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State Requires Calculation Increase in First Installment for New Property Tax Bills

Due Date is March 2, 2010, for New Property Tax Bills

The state of Illinois has mandated a change in how First Installment property tax bills for tax year 2009 are calculated, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

Bills for about 1.7 million parcels of real estate across Cook County have been mailed, and payment is due March 2, 2010, Pappas said. Late payment receives a penalty of 1.5 percent per month.

Pappas said that the new bills are the first affected by a law passed by the Illinois Legislature ordering that the First Installment be calculated at 55 percent of the previous year's property tax obligation. The calculation rate had been 50 percent for previous First Installment bills.

The remaining property tax obligation for tax year 2009 will be calculated in the Second Installment bill later this year. Pappas said that due date cannot be determined until other agencies review some 400,000 assessment appeals.

If that appeals process is delayed, the Second Installment due date could be as late as December, 2010, or January, 2011, according to projections during county budget hearings in the fall.

Property owners can visit cookcountytreasurer.com and enter their Property Index Number to see how much their current bills are, whether they have received proper exemptions, and whether they are due a refund.

Payment info also is available at 312.443.5100 in English, Polish and Spanish.

Pappas said payment can be made:

- Electronically, at cookcountytreasurer.com.
- At any of more than 370 Chase Bank locations.
- From personal accounts at some 220 participating community banks.

NILES WEST PRESENTS AN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL ON FEBRUARY 25

Niles West High School will celebrate many different cultures in the International Festival held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 25 in the Auditorium at 5701 Oakton, Skokie. Several of the school's ethnic clubs will perform traditional songs or dances. Clubs participating include: Latino Club, Japanese Club, Korean Club, Filipino Club, Assyrian Club, Indo-Pak Club, Bosnian Club, Russian Club, Hellenic Club, French Club and Chinese Club. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Children are free. Following the performances, a reception including tea, coffee and international sweets will be held in the lobby.

International Club sponsors are Margaret Glaubke and Jasminka Jukic.

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

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

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

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

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Skokie Art Guild's 2010 Members' Only Spring Exhibit "Nature's Palette"

Friday, March 12 through Tuesday, April 27
Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel Street, Skokie

Opening Reception Friday, March 12 7:00 – 9:00 PM



Celebrate nature with an evening of original Art

Meet the Artists

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Skokie Art Guild is an affiliate of the Skokie Part District.
More Info: Skokieartguild.org

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**PUBLIC NOTICE Notice Requirements/
Open Meetings Act Compliance**

The Evanston City Code, Section 1-5-3(A) requires that alterations to the approved calendar of meeting dates require Council action and proper public notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (the “Act”). The Act, 5 ILCS 120/2.03, requires that:

If a change is made in regular meeting dates, at least 10 days’ notice of such change shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which such body functions.

Notice of such change shall also be posted at the principal office of the public body or, if no such office exists, at the building in which the meeting is to be held. Notice of such change shall also be supplied to those news media which have filed an annual request for notice as provided in paragraph (b) of Section 2.02.

At their February 1, 2010 meeting, the Evanston City Council’s Rules Committee unanimously voted to change the meeting start times for the Planning and Development (P&D) Committee and the City Council.

On Monday, February 8, the Evanston City Council adopted Resolution 14-R-10, officially approving the change during their Council meeting. The new schedule is as follows and will begin February 22, 2010.

The Administration and Public Works (A&PW) Committee will begin at 5:30 pm. The Planning and Development (P&D) Committee will convene 15 minutes after the A&PW adjourns. The City Council meeting will convene 15 minutes after the P&D meeting adjourns, but not earlier than 7:00 pm.

**Klaiber Promoted to Deputy Chief of
Evanston Fire & Life Safety Services**

On February 8 Greg Klaiber will be promoted to Deputy Chief of Evanston’s Fire and Life Safety Services filling the vacancy recently created by the retirement of Deputy Chief Hunter. The vacancy created by his promotion has been eliminated through budget reductions.

Deputy Chief Klaiber is an Evanston resident and a graduate of Evanston Township High School. As a 25-year veteran of the Department he rose through the ranks from Firefighter/Paramedic, Captain, Division Chief and finally to Deputy Chief. The Deputy Chief is second in command of Evanston Fire and Life Safety Services.

Most recently, Chief Klaiber served as the Division Chief in charge of Emergency Medical Services and Specialty Teams including Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue and the Water Rescue/Recovery Teams.

In addition to his duties with the City of Evanston, Deputy Chief Klaiber was a School Board Member for District 65 (1999-2003) and was an active participant in Evanston’s Youth Baseball Association. He holds a Master’s Degree in Cardiac Rehabilitation and a Bachelor’s Degree in Exercise Physiology.

The promotion will take place on Monday, February 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the Fire and Life Safety Services Headquarters located at 909 Lake Street.

A Cell Phone That Reads; The Chicago Lighthouse Is An Official Dealer of the knfbReader

Available through The Chicago Lighthouse, the knfbReader Mobile is a cell phone which enables reading for the blind, visually impaired, and even people with learning disabilities.

The knfbReader Mobile is produced through a joint venture between Kurzweil Technology Inc. and the National Federation of the Blind. Supported through the Nokia N82 cell phone, the technology recognizes photographed text, converts it into digital text, and then reads it back to the user. By simply taking a picture of the text, the user is able to have any text, even U.S. currency, read back and magnified on the screen with each word highlighted as it is being read. Specific settings, such as book, article, label, billing, etc. may be selected and the speed and voice of the playback can be changed to accommodate the preference of each user.

Tom Perski, director of rehabilitation services for the Lighthouse, stated that ‘this device has the potential to drastically improve education for many students.’ “Diagnosed with macular degeneration during my college years, I can’t even imagine how much the knfbReader would have made my studies easier, more efficient, and a lot more enjoyable” stated Perski.

Along with its reading ability, the knfbReader has functions, like any other cell phone, such as contacts, calendar, full web browser, email, media player, etc. Talks or MobileSpeak accessibility software may be purchased to make it easy for visually impaired individuals to navigate through these functions by speaking the menu and command options aloud.

“The technology is simply brilliant. It’s a versatile, multifunction tool which can reduce stress and make life a lot easier for a great number of people” noted Dr. Janet Szlyk, executive director of The Chicago Lighthouse. “The knfbReader is a much needed, high tech option to assist with reading on the go. It can significantly increase success at school and work for people living with visual impairment. We are thrilled to provide such a convenient, breakthrough product to our consumers.”

KnfbReader’s hardware, Nokia N82, comes equipped with a 5-megapixel, autofocus camera with xenon flash. The model comes with 50 Mb built-in memory and has a memory card slot which can store up to 500 images per GB of card storage space. Text, media, and Adobe PDF files can be transferred to and from a computer, or Braille note takers, through the USB port. For an additional cost, GPS software may be purchased to provide turn-by-turn directions.

“It’s everything you could possibly need; make a call, send an email, listen to music, and read a book” stated Perski, also adding that “if you do not want to sign up for the cell phone plan, you can still enjoy the reading function.”

