Beyond Never Again: How the Holocaust Speaks to Us Today.”

We are all familiar with story and tremendous tragedy and atrocities of the holocaust, and we are committed to ensuring that it doesn’t happen again. But is that it? Is that the entire message our generation gleans from the Holocaust?

Join us to explore how the Holocaust continues to affect our generation and colors what it means to live as a Jew today.

The Holocaust forces us to grapple with the existence of evil and suffering. It challenges us to find faith and optimism in the face of devastation and despair. And it humbles us as we encounter heroes of the spirit who fought for truth and decency in the darkest of times.

Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Dempster Street, Skokie. 847-677-1770.

Village FY2011 Budget Hearing Schedule

The Village of Skokie has scheduled a review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budget on the following dates: April 12, April 19 and April 26, 2010.

All Budget Hearings start at 6:15 PM and are held at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street in Skokie. Budget Hearings are open to the public. For more information, please contact the Village Manager’s Office at 847/933-8210.

Evanston Committee Meeting Changes


There are two (2) meeting changes for the Housing & Community Development Act Committee.


The April 20 meeting has been moved to April 27 @ 7:30 pm in Room 2404.

The December 21 meeting has been moved to December 14 @ 7:30 pm in Room 2404.

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JUST AROUND THE CORNER: THE 2010 TALKING PICTURES FESTIVAL

Now in its second year, the 2010 Talking Pictures Festival takes place May 6 - 9 in Evanston and celebrates independent films from around the world mixed with brand new offerings by local filmmakers. From animation to documentaries and fiction films, this year’s four-day festival features 18 full-length films and five programs of shorts, including regional premieres from the US, Japan, Israel, Canada and Georgia/Kazakhstan, among others.

The 2010 Talking Pictures Festival opens with the regional premiere of George Ovashvili’s THE OTHER BANK (Georgia/Kazakhstan), winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the Seattle International Film Festival. THE OTHER BANK draws strong performances from non-professional actors as it follows a child’s dangerous journey across a war-ravaged land. Other regional premieres include FIGHTING FISH, a simmering sibling drama by first-time director Annette Apitz, and Atsuhiko Yamada’s “anti-romantic” comedy HAPPY ENDING (Japan). The festival’s strong documentary line-up includes several regional premieres as well: Laura Israel’s look at the unexpected hazards of green energy in WINDFALL; Tom Shepard’s science doc WHIZ KIDS; and AUTOMORPHOSIS, Harrod Blank’s charming take on cars that have been transformed into full-blown artworks.

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL: Founded in 2009, The Talking Pictures Festival is a project of Percolator Films (www.percolatorfilms.org), a new non-profit film organization that now also organizes Evanston’s popular, ten-year old REELTIME film and discussion series. Independent filmmakers Kathy Berger and Ines Sommer co-direct the fest.

For the festival, Percolator Films partners with local organizations, community groups, and businesses, to bring new independent films to Evanston and beyond. Major festival sponsors include Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, ROSCOR Media and Information Technologies, and Hotel Orrington, along with other Evanston businesses and organizations. Media sponsors for the 2010 Talking Pictures Festival are: The Onion (“America’s Finest News Source”) and AV Club Chicago; WCPT AM & FM – Chicago’s Progressive Talk Radio; and the Evanston Roundtable.

Festival venues include NEXT Theatre at Noyes Cultural Arts Center, Hotel Orrington’s Hinman Theater, Century 12 Evanston/CineArts 6, and the Evanston Public Library

Detailed ticket and venue information will be available at the festival website: www.talkingpicturesfestival.org

For more info, please contact: Kathy Berger, Festival Co-Director, or Ines Sommer, Festival Co-Director, 847.371.2804, filmvideoforum@yahoo.com, www.talkingpicturesfestival.org

39th Annual International Camera & Image Show And Sale To Be Held In Skokie

The Chicago Photographic Collectors Society will present its 39th Annual International Camera & Image Show And Sale on Sunday, May 2nd at the North Shore Holiday Inn, 5300 W. Touhy Ave, Skokie, from 10 am to 3 pm. Free parking. Admission is \$6.00 donation; children under 12 and photography students (with school ID) are \$4.00 donation. Free camera appraisals and free camera check-ups will be available on-site from Kim Camera Service.

According to show director Marv Chait, “This is the largest show of its type in the Midwest and will include over 80 dealers from across the U.S., Canada and Japan. Dealers buy, sell and trade contemporary, antique, collectable, and digital cameras, photo equipment, books and images of all kinds. We suggest that people who have old unused cameras and photo equipment stored in their attic or basement bring them to the show for a free appraisal...they may have real cash value.”

Note that a limited number of dealer and exhibitor tables are still available.

For further information and directions view the CPCS web site at: www.chicagophotographic.org or e-mail: marv5555@aol.com

Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Introduces Zumba® Fitness Party!

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department is infusing party fun into fitness this Summer 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, April 27 at 10:15 a.m. and 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, where online registration is available.

The gala 75th anniversary concert and dinner-dance will be a celebration to remember for all attendees – but will provide former Kinderchor members with a unique opportunity to reunite, recollect and rekindle friendships enjoyed while being a part of Kinderchor’s history. For ticket information, contact Mrs. Irene Stoepler at 847-297-2231.

The deadline for nominations is May 3, 2010. For more information, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257.

If refuse and recycling are not properly packaged for disposal, the Village may ticket the property owner and/or decline pickup of these items. Please contact the Public Works Department with questions at 847/933-8427.

“This new ordinance puts Evanston in line with a handful of other Illinois communities that have banned the use of hand held devices while driving,” said Grover. “All Evanston residents support increased safety on our streets, whether they are in a car, on a bike, or walking across a street.”

LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

NILES WEST ARTISTS PARTICIPATE IN GREAT FRAME UP SHOW

The following Niles West High School artists were selected as the Best in Show winners in the 2010 Life is Simply Art (LISA) Contest at the Great Frame Up, 2814 Central Street, Evanston yesterday: Tiffani Neal, drawing; John Kim, painting; Ainee Fatima, photography; Paulina Szar, graphic communication and Clark Finkelstein, three-dimensional. The artists advanced to the Best of the Best Show held May 16 at the Thompson Center in Chicago where they will compete against students from 25 other schools for scholarship money.