To obtain the knfbReader Mobile, contact The Chicago Lighthouse Store at 312/997-3685 or visit www.thechicagolighthouse.org

Founded in 1906, the Lighthouse is one of the nation’s most comprehensive social service agencies. Housed under its roof are the oldest and most prominent low vision clinic in the U.S.; one of the few remaining clock manufacturing facilities in America; a nationally acclaimed school for children who are blind with multi-disabilities; a VA program serving veterans in all 50 states; and a radio station.

**Mayor Tisdahl Presents Rotary International
President Key to City**

Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl presented John Kenny, President of Rotary International, the Key to the City of Evanston during their Board of Directors meeting on January 28.

Rotary International moved to its Evanston headquarters on Sherman Avenue in 1987, and the City of Evanston has welcomed their commitment to the community ever since.

“It is indeed an honor to have the international headquarters of the Rotary located right here in Evanston,” said Mayor Tisdahl. “They are an important part of our community and I applaud them for their commitment to the City not just for having moved here but also for voluntarily paying taxes as a non-profit organization. I wish them nothing but success with all their incredible work they do around the world.”

John Kenny, a retired judge from Grangemouth, Scotland, took office as president of Rotary International on 1 July 2009, becoming the first Scotsman to head the international humanitarian service organization in its 105-year.

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Better Business Bureau 2010 Census Tips for the Public

For years, the Better Business Bureau has educated consumers about not giving out personal information over the telephone or to anyone who shows up at their front door. With the U.S. Census process beginning, BBB advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft.

“Most people are rightfully cautious and won’t give out personal information to unsolicited phone callers or visitors, however the Census is an exception to the rule,” said Steve J. Bernas, president & CEO serving the Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois. “Unfortunately, scammers know that the public is more willing to share personal data for the Census and take advantage of this opportunity by posing as a government employee and soliciting sensitive financial information.”

How to Identify a Census Field Representative

If a U.S. Census Bureau employee knocks on your door, here are some recognition tips to assure the validity of the field representative:

The field representative must present an ID badge that contains a Department of Commerce watermark and expiration date. The field representative may also be carrying a bag with a Census Bureau logo.

The field representative will provide you with supervisor contact information and/or the Regional Office phone number for verification, if asked.

The field representative will provide you with a letter from the Census Bureau Director on official letterhead.

When Field Representatives will be Going Door-to-Door

From April to July 2010, the Census Bureau will knock on the door of every household that does not mail back a completed 2010 Census form.

It’s critical that you take just 10 minutes to fill out and mail back your form rather than wait for a census worker to show up on your doorstep. About \$85 million in taxpayer dollars are saved for every one percent increase in mail response.

The Census Bureau must get a census form to - and a completed form back from - every residence in the United States. That’s more than 130 million addresses. This is why the census is the largest domestic mobilization our nation undertakes.

What the 2010 Census DOES NOT Ask

Field representatives will never ask you for your social security number, bank account number, or credit card number. Census workers also never solicit for donations and will never contact you by e-mail.

The Census is Safe

The 2010 Census will ask for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home - just 10 simple questions that will take about 10 minutes to answer.

Your answers are protected by law and are not shared with anyone.

The Census Bureau safeguards all census responses to the highest security standards available.

For more information about the Census visit www.census.gov/2010census

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN OPEN HOUSE!

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On Tuesday, February 23, 2010 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM the Lions in your area are holding an Open House at the Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central Street in Evanston, IL. and may have the answer to these questions.

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For more information, contact Lion Walt Holden: 847-679-7457 or mylionsclub@aol.com
Whether you plan to attend or not, please share this invitation with any friends who might be interested.

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Liberty Bank for Savings Announces New Personnel Changes

Recently, Liberty Bank for Savings has made several personnel changes. Foremost, it named Joseph J. Moravecck its new Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer. Moravecck, 63, has been with Liberty for 35 years and has served as Accounting Manager, Controller, Senior Vice President, Treasurer and, most recently, Chief Financial Officer.

Moravecck graduated from Lewis University with a Bachelor’s Degree in accounting. He is also a Certified Financial Planner and, prior to joining Liberty, served as an auditor with Ernst and Young. Moravecck volunteers his time at Lutheran General Hospital and resides in Niles with his wife of 18 years, Michelle.

Liberty named Steven E. Stock its new Chief Financial Officer, replacing Moravecck. Stock, 60, has been in the banking industry for over 25 years, with extensive experience in many aspects of finance. Stock has served as Senior Vice President and CFO for several banks in the suburbs of Chicago throughout his successful career.

Stock graduated from Bradley University with a Bachelor of Science in 1971 and received his Illinois CPA Certificate the following year. He resides in Northbrook with his wife and son. Stock also has two rescued greyhounds and serves as Treasurer of Grace Lutheran Church.

Liberty also named Kurt Kluever its Vice President of Retail. Kluever, 60, joined Liberty in June 2009 and has been in the financial industry for over 35 years. Kluever has worked in both marketing and retail for several banks throughout the Chicagoland area during his career.

Kluever received his Bachelor’s of Science from Northern Illinois University and is a State of Illinois Life and Health Insurance License holder. He resides in Palos Hills with his wife Christine and is involved in Kiwanis Club, amongst other activities.

Liberty Bank for Savings has been providing safe and secure banking service since 1898. The community bank, with offices on the northwest side of Chicago, in Park Ridge and Lincolnwood, celebrates its 112th anniversary in 2010. For more information call 773.489.4471 or visit www.libertybank.com.

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Lenten Menu Ideas

Salmon Patties

1 can red or pink Salmon cleaned and deboned
Put in bowl and mash.
Add 1 small onion, chopped fine.

Beat in one egg, about 1T ketchup (more if you like the tomato taste) Add bread crumbs so that it will hold together in patties. Coat with bread crumbs and fry in hot oil, only until lightly browned on both sides.

You may add a little Worcestershire sauce if you like.
From the Kitchens of Rose Suter

Oriental Spinach Soup

1T Soy Sauce Scallions
1/8 tsp. Ginger Chicken Noodle Soup (1 can)
Spinach

Chop Spinach. Add chicken noodle soup. 1 can of water, soy sauce and ginger and heat. Top with thinly sliced scallions.

From the Kitchens of Rose Suter

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LEVY SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Did you know that humans have been tantalized by the cocoa bean for nearly 4,000 years? Learn this and much more as you make your own chocolates. There are two sessions for your convenience: 10 a.m.—Noon or 1 p.m.—3 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 26 at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave. The cost is just \$8 per person, which will include a booklet and all the chocolates you make!

Nothing takes the chill out of a winter afternoon like the music and humor of, Oh Coward! Enjoy the highlights of one of theatre’s greatest entertainers: Sir Noël Coward at the Writers’ Theatre on Wednesday afternoon, March 10. The Levy member price of \$40 includes transportation; the nonmember fee is \$50. For more details, call 847-448-8250.

We can help free you from computer-phobia. The Levy Center offers several ongoing courses. In Keyboarding 1, basic typing skills are covered, helping you to find the proper keys to build the confidence needed to effectively operate a keyboard and mouse. Internet 1 will teach the vocabulary of the Internet and the basics of browsing. The genealogy class shows you how to develop your family tree using Internet sources and a software program. And finally, for advanced students, Masters Class will sharpen your skills in word processing, spreadsheets, and more. Times, dates, and fees vary. Call 847-448-8250 or drop by the Levy Center for more information.

The Bingo cards are filling up. Game time is every Tuesday, starting at 12:30 p.m., at the Levy Senior Center. Cards cost 25 cents.

Stay on top of the latest news. Charlotte Jaffe leads a lively current events discussion starting at 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the Levy Center. Admission is free. Come speak your mind.

Bowling without muscle strain! Every Friday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 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.

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

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.

Sandwich Generation Needs to Avoid Financial Squeeze

Are you a member of the “Sandwich Generation”? This designation — which applies to people caring for their aging parents while supporting their own children — may be applicable to you if you’re either a younger Baby Boomer, born in the late 1950s or early 1960s, or an older member of “Generation X,” born in the mid-1960s. But any way you slice it, being in the “Sandwich” group is probably going to present you with some challenges, particularly of the financial kind — so you’ll need to make the right moves.

Basically, you should consider two areas of decision-making — those affecting the future of you and your children and those affecting your elderly parents’ lifestyle and legacy.

Regarding your future, and that of your children, you’ll need to prioritize your goals. Some people, when weighing the merits of investing for retirement versus saving for their children’s college educations, conclude that while loans are available for college, none are offered to retirees. Consequently, they focus more heavily on retirement. If you’re in this camp, you’ll probably want to contribute as much as you can possibly afford to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

However, if you feel strongly about helping your kids go through college relatively debt-free, you may want to explore some college-savings options, such as Section 529 plans and Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, both of which offer significant tax advantages.

In any case, these goals don’t have to be mutually exclusive — but if you’re going to address them both, you will have to make some key decisions regarding allocation of resources. And while you’re handling these issues for yourself and your children, you’ll need to juggle the needs of your elderly parents. With luck, you won’t have to contribute financially, but you may be required to put in some time and energy to help make sure your parents’ situation remains positive.

This means you’ll need to ask some questions. Where do your parents bank? Do they have a brokerage account? If so, do you know the name of their financial advisor? Have they taken steps to remain financially independent if they ever need to go to a nursing home or employ home health care assistants? Have they drawn up a will, a living trust or other estate plan documents? Would they be willing to have you or another family member assume power of attorney should they become incapacitated?

In raising these questions, you will have to approach your parents with tact and sensitivity. However, you may be pleasantly surprised at your parents’ willingness to talk about these issues; after all, they almost surely want to avoid burdening you with extra financial responsibilities.

The best time to approach your parents is when they are healthy, both mentally and physically. It’s especially important to be aware of even minor-seeming cognitive impairments, such as memory lapses, which can result in paying the same bills two or three times, forgetting to record checks or even falling prey to fraudulent investment schemes. If you suspect your parents may be having these troubles, you’ll need to step in immediately.

It’s not easy being a Sandwich Generation member, but through diligence and proper planning, you should be able to help avoid getting “squished” — while improving the outcomes for all your beloved family members.

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Neil Gardner

CJE SENIORLIFE NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR HOME REPAIRS FOR OLDER ADULTS

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

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

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

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

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



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How to Avoid Estate Planning Minefields: You Don't Know What You Don't Know



Chester M. Przybylo

Some things seem like they should be easy--and they are easy. However, some things simply appear easy--even when they are very difficult. The problem with some complex responsibilities is that they may seem simple on the surface, yet they may be very difficult in reality. For example, crossing a field of fifty yards seems simple, right? However, if that field is a minefield, it might be a very hazardous crossing, indeed! On the surface, both fields might appear the same to the ordinary person. However, experts can spot the hidden problems which the ordinary person may not.

This is equally true for estate planning. Let's look at two couples, the Browns and the Robinsons. The Browns have a very substantial and complicated estate which may benefit from tax planning. They own a sizable business. They each have a prior marriage and their marriage together is somewhat rocky. It's easy to see the mines in that field and know that they would benefit from consulting with an estate planning attorney.

The Robinsons have more modest assets of approximately \$200,000. They have a great marriage and two wonderful kids aged 12 and 15. It appears on the surface that they might be able to save some money and use a "do-it-yourself" estate planning method like online forms or software at little or no cost. The problem is that the Robinsons have a hidden mine in their estate plan.

The Robinsons' case looks simple to the untrained eye. However, the Robinsons' primary asset is Jake Robinson's 401k which he started right out of college, before he even met his wife, Sally. Jake named his ex-wife, Allison, as beneficiary. Of course, Jake assumes that his 401k will go to his current wife, Sally, because he will name her as the primary beneficiary in his Will or Trust. Jake doesn't know what he doesn't know, i.e. that his Will or Trust will not control his 401k.

While the Robinsons could "save" some money by using some free or inexpensive, "do-it-yourself" software, doing so will end up costing them everything because Jake's 401k will go to Allison at his death, even if Jake names Sally in his Will or Trust.

Only an experienced estate planning attorney who focuses his or her practice in that field will have the knowledge and expertise to spot and defuse the mines which you may encounter. Some other hazards which you might encounter are:

- Property ownership issues (Joint Tenancy, Community Property, etc.)
- Assets with beneficiary designations (e.g. brokerage and bank accounts)
- Life Insurance
- Blended family issues
- Leaving assets outright to minor children

Your estate planning attorney can guide you through the minefield to the other side. For example, the attorney would have advised Jake to complete a new beneficiary designation form naming Sally as the primary beneficiary of his 401k. While Jake could have done this himself, he didn't know there was a problem. He didn't know what he didn't know. Don't make the same mistake that Jake did. See an experienced estate planning attorney.

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.

TO TAX OR NOT TO TAX: A SOCIAL SECURITY QUESTION

By Andrew Salata, Public Affairs Specialist - Social Security Administration
When it comes to Social Security benefits, you may be wondering who must pay taxes on them and who does not. Let's look at the numbers.

If you file a federal tax return as an "individual" and your total income is more than \$25,000, then the answer for you is yes: you'll have to pay federal taxes on your benefits. If you file a joint return and you and your spouse have a total income more than \$32,000, you'll be expected to pay federal taxes as well. If your taxable income is below those thresholds, there is no need to pay taxes on your Social Security benefits.

If you need to pay taxes on a portion of your benefits, you will need your SSA-1099. This form shows the total amount of benefits received in the previous year and is used to find out whether any benefits are subject to tax. You will need to submit it when you complete your federal income tax return.

You already should have received your SSA-1099 for tax year 2009 in the mail — they were automatically mailed to all beneficiaries by January 31, 2010. If you receive Social Security and have not yet received a Form SSA-1099 for 2009, you can request a replacement online at www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices. Or you can call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY, 1-800-325-0778) and ask for a replacement SSA-1099 to be mailed to you.

If you would like more information about paying taxes on your Social Security benefits, visit www.irs.gov and read Publication Number 915, Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits. You also can call the Internal Revenue Service toll-free at 1-800-829-3676 (TTY, 1-800-829-4059).