Facets Kids Film Camp For kids who LOVE movies!

Does your child LOVE movies? Help them explore their filmmaking talents at Facets Kids Film Camp, where kids ages 7 to 14 build a foundation in the technique, language and process of filmmaking!

With dozens of hands-on activities including: acting, storyboarding, screen-writing, reviewing and making a movie, Facets Kids Film Camp helps kids create and critique films like the pros!

773-281-9075 or kidsfest@facets.org; www.cicff.org, www.facets.org

Open Studio Children’s Art Classes

Support your child’s creativity in an open, playful atmosphere where adventurous use of materials is encouraged. Children will explore a variety of 2-D and 3-D projects. Taught by Jan Ellenstein who has been making art fun for children for the last 30 years. Age Level: 2-5 yrs (parent/child class)

Tuesday Mornings, 10am-11am, April 27 - June 1, 5 weeks, no class 5/11

Wednesday Mornings, 10am-11am, April 28 - June 2, 6 weeks or June 16 - July 28, 6 weeks, no class 7/7

Wednesday Afternoons, 1:30 - 2:30, April 28 - June 2, 5 weeks, no class 5/5 or June 16 - July 28, 6 weeks, no class 5/5

Fee: 5-week class: \$105 non-member, \$95 OSP member, \$75 sibling.

Fee: 6-week class: \$125 non-member, \$115 OSP member, \$90 sibling.

LIMITED SPACES LEFT - REGISTER TODAY!

To register or for more information call (847) 475 - 0390.

Open Studio Project | 903 Sherman Ave | Evanston | IL | 60202

YEA! Is Coming... May 15th

The 23rd annual YEA! Festival is Coming May 15th. Hundreds of school children have been working hard all year for this special day when their visual and performing art is the focus of Evanston’s only children’s art festival. The excitement goes from 10 am -4pm at the corners of Chicago Ave and Dempster Street. In case of rain, Yea! will take place at Dawes School, 440 Dodge Avenue at Oakton. Come experience the magic!! Read more at their new web site...

<http://www.yeaevanston.org/>

Eco-Garage Sale

Looking for a bargain? Come to the Eco-Garage Sale and help benefit the Evanston Environmental Association. The sale will run 8 a.m.-noon on Sat., April 17 at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. Admission is free. For info., call 847/448-8256.

Evanston Teen Trip

Deadline approaches for teen trip. The registration deadline for the trip to eSkape in Buffalo Grove is Wednesday, April 21. Boys and girls age 10-16 years are welcome to join in for bowling and laser tag from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, May 7. The fee is \$20/resident or \$30/nonresident and includes transportation. For info. or to register, call 847-448-8250.



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Afterschool Café. Mondays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Students of all ages can buy a snack and relax before tackling homework.

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.

Monday Movies. Films for children and teens on early release Mondays after school, 3:30 p.m. Apr. 19: Alvin and the Chipmunks: the Squeakquel.”

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.

Poetry Month Celebration. April 1-30, during library hours. Lincolnwood Library will hold a “Poetry Pirate Scavenger Hunt” during the month of April for Poetry Month. All school-aged children in Lincolnwood can come to the library to search for hidden poems and receive a bit of sweet treasure. Adults are also welcome to read or share a poem for a sweet treat.

This-N-That Thursdays. Apr. 15 and 22, 3:30 p.m. Students in grades 3-5 are invited to stop by the library for video games, crafts, and afterschool fun!

Totally Teen Tuesdays. Apr. 20, 3:30 p.m. Creative crafts, gaming, and tons of fun for grades 6 and up.



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

Evanston Looking for Community Volunteers

Looking for ways to volunteer and help make your Evanston a better place to live and work? The City of Evanston Volunteer Program provides many opportunities for you. The Volunteer Program will allow you to connect, strengthen and enhance city services through a variety of volunteer opportunities available to you within city government.

The City of Evanston is committed to: increasing public awareness of municipal services and operations; supporting innovative ways of solving community problems through volunteer efforts; allowing and enhancing citizen participation in city government; assisting city departments in strengthening service delivery by using volunteers to complement staff; and promoting partnerships between the city and other local community partners to benefit Evanston as a whole.

If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about the upcoming program, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@cityofevanston.org or at 847/448-8266.

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April Weekend Family Films: Where the Wild Things Are, April 18, 2:00-3:45pm.

Book Babies, April 19, April 26, 10:15-10:45am. Stories and songs for children 12-24 months and their parents and/or caregivers. Registration is required.

Plan Early for College with CollegeIllinois, April 21, 7:00-8:15pm. Tonya Polk of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission speaks about the state's prepaid college tuition savings plan.

A Visit with Author Sarah Campbell, April 28, 7:00-7:45pm. Children's book author and District 65 Alum, Sarah Campbell, will be here to talk about her experience writing her non-fiction book Wolf Snail and her forthcoming new title.

Chicago Area Public Libraries

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The Edgebrook Book Club discusses this spring's One Book, One Chicago selection Brooklyn by Colm Toibin on Wednesday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Chicago Public Library's Edgebrook Branch, 5331 W. Devon Avenue. This moving, hauntingly beautiful, historical novel set in Brooklyn and Ireland in the early 1950s concerns a young woman torn between her family and her past in Ireland and the American who wins her heart.

Chicagoan Nick De Leonardis, a die-hard Holmesian, meets every other month with the Sherlock Holmes discussion group to dissect the world of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. On Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. the group discusses the short story, 'The Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans.' The strongest assets of this story are the international intrigue and the elements of Victorian high technology of both submarines and railroads. The reader also encounters Holmes' usually invisible brother, Mycroft, seven years his senior and very much Holmes' superior in logic.

On Wednesday, May 12th at 1 p.m., Matt Fishbune, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones and Social Security Administration Specialist Mayra Salazar, discuss the options available with Social Security both now and in the future. Key considerations are important age markers, earnings and other income, health and longevity, cost of living adjustments, and dependent benefits.

The Edgebrook Book Club discusses The Lucky One by the inimitable storyteller, Nicholas Sparks, on Wednesday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m. This story about a man whose scrape with death leads to his one true love will keep you up at night and then make you sleep more soundly.