So if you've been wondering whether or not you'll need to pay taxes on your Social Security benefits and what forms you may need, now you know the simple facts.

Tips on Generics

Submitted by Alvin C. Klein, R.Ph., Becker Professional Pharmacy

For many people, generic drugs work very well. But if you are concerned about switching from a brand name to a generic, or among different generics, then you need to keep tabs on your meds and how they are affecting you.

Here's some guidance:

KEEP THE PACKAGING If you take a generic medication or are switched to one, keep the label.

Most state laws require that the manufacturer's name be on the label, according to Kathleen Jaeger, chief executive of the Generic Pharmaceutical Association.

If the label does not state the name of the maker, ask your pharmacist to add it or write it down for you. You can also look up the pill at Drugs.com or RxList.com (click on pill identifier) to find the maker.

KEEP A DIARY Or at least make notes about any side effects you experience when taking a new drug.

Generic drugs are allowed to contain different inactive ingredients from the brand drug — like flavors, fillers and dyes — which could potentially cause side effects.

BE CHOOSY If one generic version works better than another, shop around for it. "Don't assume your pharmacist will continue to carry a specific product indefinitely," said Joe Graedon, who runs a consumer advocacy Web site, the People's Pharmacy (peoplespharmacy.com). "Call ahead and ask."

ENLIST YOUR DOCTOR If you are convinced that only the brand name of a drug works for you, discuss the issue with your doctor.

You can ask him or her to write "DAW" — dispense as written — on your prescription. This will usually ensure that the pharmacist gives you exactly what the doctor ordered.

If your insurer balks, ask your doctor to make a phone call for you or write a letter explaining why only the brand name is appropriate for you. Sometimes this actually works.

REPORT PROBLEMS If you do have side effects or reactions to a specific drug, tell your doctor and then report it to the Food and Drug Administration's MedWatch Web site and post a message on the People's Pharmacy Web site.

If enough people complain about a specific medication, there's a good chance the F.D.A. or an independent group will investigate it.



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“A Theater Review”

“Master Harold ... and the Boys”
TimeLine Theatre
615 West Wellington Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

For the third production of the season TimeLine Theatre is doing a three-person play by Anthol Fugard – Tony award winning play, “Master Harold and the Boys.”

The play runs one hour and forty minutes and the time flies by. Fugard is also being showcased at the Remy Bumpo Theatre in the Greenhouse with their production of “The Island” and then Court Theatre will do a production of Fugard’s “Sizwe Banzi is Dead.”

he 2010 theatre season is presenting some excellent dramas, comedies and musicals and yet some theatre critics look to find minor flaws such as the age of an actor to have negative things to say because they feel that makes them a critic.

Jonathan Wilson has put together a strong cast for this show and those three actors are Daniel Bryant as Willie, Alfred H. Wilson as Sam and Nate Burger as Hally.

Fugard was born in South Africa in 1932 so his subject matter is universal in themes, humanity and unforgettable dialog. The play takes place during the 1950’s era of apartheid.

The story deals with a white seventeen year old and two black workers he has known all his life and their story connects in the restaurant the boy and his parents own on a rainy day. We see from their wide-ranging discussions what unites us and what still divides us.

The play is considered to be a personal play in his attempt perhaps, to forgive his past behaviors and reconcile with his family and friends since it draws heavily from his childhood. The play takes place in the St. George’s Park Tea Room.

Hally not only has a problem with his parents but the two workers he has in his control.

The show is engrossing and well acted by the cast of three.

“Master Harold ... and the Boys” runs through March 21st. For performance dates, show times and reservations call 773-281-8463. Tickets are a mere \$25 - \$35.

- Four Stars -

Kino Kaffee und Kuchen at DANK Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The DANK Haus in historic Lincoln Square celebrates the 20th Anniversary of its Kino Kaffee und Kuchen program in 2010. The program began in response to the end of German film screenings at the Davis Theater 4614 N Lincoln Ave.

For two decades, dedicated volunteer Hans Lohr has spent Saturdays wrangling formats from 8mm reels to betamax tapes to PAL to DVD’s. The programming entertains approximately 50 people each week, largely senior citizens and those seeking German language exposure. More than just a movie, Kino Kaffee und Kuchen opens its doors at Noon, serving rich Austrian coffee and delicious cakes from Schlegl’s while patrons mingle. Erwin Lickmann greets each guest exuberantly at the door with his rich voice and twinkling eyes be they a regular or a new face. The film selections are drawn mainly from the Heimat genre, characterized by sweeping Alpine landscapes, pretty girls, handsome boys and bouncy songs.

The event is held Saturdays September through June. Doors open at Noon. Vor-film at 1:00pm. Feature at 2:00pm. Admission free. Coffee and cake \$6 for the public \$4 for members.

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“Hughie”/”Krapp’s Last Tape”
Goodman Theatre
170 North Dearborn St.
Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Chicago audiences can shout for joy that legendary actor Brian Dennehy loves working in Chicago theatre, the Goodman Theatre and being directed by Robert Falls.

The actor is appearing in two one-act plays by two different playwrights who are Eugene O’Neill and Samuel Beckett. The two one-act plays are “Hughie” by O’Neill, and “Krapp’s Last Tape” by Beckett.

The show runs two hours with an intermission. “Hughie” is being directed by Robert Falls and “Krapp’s Last Tape” by Jennifer Tarver. The show was scheduled to run until February 21st but has been extended until February 28th before heading to New York.

“Hughie” is a two-character play and the action takes place in a run-down flea-bitten hotel. Dennehy has the role of Erie and Joe Grifasi has the role of the night clerk. Erie is a gambler who has lousy luck and who does most of the talking. The name of the show is the name of a dead man who was the former night clerk and his funeral has affected Erie. Dennehy gives a strong performance and one for which you’ll end up giving him a standing ovation.

Beckett’s play is mainly done in pantomime and as most of Beckett’s plays are a strange one but then so is “Endgame” and “Waiting for Godot.”

The show opening the second act is a black room with a single lamp above the desk. Knapp keeps his favorite food locked in his desk and when he opens the desk we see him indulge in his bananas. He seems to enjoy playing his tapes to listen to himself. We find Knapp fancied women but could never commit to them. A brilliant performance in both one acts by a strong character actor who is big in stature.

“Hughie” and “Krapp’s Last Tape” runs through February 28th. For show schedule and performance times as well as reservations call 312-443-380. Tickets are \$25 to \$83.

-Three Stars-

Direct from Austria – Willi Resetarits and the Stubnblues Allstars

The DANK Haus in historic Lincoln Square hosts Austrian Star Willi Resetarits and the 4 piece Stubnblues Allstars interpreting a wild mixture of folk music, Wienerlieder (traditional Viennese ballads), Jazz and Blues as Stubnblues. Willi engages the audience in English between selections with explanations of the Viennese dialect lyrics. The performance will be set intimately to keep the interaction high.

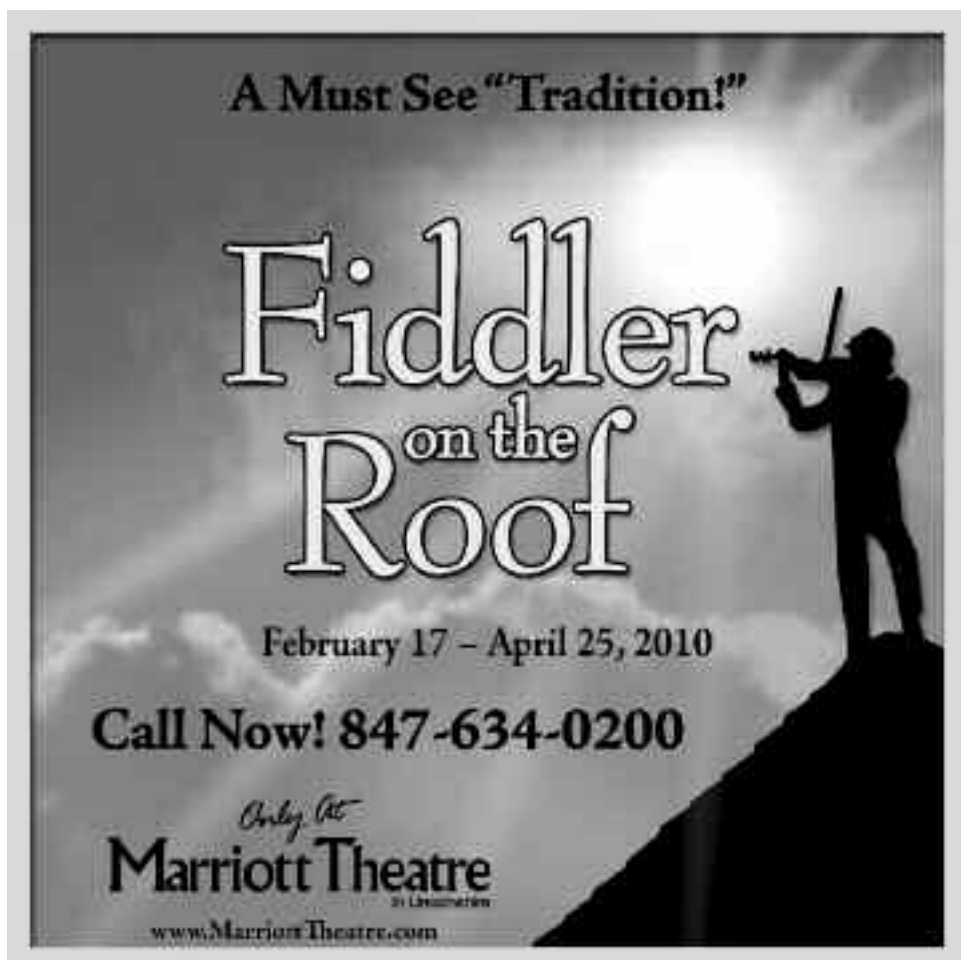
Stubnblues? In 1994, Willi Resetarits started what has become Stubnblues. It’s music far beyond blues. It’s funk. Samba. Folklore. Soul. Viennese songs. It’s poems and stories. Back in the day, a Stubn was the only heated room in the house. It was the place where people gathered, ate, talked and sang. Stubnblues is not afraid to deal with troublesome issues; with something not being right, with failure, pain and miscommunication. Still all the while, there’s beauty, hope and joy to it.

To draw a group of this caliber is entirely due to excellent collaboration with the Austrian Consulate General Chicago who is also underwriting the project, keeping admission low in order to provide quality cultural programming to a large audience.

In addition to performing with his band, Resetarits is a human rights activist and one of the founders of the humanitarian organizations “Asyl in Not” and “SOS Mitmensch.” He has made frequent appearances on Austrian TV and in film productions.

The event is Saturday March 27, 2010 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are only \$5.00. Please reserve your place. Refreshments available.

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March 6 · 8:00pm Mike Toomey present TV & ME

MARCH 10 at 1:30pm Marcus Gentry's STAND BY ME (Fifties
Songbook)

March 13 · 12:00pm & 2:00pm The Amazing Acro-Cats

March 13 · 8:00pm Three Cat Media presents Amy Cole in "Cole on Cole"

March 14 · 2:00pm CHARLENE BROOKS IN "BIG BAND MEETS BROAD-
WAY!"

Call for Nominations 2010 Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence

The Skokie Fine Arts Commission is inviting nominations from the community for individuals who have made a significant contribution to the arts in Skokie. The 2010 Skokie Award for Artistic Excellence will be presented at the June 7, 2010 Village Board meeting to a Skokie resident who has been nominated for the award and who the Commission believes has made a significant contribution to furthering the arts in the Skokie community. Nominations are welcome for individuals who have contributed to the visual, performing, literature/poetry or musical arts. Nominations must be submitted by April 1, 2010, by completing the form which is available on the Village of Skokie website, www.skokie.org or at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie.

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

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You will need to visit the library to pick up a one week pass for the museum of your choice. Each museum is contributing four weekly passes, for two or four free admissions, depending on location. They are available on a first come, first served basis.

So many adventures await – some you might never have expected! All you need to take part in these learning adventures is a valid Evanston library card. For a full listing of participating institutions and for check-out guidelines, go to www.museumadventure.org, or ask the next time you visit the library.

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Call for Artists for Evanston Summer Festivals

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.

The Ethnic Arts Festival is a juried festival open to all ethnic, folk and fine artists whose work expresses the heritage of a national, regional, tribal or language group. Exhibitor fees are \$240 and the nonrefundable jury fee is \$35. Applications for the Ethnic Arts Festival must be postmarked by Friday, April 9.

Always held the first full weekend in August, the Lakeshore Arts Festival continues to earn its reputation as one of the North Shore's premiere fine arts summer festivals. Also a juried event, it is open to all fine visual artists and crafters. Exhibitor fees are \$310 and the nonrefundable jury fee is \$35. Applications for the Lakeshore Arts Festival must be postmarked by Friday, March 5.

Artist applications for both festivals are now available online at www.cityofevanston.org/arts. For more details, call 847-448-8260. The Ethnic Arts Festival and Lakeshore Arts Festival are produced by the City of Evanston's Cultural Arts Division and are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Come remember the institutions and establishments no longer with the Chicago community. The inspiration piece for the exhibit is 30 feet of woodcarvings from the East Dining Room of the Germania Club, closed since 1987. The carvings were rescued by the Oscar Mayer family from a private home in Logan Square in 1963 and have never been publicly displayed. They depict Wagner's operas in supreme German woodworking style.

Exhibit Free and Open to the Public. Open through Sept 2011.

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Winners of Mayor's Award for the Arts Announced

Karen Thomson and The Actors Gymnasium have won the 2009 Mayor's Award for the Arts. Both will be honored at the annual State of the City Address and Mayor's Award for the Arts Luncheon. The luncheon will take place from 11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, at Hotel Orrington, 1710 Orrington Ave., Evanston.