Evanston Children's Activities

Don't miss your spot in summer camp! Phone-in, walk-in, mail-in and on-line registrations continue. Summer camp guides are available at any of the centers or online at www.cityofevanston.org/summercamps. For information, call 847-866-2900.

Video Game Animation will have children ages 8-12 working in teams to put their imaginations in motion. Participants will be working with software created just for kids to create their own video games. The class meets from 4:30-6 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 4-25 at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave. The fee is \$82/resident or \$92/nonresident. Call 847-448-8250 for information or to register.

Children's Day returns. The Fleetwood-Jourdain Center is hosting their annual afternoon dedicated to youth: Children's Day. There will be a face painter, games, food and fun! The festivities run from 2-5 p.m. on Sun., May 2, at the Center, 1655 Foster St. Admission is free for ages 2-13 years accompanied by a parent. Call 847-448-8254.

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THE STEM OF STUDENT SUCCESS

Niles Township High School District 219 STEM Labs Win National Award

If you walk down the science corridor at Niles North or Niles West High School, you will reach a large window that displays a setting unlike any other within the schools. It is like looking into an aquarium, only instead of plants and ornaments, there are sophisticated technologies and scientific equipment. Most exciting is what is happening within these high-tech industrial labs: tomorrow's engineers and scientists are researching, interacting, and exploring.

They are called STEM (science/technology/engineering/mathematics) labs, and educators from 30 high schools and 8 colleges and universities within Illinois have visited Niles Township High School District 219 (D219) to tour them. Now the labs have attained a national platform.

The National School Boards Association (NSBA) has awarded the D219 STEM labs a citation in its 2010 Exhibition of School Architecture. Only three other educational projects in the nation received the distinction.

According to NSBA, "The jury was very impressed with this well thought-out design. The STEM labs have the feel and look of commercial labs. Special features within the layout, such as the Think Tank area, provide excellent opportunities for students to brainstorm and collaborate on scientific issues. The jury felt these multi-disciplines represent a best practice for STEM laboratories."

The projects will be displayed April 10 - 12 at the 2010 NSBA Conference in Chicago. Over 5,000 board members, superintendents, and other educational leaders from throughout the U.S. are expected to attend the conference to discuss ways to improve student achievement.

"The D219 STEM labs cross the professional research laboratory with features of a traditional production shop," says James McDonough, director of education at Legat Architects, Inc. "It's all about promoting curricular integration and getting students excited about exploring, researching, and solving real life problems."

Remodeled from existing space within the high schools, each lab is about 3,000 SF and has two primary zones. The Think Tank area supports presentations, conferencing, and thinking out loud. It includes full AV input and output, a plasma TV, projectors/screens, and interactive white boards. In the Lab Zone, students have everything they need to apply lessons toward invention and problem solving: flexible configurations, storage, places to plug in, and equipment. The Lab Zone further divides into areas for physics, chemistry, and biology.

Dr. Nanciann Gatta, D219 Superintendent, says, "Our new STEM research centers at Niles North and Niles West provide opportunities for our students to collaborate with each other to carry out sophisticated research, communicate with e-mentors and peers throughout the world, and gain a competitive advantage as they seek college entrance. The STEM centers will better equip our students with the skills they need to build successful careers as scientists, mathematicians, engineers and researchers."

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Mother’s Day Gift-making Workshop

The “Mother’s Day Craft Gift-making Workshop” gives your child hand-made gift options for Mom. Participants 8 years and up will meet from 12-1:30 p.m. on Sat., May 8 at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St. Fees are based on residency and the number of projects undertaken. Call the center for details or to register at 847-448-8254.

“Make A Garden Stone”

for Mother’s Day or any day. This session meets from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thurs., May 6 at the Evanston Ecology Center. If you are 8 years or older, come with an adult to make a decorative stone to enhance any garden. The fee is \$20/EEA member or \$25/resident or nonresident, which includes all materials for one stone per couple. Preregistration is required. For information or to register, call 847-448-8256.

Evanston Designated Tree City USA

For the 26th consecutive year, the National Arbor Day Foundation has designated Evanston as a Tree City USA. Only 10 other communities within Illinois have a longer consecutive streak than Evanston. In addition, the foundation awarded its 2009 Growth Award to Evanston for the eleventh time in the award’s 12-year history. To further recognize this impressive eleven-year Growth Award achievement, the National Arbor Day Foundation has named Evanston a Sterling Tree City USA. The Tree City USA designation is given by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. The designation recognizes cities with a proven commitment to an effective, ongoing community forestry program marked by renewal and improvement. The prestigious Growth Award further recognizes those Tree City USA communities who have shown environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care.

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Urban Wildlife Coalition:

Spring Urban Wildlife Tips

Spring is a wonderfully busy time for urban wildlife. Take advantage of the season and our wild neighbors by enjoying nature hikes, watching the dazzling array of birds in our area, and following these tips.

Drive carefully, especially near forest preserves, parks, and other natural areas. Especially later in the spring, inexperienced young animals may venture out into the road. Be especially cautious during the dawn and dusk hours. Keep to the speed limit; allow enough space between cars; and scan the edges of the road.

In spring, animals like squirrels, mice, raccoons, and foxes are looking for ideal nesting sites. If you prefer not to host wildlife in your home, prevention is key – so much easier than trying to rid your home of unwanted visitors later. Take an hour or two now to inventory your home for possible entry sites, and seal them before new residents move in. If wildlife has already started unpacking, a bit of patience goes a long way. Try to wait until newborns are on their own before trying to evict wildlife visitors.

Keep cats indoors. Outdoor pets are the leading cause of wildlife deaths in the spring.

Animals are establishing new nests in the spring, so avoid cutting trees and shrubs and applying pesticides and herbicides.

Think strategic gardening. Want to attract wildlife to your backyard? Consider plants and landscaping that lure birds, butterflies, and others. Hoping to deter animals from your garden? Now's the time to think about growing plants they do not enjoy and building fences around the types they do. Look to the next issue of Our Village for specific gardening tips.

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.urban-wildlifecoalition.org. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at urban-wildlifecoalition@gmail.com.