Each year, the Mayor's Award is given to one Evanston artist and one Evanston arts organization for their contributions to the community through excellence in the arts. Recipients are selected from nominations from the public at large.

Karen Thomson is a dedicated teacher who is being honored for founding Literature for All of Us, an organization that makes literature the avenue through which low-income teen mothers can develop self-esteem. She also was the 1999 recipient of the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award.

The Actors Gymnasium is a school for circus and performing arts, a producer of original daring works of physical theater and a talent resource for unique entertainment. They also offer special workshops, classes and camps. They are in residence at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston.

The State of the City Luncheon is sponsored by the Evanston Chamber of Commerce. For ticket information, email info@evchamber.com or call 847-328-1500.

LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

DISTRICT 219 NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

Five students from Niles Township High School District 219 were named among approximately 15,000 Finalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. The District 219 National Merit Finalists are: Jeremy Berman, Michael Paul and Ilya Raskin from Niles West and Isa Domin and Patrick O’Connor from Niles North. They are now eligible to receive one of the 8,200 Merit Scholarships available through the program. The students attained Semifinalist status in September by scoring in the top one-half of one percent of more than one million students who participated in the PSAT/NMSQT exam. Finalist status was granted based on service, participation in activities at Niles North and Niles West, as well as academic achievement.

DISTRICT 219 FLUTE CHOIR JUDGED OUTSTANDING AT FESTIVAL

The District 219 Fresh Aire Flute Choir recently participated in the Columbia College Sherwood Conservatory Festival of Flutes Solo and Ensemble Contest. Fresh Aire was given the highest score possible of I+ (one-plus) for Outstanding performance in the ensemble category. The group competed in the top level of advanced playing, level 4. Each member of Fresh Aire received a certificate for Outstanding I+.

Due to its stellar performance at the Festival of Flutes Contest, Fresh Aire was selected to perform at an Honors Concert at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 13 at the Sherwood Conservatory of Music at Columbia College Chicago, 1312 South Michigan, Chicago. Fresh Aire will also perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 14 at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Avenue, Morton Grove.

Joyce Oakes, Director of Fresh Aire Flute Choir commented, “The judges complimented the ensemble on their advanced level of rhythmic precision, maturity of ensemble playing and stage presentation. All of the students worked very hard to be extremely well prepared for the competition.”

The members of Fresh Aire: Edyta Cwiok, C Flute, Niles West; Rachel Heller, Bass Flute, Niles North; Holly Jensen, Alto Flute, Niles West; Minji Jeong, C Flute, Niles North; Deepa Joseph, C Flute, Niles North; Hannah Lim, C Flute, Niles West; Nik Roman, C Flute and Piccolo, Niles West; Becky Traisman, C Flute, Niles West; Phoebe Yeo, C Flute, Niles North; Ken Mack, Rehearsal Assistant; and Joyce Oakes, Director.

WINNERS IN NILES NORTH/NILES WEST SECOND ANNUAL CHINESE SPEECH CONTESTS

The Second Annual Niles North and Niles West High School Chinese Speech Contests were held recently. This year, the categories were first-year non-heritage speakers, second-year non-heritage speakers and heritage speakers. The winners qualified to compete in the Second Midwest Chinese Speech Contest held April 17 at Northside College Preparatory High School.

Winners from Niles North: Andrew Ardelean, freshman, first-year non-heritage; Emmanuelle Asrow, sophomore, second-year non-heritage (also a winner last year); and Lisa Gu, junior, heritage. Other participants included: Ayrie Gomez, first-year non-heritage; Minji Jeong, second-year non-heritage; and Hillary Chang, Cindy Hou and Wendy Hou, heritage.

Winners from Niles West: Mark Bibat, sophomore, first-year non-heritage; Jane Berdysheva, senior, second-year non-heritage; and Kaylin Moy, freshman, heritage. Other participants included: C.J. Dimaano, Charis Guinto, and Kimberly Mercado, first-year non-heritage; Xyrelle Chachero and Sharon Devera, second-year non-heritage; and Lucy Chang and Richard Ng, heritage.

Contest judges were Niles North/Niles West Chinese teacher Wileen Hsing and Niles North Chinese teacher Yan Qian.

Skokie’s St. Peter Catholic School Hosts Annual St. Particks Day Party and Silent Auction

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

TAP INTO SAP AT THE NORTH PARK VILLAGE NATURE CENTER’S MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL MARCH 20 - 21

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

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

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

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

NILES NORTH AND NILES WEST JAZZ CHOIRS PERFORM IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO

The Niles Township High School District 219 Vocal Jazz Choirs from Niles North and Niles West High Schools have been invited to perform in Mexico. On February 11, these schools’ jazz ensembles from the United States will begin arriving in Mexico for the second annual Puerto Vallarta Jazz Festival, to be held from February 12 through 14. Jazz ensembles from Illinois, California, Oklahoma, and Utah will participate in this year’s festival. The ensembles include the Southern Nazarene University Jazz Ensemble from Oklahoma, the Niles West and Niles North Vocal Jazz Ensembles from Illinois, the Crescent Jazz Institute Latin Jazz Ensemble from Utah, and the Hoover Jazz Orchestra and Hoover String Ensemble from California.

The Take One ensemble from Niles North is under the direction of Dan Gregerman and the Niles West Guys and Dolls group is directed by Amy Branahl. These talented students will perform: Carolyn Kusel, Allie Zeff, Alyssa Sherman, Katie Kalm, Monica Pabelonio, Camille Thompson, Kianna Salameh, Nicole Torosin, Jenna Cohen, Rebecca Payne, Lizzie Moody, Brianna Nielsen, Anthony Pavel, Tim Bianchi, Ethan Orbach, Dylan Rice, Joe Betz, Ben Weiss, Gian Regacho, Ethan Manilow, Sabriah Wiedeman, Jan Chung, Sajni Ganger, Heather Funai, Mira Chotalia, Alicia Peake, Rebecca Goldberg, Nicole Yoon, Adam Gruezo, Jorge Quiroz, Sam Greene, Rabi Patel, Erik Sawarsky and Shawn Laudencia.

The Puerto Vallarta Jazz Festival evolved through the vision of Mary Jo Papich, the Artistic Director of the festival. It was Papich’s desire that this festival become a cooperative effort between sister cities Highland Park, IL and Puerto Vallarta. Papich shared her dream with Rick Dillard, President of American Classic Tours and Music Festivals, and the dream became a reality in February of 2009. This will be the second annual festival and it is endorsed by the Jazz Education Network (www.JazzEdNet.org). Papich is District 219’s Interim Director of Fine and Performing Arts.

Concerts open to the public will be held Friday and Saturday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday at the Los Arcos Amphitheater. There will be an adjudicated performance starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday at the Cecati Auditorium. An authentic Mexican Fiesta Awards ceremony will close the festival Sunday evening. In addition to performing for thousands of people on this beautiful waterfront the visiting students will also participate in whale watching and other local activities. As a gesture of good will, the visiting students will be donating needed school supplies to local students.

Also participating in the trip will be parent chaperones and Dr. Anne Roloff, District 219 Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum.



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NILES NORTH SEEKING DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

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

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

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

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

EVANSTON RECREATION SUMMER CAMPS

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

FUNDING, ADVOCACY PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN BIKING/WALKING SAFETY, REPORT FINDS COLD CLIMATE DOESN'T INFLUENCE COMMUTERS' DECISIONS TO WALK, BIKE

More balanced funding formulas would drastically improve the safety and convenience of biking and walking in Chicagoland, according to a report released this week by the Alliance for Walking and Biking. The report also identifies the role advocacy organizations play, and it dispels theories that a cold climate deters biking and walking

Bicycling and Walking in the United States 2010 Benchmarking Report, found that cities that invest more dollars per capita in biking and walking see higher levels of biking and walking, and they rank higher in bicycle/pedestrian safety. See the report here: <http://www.PeoplePoweredMovement.org/benchmarking>.

In Chicago, more than 30 percent of all traffic fatalities are bicyclists and pedestrians (28.5 percent are pedestrian and 3 percent are bicyclist). Yet, Illinois is spending just 1 percent of its transportation dollars on bicycling and pedestrian funding, the report found. That translates to only \$.08 per capita.

Illinois as a whole doesn't fare much better: 12.3 percent of all traffic fatalities are pedestrian, according to the report. Illinois Department of Transportation data reveals that more than 6,000 people are hit in crosswalks every year. That translates into more than 170 deaths and more than 1,000 serious injuries.

Only 1.2 percent of federal transportation dollars are spent on bicycling and walking. While 10 percent of trips in the United States are by bicycle or foot, bicyclists and pedestrians make up more than 13 percent of traffic fatalities, the report found.

The Active Transportation Alliance is urging leaders to correct the major funding gap.

"Cities flourish when more dollars are dedicated to biking and walking," said Rob Sadowsky, Active Transportation Alliance's executive director. "We continue to see the strong connection between funding and bicycle/pedestrian safety, and we call on our leaders to fix the disparity as quickly as possible."

OTHER FINDINGS

Weather is not a major influencer on whether people choose to walk or bike. One example is Minneapolis, which has higher rates of cycling than Chicago, but much colder annual temperatures. Minnesota spends twice what Illinois does, Minneapolis has more full-time advocacy staff than Chicago, and Minneapolis has installed 15,000 bicycle parking spaces- including spots at 100 percent of Minneapolis schools, public parks, and post offices.

The report finds a positive correlation between advocacy organizations and walking and biking levels. Major walking and biking cities all have a significant advocacy capacity: Active Transportation Alliance in Chicago, Transportation Alternatives in New York City, Cascade Bicycling Club in Seattle and San Francisco Bicycle Coalition.

Biking to work: From 1990-2007, levels increased 315 percent. That is only second to Portland, which increase by 348%. Chicago ranks 12 among major cities for levels of biking to work. That is up from 17 in 2007.

28.5 percent of all traffic fatalities in Chicago are pedestrian. That is higher than the average 25 percent

3 percent of all traffic fatalities in Chicago are bicyclists.

12.3 percent of all traffic fatalities in Illinois are pedestrian.

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Application Deadline: April 30

Session 1: Half Day June 23 - July 2 Cost: \$325

Ages 11-14 meet 9am-12:30pm

Ages 7-10 meet 2pm-5:30pm

Session 2: Full Day July 12 - July 16 Cost: \$450 (lunch included)

Ages 11-14 meet 9am-5pm

Session 3: Full Day Cost: \$450 (lunch included)

July 19 - July 23

Ages 7-10 meet 9am-5pm

10% discount available for Facets Members!

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

Now in its 10th year, Facets Kids Film Camp gives kids who LOVE movies a chance to understand filmmaking from behind the scenes. Instruction includes:

- The basics of filmmaking techniques, including camera angles, shots, lighting, sound recording, acting style, screenwriting, storyboarding, directing and film vocabulary.
- A foundation in film theory and criticism.
- Dozens of hands-on activities including: storyboarding, screenwriting, acting, writing reviews and making a movie.

Facets Kids Film Camp is the summer youth program of the year-round Facets Film School, developed by Facets Multi-Media, a leading, national, non-profit film organization, and producer of the Chicago International Children's Film Festival. Now in its 27th year, the Festival is the ONLY Academy Award qualifying children's film festival in the world and the largest festival of children's films in North America.

March Madness is Coming!

Register by March 1 for this weekend of basketball competition for students in grades 4-8. Boys and girls can show off their prowess at the annual March Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Friday and Saturday, March 12—13, at the Chandler-Newberger Center. Based on grade and gender, teams will be assigned a time block to play on Friday evening or during the day on Saturday. Each team will play at least two games. The tournament fee is \$58 per team of up to four players and includes a T-shirt for each player. Registration forms can be picked up at the Center or downloaded from www.cityofevanston.org/chandler. For more information, call 847-448-8252

The Sauganash School PTA just had a great Casino Night thanks to many of our readers.

Those who were "donating by gambling" included: Lin Brehmer, Lisa & John Fleming, Margy & Tony Heinrichs, Tom & Kevin & Jim Kessler, Amy & Costa Lallas, Geraldine & Eamonn Lally, Renee & Joe Merkel, Jane Powers, Tracy & Steve San Roman, Judy & Brian Waddick.

Special thanks go to Andrea West for all her assistance.



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Saturday night, February 27, 2010. Free Megillah Reading is at 7:30 pm followed by the Purim Celebration at 8:15 pm. Admission to the party: \$22 adult, \$12 child (over age 2), \$180 sponsor (includes 4 reservations).

\$2 discount for every reservation paid online through the website, www.SkokieChabad.org.

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

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

Applicants must be Skokie residents or enrolled in a Skokie school in grades 9 through 12 and must perform a minimum of 24 hours of community service related to helping someone or a group that is different from the applicant.

After completing the 24 hours of community service, applicants are to submit a Skokie D.A.Y. application and an essay of 300 to 500 words describing their experience. Each essay will be evaluated by a panel. Recognition and honors will be given at the Skokie Festival of Cultures on May 16, 2010. Entries are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010. Program details and applications for the Skokie D.A.Y. program may be found at the Human Relations Commission webpage at www.skokie.org or by calling the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208.

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

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

CULTURE SHOCK HEADLINES WINTER HIP-HOP DANCE PROGRAM FEBRUARY 28 AT SOUTHPORT PERFORMING ARTS CONSERVATORY

Chicago's Culture Shock Dance Troupe, a not-for-profit professional hip-hop dance company and youth outreach organization, headlines an all hip-hop/bread dance program at 3 p.m., Sunday, February 28, 2010. The all-ages afternoon performance will be held at the Southport Performing Arts Conservatory (SPACE), 3433-35 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago. The program will also feature performances by Hypnotik and student dancers ages 7-9 from SPACE's innovative B-Boys Break Dance class. A \$4 donation is suggested for the performance. For more information call 773-463-1200 or visit www.southportarts.com. The presentation is part of SPACE's new Salon Series.