HELP NILES NORTH RECYCLE 4 TONS OF PAPER THIS MONTH

Last year Niles North recycled over 73,000 tons of paper—enough to save over 110 cubic yards of landfill space, over 612 trees and 250,000 gallons of water. The Niles North Recycling Club has set a goal of four tons of paper this month—a reachable goal, with the community's help. Bring your recyclable paper to the green and yellow Paper Retriever bins in the back of the school lot at 9800 Lawler, Skokie. Paper suitable for recycling includes all CLEAN and DRY: newspapers, magazines, catalogs, office and school papers and mail. No phone books, cardboard, food boxes, fiberboard, chipboard, textbooks or hardcover books, please. Do not drop metal, plastic or aluminum in the bin. This is a simple way to support the school and its programs and help the environment at the same time. The Recycling Club earns money for every ton of recyclable materials that is collected and uses the funds to further promote recycling efforts within the school. The Recycling Club sponsor is Pam Frontzak.

Early Beach Tokens on Sale Now - Save Money, Buy Early

The preseason beach token sale started 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 visit our web site at <http://www.cityofevanston.org/>

Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation

Lincolnwood Farmers Market

Beginning Thursday, June 3, the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will be operating the Lincolnwood Farmers Market. In its 4th year, the market will run every Thursday through October 14 between the hours of 8am -1pm. The site will be the St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot, located at 4707 West Pratt Avenue.

The goal of the market is to bring together residents and the business community, while offering all the opportunity to buy fresh produce and natural products. Vendors will set up displays that may include fruits, vegetables, breads and pastries, flowers, cheese, honey and more.

NEW this year, is the opportunity for community groups, to apply for a table once during the market to showcase an organization and share membership and volunteer opportunities with residents and neighbors. Also NEW this year is the opportunity for local artisans and the business community to apply once for a space for a small fee. (A Village Business license is required to sell products.)

With a 20 week season we hope to accommodate all who wish to participate.

Entertainment and theme days will be provided on certain days of the Market. Watch for more details.

For further information or a community, artisan, or business application, please contact the Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/FarmersMarket.cfm.

German Tall Ship ROALD AMUNDSEN Makes a Rare Visit to the United States

The sailing vessel Roald Amundsen will be the only German tall ship to take part in the 2010 Great Lakes Challenge.

Prior to her arrival on Lake Ontario on June 23, 2010, ROALD AMUNDSEN is looking forward to an exciting crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, leaving her winter sailing grounds around the Canary Islands and will head toward the Caribbean, then northwards to the Saint Lawrence River to start the summer-long race series. Adventurers of all ages are encouraged to book passages ranging from three to seven days. For more voyage information and to book a passage, visit www.sail-training.de or contact the American Sail Training Association at 401-846-1775.

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Dog Beach & Boat Launch Info Now Available

The Evanston Dog Beach pass packet is now online at www.cityofevanston.org/dogbeach or call 847/866-2900 to have a packet mailed. The Dog Beach season has been lengthened and will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m., starting April 1 and ending Nov. 30.

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 tests. Mail-in registration and walk-ins continue at the Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave. All applicants must have a valid 2010 City pet license, (available through the Collector's Office) or, if not a resident, proof of the required license from their community. Boat packets for Church St. and Dempster St. launch facilities are online at www.cityofevanston.org/lakefront. Reconstruction of the Dempster Street Boat Launch Facility will be completed before the start of the 2010 season. Call 847-866-2900 for details.

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.

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Lisa Fishman, Singer, Actress, Songwriter, and Recording Artist- has performed throughout the U.S. and Europe, starring in Off-Broadway and Regional Musical Theater, recording and performing her original pop music, singing at the top Cabaret venues, singing and recording with several of the Country’s top ‘Klezmer’ bands. She has starred in Yiddish Theater productions in New York and Los Angeles.

Shelley Yoelin, Saxophone and Clarinet - former Chair of the Fine Arts department and Professor of music (retired) at Triton College, River Grove, IL. He teaches with the “Jamey Abersold Summer Jazz Clinics.” Shelley also is a performer, arranger, composer, producer for the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band.

Bob Applebaum, Piano - a retired physics instructor at New Trier High School, Winnetka, IL. He is a composer and arranger. He writes and arranges much Jewish music for choir and Band. He is the main arranger for the Modern Klezmer Quartet and is responsible for the beautiful re-harmonization of the melodies. In addition, Bob plays with the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band.

Jim Cox, Bass - has performed and been featured with jazz great Marion McPartland. He is one of Chicagoland’s most in-demand bass player. Jim can also be heard performing on the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band’s recordings.

Sarah Allen, Drums - performs with her own jazz group the Sarah Allen Quartet and can be heard often performing with the Fred Simon Group. She can also be heard on the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band’s recording “Wedding Party.” Sarah was also the house drummer for the “Blue Man Group”.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation, 847-677-7761, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, IL 60077, www.skokietheatre.com

Evanston’s Ethnic Arts Festival Application Deadline Extended

The Evanston Ethnic Arts Festival is a juried festival open to all ethnic, folk and fine artists and artisans whose work expresses the culture of a national, regional, tribal or language group. The festival organizers wish to encourage community or family-based arts which carry with them a sense of cultural heritage. All entries must demonstrate artistic excellence. If you wish to be part of this event, the postmark deadline for applications has been extended to Wednesday, April 28. Priority is given to work that is original and handmade and honors fair trade practices — please indicate on the form if your work complies with these standards.

The Festival runs noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18, in Dawes Park, Sheridan Road and Church St., Evanston. The festival is sponsored by the City of Evanston’s Cultural Arts Division and partially supported by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. For more information, call 847-448-8260 or go to www.cityofevanston.org/ethnic.

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“The Old Settler”

Writers’ Theatre, 376 Park Avenue, Glencoe, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The Writers’ Theatre in Glencoe, Illinois, is honoring Black History Month with their production of John Henry Redwood’s play “The Old Settler.”

I know I’ve seen the show once before but I don’t remember if it was at “The Goodman Theatre,” “Court Theatre,” “Steppenwolf Theatre” or “North-light Theatre.”

While it takes two and a half hours to tell this warm, heart-breaking story with intermission it is an engrossing evening of theatre and it does have some funny scenes.

Ron OJ Parson has done a wonderful job in his direction and casting with Cheryl Lynn Bruce as Elizabeth Borny, Wanda Christine as Quilly McGarh, Kevin Rosten, Jr. as Husband and Alexis J. Rogers as Lou Bessie Preston.

The play is set in Harlem in the spring of 1943. Elizabeth and Quilly are sisters who share their quiet lives together. When Elizabeth encounters Husband who is from the country she invites him to rent a room since he is having a difficult time adjusting to the Big City.

Every actor in this production that is poetic, lyrical, melancholy, has its humor gives a powerful performance. Quilly is a spunky sister and at times at odds with Elizabeth who has a good heart but goes through her share of pain and suffering when she falls for the handsome Husband. Husband comes to Harlem chasing after the sexy Lou Bessie Preston who provides the comedy element in the show.

Husband thinks he is in love with Elizabeth in this poignant play but in the end Elizabeth realizes that the age difference between the two that their relationship won’t work.

The two sisters find strength and forgiveness that families should have. I’m glad I saw this show as it gives audiences a lot to think about.

“The Old Settler” runs until March 28th and could get extended. For show schedule, times and reservations call 847-242-6000. Tickets are \$50 - \$65 - **Four Stars** -

Chicago Philharmonic Presents Blockbuster Beethoven’s Ninth: Ode to Joy

The Chicago Philharmonic will present the classical masterpiece Beethoven’s Ninth: “Ode to Joy” on May 2, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Pick-Staiger Hall in Evanston. The concert will feature rising stars from the Ryan Center for Young Artists at Lyric Opera and the North Shore Choral Society. Larry Rachleff will conduct.

The evening will open with a cappella excerpts from ‘The Peaceable Kingdom’ by Randall Thompson presented by the North Shore Choral Society, conducted by the Society’s music director, Dr. Julia Davids. The group will perform Have Ye Not Heard? and Ye Shall Have a Song. Following the choral pieces will be Beethoven’s Romance for Violin and Orchestra No. 1 in G Major Opus 40 with David Perry, Violin. Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9: “The Choral” presented in its entirety will conclude the evening.

One of the most influential symphonies ever written, Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9 is complicated, powerful and exciting. Symphony No. 9 was Ludwig van Beethoven’s last complete symphony. It was completed in 1824, only three years before his death in 1827. Beethoven was completely deaf at the time that he composed this epic piece. It is regarded by most as a masterpiece, and one of the greatest accomplishments of his very productive life. Symphony No. 9 was also the first example of a major composer incorporating voice into a symphonic work. In the fourth and final movement, Beethoven adapted a poem written by Friedrich Schiller in 1785 – An die Freude (“Ode to Joy”). The elaborate movement features four soloists and a full chorus. The North Shore Choral Society and soloists from Ryan Center for Young Artists at Lyric Opera will join the Chicago Philharmonic to deliver this final movement and the spectacular “Ode to Joy”.

The Chicago Philharmonic will also welcome to the stage a small group of very talented budding young artists. As part of the orchestra’s Side by Side program, in partnership with New Trier High School, seven exceptional young players have been working very hard alongside of some of the orchestra’s finest mentor members. These promising young talents will have the great honor of joining the renowned Chicago Philharmonic in presenting Beethoven’s incredible masterpiece. Beethoven’s Ninth has been a favorite of classical music fans and this concert will constitute a brilliant finish to the Chicago Philharmonic’s 20th anniversary season.

Tickets are \$20-\$70. Performance takes place at Pick-Staiger Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, IL, 60201. Call 847.866.6888 or visit www.chicagophilharmonic.org for more information.

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.

Local Arts and Entertainment

A Wilmette Community Theatre Celebrates Its 60th Season in the Roaring 20's Style

Thoroughly Modern Millie, Opening April 16th!

Thoroughly Modern Millie is a romantic, high-spirited, dazzling production with fabulous dancing that captures the style and mood of the roaring twenties. A thoroughly nostalgic dance spectacular, full of flaps, taps, the Charleston; Tap back to Manhattan at the height of the Jazz Age when women were just beginning to enter the workforce, raising their hemlines, changing social behavior and rewriting the rules of love. Toe-tapping in the aisles positively encouraged. Don't miss the chance to see this fabulous musical extravaganza!

The North Shore Theater of Wilmette, a program of the Wilmette Park District proudly presents Thoroughly Modern Millie, the final production of its 60th Anniversary Season. Taking place in New York City in 1922, this musical tells the story of young Millie Dillmount, who has just moved to the city in search of a new life for herself. It's a New York filled with jazz and intrigue. A series of surprise revelations guarantees a happy ending for all.

Thoroughly Modern Millie will be performed on Fridays, April 16, 23, 30 at 8pm; Saturdays, April 17, 24, & May 1 at 8pm, and Sundays, April 18, 25, and May 2 at 2pm in the Community Recreation Center Auditorium, 3000 Glenview Rd, in Wilmette (just a few blocks North of the Old Orchard Shopping Center at the corner of Glenview Rd. and Skokie Blvd.) All seats are reserved. Tickets are available, in advance for \$15.00 for general admission, \$13.00 for students and seniors, at the front desk of the Community Recreation Center or by calling 847-256-9686. Tickets will also be available online at <https://register.wilmettepark.org/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/wbsplash.html>.

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NILES WEST MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION HOSTS 30TH ANNUAL PASTA & POPS DINNER CONCERT ON MAY 15

The Niles West Music Parents Association (NWMPA) is hosting its annual Pasta and Pops dinner and concert on Saturday, May 15 at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton Street, Skokie. Performances by the award-winning student orchestras, bands, and choirs will be highlighted. The dinner concert started as an annual fundraising event in 1981 and has grown in popularity since. 2010 marks the 30th year for this show which is always much anticipated by staff, students, parents, alumni, friends, and neighbors. The legendary sweet table is a favorite of all attendees and is not to be missed. Also featured are a silent auction and raffle with all proceeds benefiting the music programs at Niles West. Special alumni events are planned to mark the 30th anniversary celebration.

Pasta & Pops is the main fundraiser of the NWMPA which supports the Choir, Band and Orchestra programs at Niles West High School by providing scholarships, volunteers, and funding for projects outside the school budget. All are invited to enjoy the concert events and make the 30th year the best ever. The silent auction begins at 5:30, dinner buffet at 6:00, and music performances at 6:15. Tickets are \$15 by reservation only. For ticket information, call 847-677-7301 by May 1. Businesses or individuals interested in making a monetary or silent auction donation, or placing a program ad, please call 312-969-1899 or email pastanpops@gmail.com by May 5.

SKOKIE ART GUILD

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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

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“Passage” Art Exhibit

Scharpenberg Gallery presents the exhibit “Passage” by DeDe Handon

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Tenor Kyung Yong Lee, pianist Maraluga Darjaa, and soprano Yesoe Yoon headline the Southport Performing Arts Conservatory's (SPACE) April Salon Series. The all-ages performance features Neapolitan, Italian and German art songs as well as American Pop and Gospel selections and piano works by Chopin and Scriabin. The Salon Series is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 25, 2010, at 3433 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago, Ill. Tickets for the performance at \$4 and are available at the door. For further information visit www.southportarts.com or call 773-463-1220.

Tenor Kyung Yong Lee is a graduate of Northwestern University where he studied under noted Professor William Warfield. He has performed professionally with the Chicago Symphony Chorus and has been a member of the Chicago Lyric Chorus. Winner of the the 2001 Edward Young Award at the North Shore Musician Club competition, Mr. Lee has also performed at the Opening Ceremony of the 1009 United States Korean American Sports Competition. He is presently the music director of the Lakeview Presbyterian church in Niles, Ill.

A native of Mongolia, Maraluga Darjaa has been playing the piano since age six. She was awarded a scholarship to the prestigious Frederic Chopin music Academy in Warsaw, Poland, where she graduated with honors in 2004. Since graduating, she has worked with Mongolia's Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet.

Chicago's SPACE is a European-style performing arts conservatory that provides instruction in music and dance. Founded in 2005, SPACE has fueled the artistic dreams and aspirations of hundreds of artists from ages pre-school through adult. SPACE provides personalized instruction for all levels of artistic ability and offers a large range of music and dance education including Suzuki instruction, traditional individual instruction and a Gifted Program.

SPACE has two Chicago locations and is located at 1439 W. Wellington Ave., 773-880-1701, and at 3433 W. Peterson Ave., 773-463-1220. For more information about SPACE, please call either office numbers or visit the website at www.southportarts.com

What Keeps a New Mom Up at Night Besides the Baby?



Chester M. Przybylo

The birth of a new baby is a wondrous, joyous event. Henry David Thoreau said that “every child begins the world again.” Your world certainly began anew with your new baby!

It was a long path and it all seemed to happen so fast! But, it seems like there are still so many decisions to be made now and as your baby grows from infant to toddler, to school-age, to young adult. And, who would make those decisions if something happened to you?

First, if you died or were mentally incapacitated, your baby would need a Guardian to look after their physical and financial well being. You “nominate,” or

suggest, a Guardian for your child in your Will. When the court is determining who should be named your child’s Guardian, it will give your preferred choice a lot of weight. The Guardian would have the privilege and responsibility of taking care of your child and providing for their material and emotional needs in the event of your death. Select --the person as Guardian whom you trust most to raise your child and provide them a loving, nurturing environment. However, be sure to discuss the matter with the person you intend to select to make sure they are willing and able to take on the responsibility.

The best person to serve as your child’s Guardian may not have sufficient financial resources to provide the future you want for your child. And, you do not want your child to cause any financial hardship on the Guardian. Life insurance can provide the financial resources that could be used to pay for your child’s living expenses and education, and enable the future you want for your child.

One of the most important ways you can plan for your baby’s future is to plan for your own future. A qualified estate planning attorney can help you create a comprehensive plan:

- A Revocable Living Trust holds your property during your lifetime. If you become incapacitated, it allows for easy management of your property for you and your child. So, if you become ill, the person you designate, your successor “Trustee,” can step in to make sure things are handled until you are up and around again. In the event of your death, that person would manage the assets for the benefit of your child in the manner you’ve set forth. Your life insurance can be paid to your Trust so that the money is managed for your child by a responsible adult, the Trustee you’ve selected.
- A Financial Power of Attorney allows your “Agent” to take care of assets outside the Trust.
- A Health Care Power of Attorney (also known as an Advance Health Care Directive or Health Care Proxy) allows you to appoint someone to make health decisions for you in the event you are unable to make them for yourself. Having your health decisions in capable hands means you’ll be able to recover faster to be with your child.
- The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) prohibits the release of protected health care information without your permission. It is important to make sure your loved ones and prospective decision-makers can access your health information, when necessary. A HIPAA Authorization Form ensures access to your protected health information for people whom you designate. This way people you designate can continue to get your health records, which may be crucial to your baby’s future well-being. For example, your child may need to know things about your medical history to diagnose their own medical issues.

A qualified estate planning attorney, who focuses his or her practice in estate planning, can help you put together a comprehensive plan that will care for you and your child in the event of your incapacity or even your death. Protect yourself and your baby from the unexpected. Call and schedule an appointment with an estate planning attorney today. You’ll sleep better once you do.... at least when the baby lets you!

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.

PATTY DUKE SHOW FAMILY REUNITES TO PROMOTE SOCIAL SECURITY’S ONLINE SERVICES

By John Flynn, Social Security District Manager

Patty Duke is back — and this time she’s brought the entire family. The cast of The Patty Duke Show reunited to create a series of public service announcements to promote Social Security’s new online Medicare application and other services.

You can view the new spots at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly.

Patty Duke and her television family entertained American households on The Patty Duke Show in the 1960s. Now, they’re telling families just how fast and easy it is to apply online for Medicare. It takes less than 10 minutes.

Even if you decide to wait until after you’re age 65 to apply for retirement benefits, most people should start getting Medicare coverage at age 65. If you’d like to begin your Medicare coverage, you should apply within four months of reaching age 65.

It’s important to note that people who already receive Social Security retirement or disability benefits do not need to apply; they will be automatically enrolled in Medicare.

Why apply online? Because it’s fast, easy, and convenient. You don’t need an appointment and you can avoid waiting in traffic or in line.

If you’re within four months of turning age 65 or older, what are you waiting for? As Patty Duke and her television family will tell you, it takes less than 10 minutes! Visit www.socialsecurity.gov and select the “Retirement/Medicare” link in the middle of the page.

And be sure to catch TV’s most famous identical cousins and the whole family at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly.

LEVY SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Chess for Adults will teach the fundamentals of this ancient, challenging game. The eight-week session is from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesdays, April 27-June 15. No prior experience is necessary. Fees are \$15/member, or \$20/resident; \$25/nonresident. Call 847-448-8250.

Celebrate the many volunteers who make the Levy Senior Center special. A Volunteer Recognition Concert & Reception will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Center, 300 Dodge Ave. The afternoon includes music by the Lakeside Duo followed by dessert. The cost is \$1/member and \$5/nonmember.

Try your hand at carving. A wood carving class for beginning and experienced whittlers starts at 7 p.m. Thursdays, May 6-June 24, at the Levy Center. The cost, which includes instructions, tools and materials, is \$40/member and \$45/resident; \$50/nonresident.

Awareness through Movement is the goal of Feldenkrais. These eight sessions can help recapture the ease of movement you once had. Sessions meet 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Fridays, April 30-June 18 at the Center. The cost is \$46/member or \$50/nonmember. People of all ages may benefit.

Bowling without muscle strain! From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Friday, members can ‘bowl’ for free using the Levy Senior Center’s Wii. This fun virtual reality game lets you play with others, or by yourself.

Qi Gong for Seniors teaches relaxing and gentle exercise to increase flexibility, coordination and circulation. People of all physical abilities will benefit. The next eight-week session is 10:30 a.m.-noon on Tuesdays and Fridays starting the week of April 27 at the Center. The fee is \$66/member, or \$71/nonmember. Call 847-448-8250 for details.

Core and More is a 45-minute floor class designed to work the abdominals, obliques and lower back muscles. The next eight-week session is from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Mondays, starting the week of April 26 at the Center. The fee is \$46/member or \$50/nonmember.

Fridays are bid whist days. Play the game for free, starting at 1 p.m. every Friday.

Looking for some personalized computer help? One-on-one computer training is offered at the Levy Center. The cost per hour is \$55/member and \$65/nonmember.

Lunches are served 11 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays at the Levy Center for only \$4.

The Levy Senior Center is committed to making programs available to people with disabilities. For mobility or communications access assistance, call 847-448-8250/voice or 847-448-8064/TDD.

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“ANNE & EMMETT: AN IMAGINARY CONVERSATION
BETWEEN ANNE FRANK & EMMETT TILL”

“Anne & Emmett, an Imaginary Conversation Between Anne Frank & Emmett Till,” is a one-act play by Janet Langhart Cohen. This performance is presented in cooperation with the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center and Temple Jeremiah. Saturday, April 24 8:00 p.m. \$5.00 – limit 6 tickets per family
For reservations or information, call 847.441.5760
Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, Northfield

FAMILY PROGRAM: STORIES BY MARGRET & H.A. REY

Join the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center as we welcome one of the most familiar faces in morning news, Roz Varon, ABC 7 reporter, to read Curious George books to Museum visitors. This program complements the Museum’s temporary exhibition, “The Wartime Escape: Margret & H.A. Rey’s Journey from France.” Seating is very limited. Sunday, April 25, 2:30 p.m. Roz Varon, ABC 7 morning news reporter Free with Museum admission For reservations or information, call 847.967.4889 or visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org
Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Miller Family Youth Exhibition
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“WRITING ABOUT CURIOUS GEORGE”
WITH LOUISE BORDEN

Louise Borden is author of the book, “The Journey that Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey,” on which the Museum’s current temporary exhibition is based. Growing up, Borden was fascinated by the stories of ordinary people and their relation to historical events. She began working on her first children’s book while her own children were young and has since published 25 books. Borden will discuss her experience researching and writing about Margret and H.A. Rey, the intrepid creators of Curious George. Thursday, April 29 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Louise Borden, children’s author Free with museum membership For reservations or information, call 847.967.4507 or email membership@ilhmec.org
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NSP2 Subcontractor Information Meeting
Residential Construction Trades

All contractors are invited to attend – Evanston based contractors are especially encouraged! Brinshore Development LLC is holding an informational meeting about subcontracting opportunities for the City of Evanston \$18.15 million Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) on Tuesday, April 27 at 7pm at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave, Room 2200. NSP2 funds will be used to purchase and rehabilitate 100 units of foreclosed or abandoned housing in west and south Evanston for rental and sale to income eligible households. This program will involve virtually all residential building trades on multiple rehab projects of varying size during the three-year grant period. Work is expected to begin in early summer 2010.

Illinois ENERGY STAR
Appliance Rebate Program

The State of Illinois is pleased to announce the Illinois ENERGY STAR® Appliance Rebate Program, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). This program provides incentives for Illinois consumers to replace older appliances with specific residential ENERGY STAR qualified appliances, water heaters, and HVAC equipment. The new appliances must be purchased in Illinois through participating retail stores or contractors.
Illinois’ program will be rolled out in two phases:
• Until April 5, 2010, consumers can get point of purchase rebates on qualifying heating and cooling equipment through participating HVAC contractors. Water heater rebates are no longer available.
• Point of purchase rebates on ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers, dish washers, refrigerators, freezers and room air conditioners will be available for items purchased from participating retailers during April 16 – 25, 2010.

Private Elm Tree Insurance
Applications Now Available

Private Dutch Elm disease insurance is again being offered to Evanston residents through the City of Evanston’s Park/Forestry Division. While the City maintains elm trees on public property, homeowners are responsible for removing diseased elms from their private property. Costs for removing diseased trees can range from \$1,000 for a medium-sized tree to more than \$4,000 for a very large tree.
The Private Elm Tree Insurance Program covers the cost of removing trees lost to Dutch Elm disease. If an insured tree is so infected that it must be removed, the City will handle all aspects and costs of the removal to ground level.
Removal of the remaining stump is up to the homeowner. Costs for the private insurance range from \$60 to \$140 per tree, per year, depending on a tree’s size. This is a one-year insurance program, and new applications must be submitted each year.
Applications are available now at the Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.... Residents can also call 847/866-2912. Completed applications and payment must be received no later than June 1, 2010.

Village Cooking Corner

Salmon Braise with Tomatoes and Peppers
(Moroccan style)

4 salmon steaks or fillets, about ½ pound each
3 tomatoes, cut in chunks
2 red peppers
2 green bell peppers
3 garlic cloves - crushed
2 large shallots –chopped
4 tbl. spoons of olive oil
salt and pepper to taste
1 tsp. of paprika
½ tsp. of cayenne pepper
bouquet garni (parsley, thyme, bay leaf)

In a skillet, lightly brown the steaks/fillets of salmon on both sides in the oil. Cut the bell peppers open, remove the seeds, and cut it into wide strips. Cut the tomatoes into large chunks.
In a large sauté pan, heat the olive oil over moderately low heat. Add the minced garlic and shallots and stir until translucent, about 3 minutes. Add tomatoes, peppers and bouquet garni and increase the heat to moderate. Season with salt, pepper, paprika, and cayenne pepper. Cook for about 5 minutes until the flavors are well blended. Add salmon steaks/fillets and sauté for about 10 minutes. Discard the bouquet garni. Transfer to a deep serving dish, garnished with lemon slices and serve hot for the main course.
Submitted by Elizabeth Elkayam

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Foreclosure Prevention Workshop, April 18, 3:00-4:00pm. Ms Brewer, Director of Housing Counseling for the Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs offers valuable information to homeowners who have questions about foreclosure as well as the programs available to help borrowers unable to afford their mortgage.

MoneySmartWeek: Understanding Your Credit and Preventing Identity Theft, April 19, 1:00-3:00pm. Alex Caratachea-Munoz from Harris Bank will provide important information on these topics.

Evanston Republican Club forum: the Economy and the Deficit, April 21, 7:00-8:30pm. Stephen Mack speaks on the economy and the deficit and how they affect average citizens.

MoneySmartWeek: Get Back on Track: Develop Your Financial Recovery Plan, April 22, 7:00-8:30pm. Neil Gardner, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Co. explains how to evaluate your current situation, long term goals, savings and spending needs, and your comfort level with risk. Discover how to use tax-advantaged investments to your benefit.

Friday Films: Postcards from the Edge, April 23, 3:00-5:15pm.

Hot Flat and Crowded Discussion, April 24, 2:00-3:00pm.

Bilingual Storytime, April 24, 4:00-4:30pm.

32nd Annual Hirshfield Poetry Awards, April 25.

Urban Poverty in Latin America, April 29, 7:00-8:30pm. Brodwyn Fischer, of Northwestern’s History department, speaks on shantytowns in Brazil (and across Latin America), placing their history in the context of the history of poverty and inequality in the region. Part of the Evanston Northwestern University Humanities Lecture series.

Friday Films: Bowfinger, April 30, 3:00-5:15pm.

Recycle Your Shoes for the
Environment or Those in Need

The Evanston Ecology Center has joined forces with SWANCC, Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, to be an official drop-off spot for Nike’s RAS (reuse-a-shoe) Program. If you have a pair of shoes in good condition or athletic court-type shoes that are bit worn, bring them by the Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. during regular hours, M-Sat., 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Or, join the festivities at the Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration 1-4 p.m. on Sat., April 24 and drop-off your shoes then. Please do not tie shoe strings together. Athletic shoes for recycling should be dry and mud-free and not contain metal or batteries. For more information, call 847-448-8256 or visit swancc.org.

Chester M. Przybylo

Ask an Attorney...

Q. Why should I learn something about estate planning?

A. Taking time to learn about estate planning can pay big dividends for you and your family by helping you to avoid common, costly pitfalls of estate planning. Knowing the facts can help you avoid probate and guardianship, and protect your privacy.

Q. I have a will... so I don't have to worry about probate. Right?

A. Wrong. A will is an expensive, one-way ticket to the probate court.

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A. If you die without a will or trust, the state determines who will be your ultimate heirs. And they may not be the people you wanted to benefit from your estate.

Q. Why do I hear so much about guardianship today?

A. As more and more people live longer, there is a greater chance of them being incapacitated. A guardianship is a court-supervised proceeding that names an individual or entity to manage the affairs of an incapacitated person. A will has no power in this proceeding.

Q. Shouldn't I just put my child's name on the title to my property to avoid probate?

A. While this may avoid probate, it can have lots of unintended consequences... your child's creditors will be able to reach the joint tenancy property, it may also create a taxable gift, and you might end up dis inheriting your own grandchildren.

Q. What is the fastest, easiest way to learn about good estate planning?

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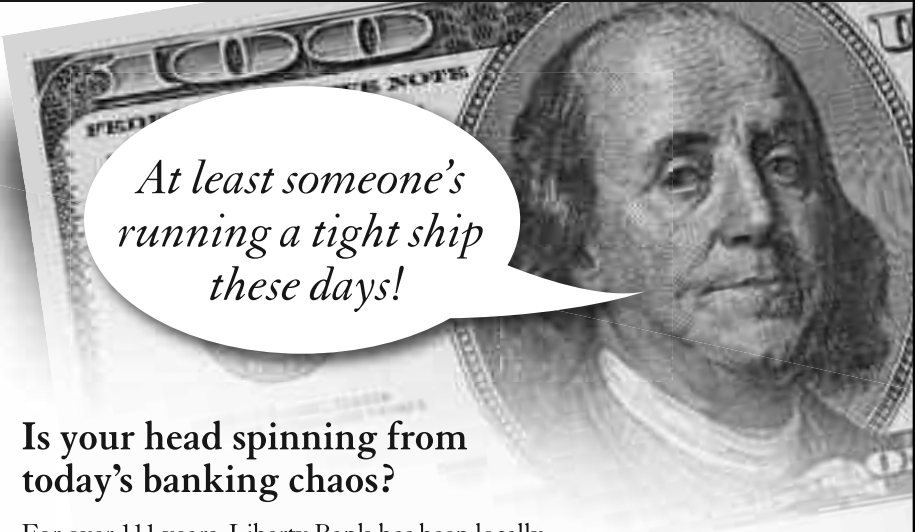
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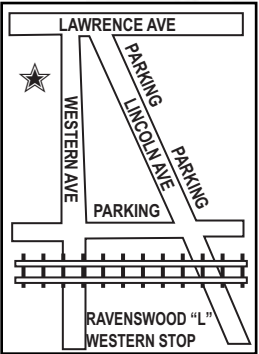


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