"We are excited to present to Chicago audiences this performance featuring some of the top and up-and-coming hip-hop and break dance artists," said Altin Naska, SPACE artistic director. "This performance is held in an intimate setting and is a wonderful opportunity for audiences to see such a truly innovative, exciting and American art form."

The Chicago Culture Shock Dance Troupe was founded in 1998 and has performed throughout the Chicago area as well as touring to Washington, D.C.; San Diego; and Atlanta. The group has performed at Chicago largest dance festival, DanceChicago as well as performing in front of thousands at the KISS FM pre-show prior to the Justin Timberlake concert and at Chicago Bulls games.

Hip-hop dance group Hypnotik was founded in 2004 at Northside College Prep. Specializing in exploring different aspects of the movement, Hypnotik focuses on self-expression and creativity through dance.

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.

Dedicated to expanding the beauty and love of the performing arts to students in the Chicago area, SPACE's Community Engagement Program is available to all public and private schools from Pre-k through high school. SPACE's specially designed Community Engagement Program meets the Illinois Board of Education's performing arts standards.

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

VITA (Volunteers in Teaching Adults) ESL/Literacy/GED Program

Come and join the Oakton's VITA

program if you are looking for a meaningful volunteer activity. Learn how to help adults improve their speaking or reading and writing skills in English.



Our next 3-part required training will be held at Oakton College in Skokie, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Rm. B110, on March 4 & 9, 6:15-10 pm and on April 10, 1:30-3:30 pm.

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LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

NILES WEST TEACHERS SELECTED TO CONDUCT NASA SCIENCE RESEARCH

Two Niles West High School (Skokie, ILL) science teachers, Elizabeth Ramseyer and Richard DeCoster, and their students will conduct sophisticated astronomy research, make a presentation at an internationally renowned astronomy conference, and may publish their work in a scientific journal.

Ramseyer and DeCoster will participate in the NASA/Infrared Processing and Analysis Center Teacher Archive Research Program (NITARP). They were two of only 14 middle school, high school, and community college faculty members selected for the program nationwide.

Ramseyer will work with Dr. Varoujan Gorjian, a Spitzer Research Scientist, who has been studying active galactic nuclei (AGN) for more than a decade. The emission of AGN is thought to come from the accretion of matter onto supermassive black holes making them some of the most luminous objects throughout the universe. Two key wavelengths of emission from AGN are in the Ultraviolet (UV) and in the Infrared (IR). With two very successful space missions currently studying these wavelengths of light, the Galaxy Evolution Explorer (GALEX) in the UV and NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope in the IR, a vast archive of high quality data is now available to help understand the details of the mechanism by which AGN produce their energy.

DeCoster has been teamed with Dr. Steve Howell, associate scientist with the National Optical Astronomy Observatory in Tucson, Ariz. The team will use archival Spitzer Space Telescope Infrared Camera (IRAC) observations to perform the first exploration of the variability of the universe at mid-infrared wavelengths. They will examine more than 1,000 archival Spitzer images obtained in the 3-8 micron range and produce photometric measurements for each point source observed. The team will provide the astronomy community with the first study of the type and nature of variability of sources in the mid-infrared sky.

"This program allows teachers to have a real science experience and incorporate that into their classes – their students can also participate in this work," said Luisa Rebull, a Spitzer Science Center associate research scientist. "By influencing the teachers, we impact all the kids the teacher has this year, the kids they'll have next year and so on. It's hard to beat that multiplicative effect of changing the lives of all those kids the teachers come into contact with over the years."

The teachers and their students learn how real scientists spend their days and what tools they use. "This program breaks down a barrier of what a scientist does. The number one thing that these students learn is that astronomers are normal, nice people," said Rebull who coordinates the NITARP program. "They also learn about the process of science. Sometimes you get a result and sometimes you don't."

While being a wonderful way to share science with science teachers and students, the program is extremely helpful in terms of making use of massive amounts of data that have been collected by astronomers, but have never been analyzed.

"There's so much data that even the original astronomers who requested that data can't use it all," said Rebull. "There's all sorts of interesting science just waiting to be done."

The program began at the American Astronomical Society meeting in January in Washington, D.C., where the teachers had a crash course in infrared astronomy, split up into four teams and learned about their general area of research for the project.

The four teams are conducting the following research: seeking young stars in our galaxy, studying nearby active galaxies, studying Epsilon Aurigae (an eclipsing binary variable star -- a star that dims when its partner obscures its light), and studying other stellar variability.

They attended talks at the conference to gather ideas to narrow their project. Now each team is preparing a proposal as to what it hopes to find and how it plans to find it.

In the spring they will learn to use the appropriate scientific software for their project and will begin the data analysis. In the summer, each team (consisting of the scientist, the teachers and two students per teacher) will attend a workshop at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena where the Spitzer Science Center is located, and in the fall they will create a poster presentation for the 2011 American Astronomical Society meeting. They will make a presentation at the conference and they may publish their results in a science journal.

The teachers will perform 12 hours of professional development to spread the word about NASA data and their astronomy research experiences. This could be in the form of a workshop for their fellow teachers at their school, at their district, or at a science teacher conference. The form of professional development will vary by each teacher's location and situation.

Rebull hopes that if the participants have one take-home message from the program, that it is how science does not always give you a clear-cut answer. "Real science has a lot of dead ends as we struggle to find out what the 'right answer' is," Rebull said. "Science problems in textbooks have well-defined problems, specific methods you're supposed to use to solve them, and right (exact) answers. In scientific research the only way you know it's the right answer is if you know that everything you did to get there is right. That's a big paradigm shift from 'textbook science.' And that's one big thing that I hope the participants in this program learn."

Guerin Prep Hosts Third Annual Big Event

Guerin Prep High School's third annual Big Event on Saturday, March 6, 2010 offers entertainment, food, Vegas style games and more.

The event, open to the public, will be held at the school, 8001 W. Belmont Av., River Grove, from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Adults can play Texas Hold 'em, roulette and other Las Vegas-style games in one area or dance the night away to jazz and Beatles music. The event brings back the ever-popular chocolate room and an expanded Comedy Club, featuring local comedy star Roxy Bellows, aka Pat Musker, a 1975 graduate of Mother Guerin High School.

Guerin Prep's outstanding Jazz Band will accompany an alumni dance competition in addition to providing Big Band music for everyone to enjoy in the school's gym. The Cavern Beat, a look-alike Beatles Band featuring Armando Regalado, former Guerin Prep's theology teacher, will follow and rock the gym till closing time.

"We had more than 600 people each of our first two years. The word is getting out and we are excited to welcome everyone from the neighborhood," said Sister Dawn Tomaszewski, SP, vice president of advancement. "Our parents, alumni and staff are all working together to pull out the stops. We have everything to keep you entertained and well fed. In addition, there are fabulous items that have been donated by local businesses for our raffles and silent auction."

The school's foyer will be transformed into a mini Las Vegas with poker, blackjack and other games under direction of the Athletic Boosters. People who only want to visit this venue pay no admission fee.

"In addition to some terrific raffle and silent auction items, we will have a big raffle. First prize is \$5,000 cash, second is a vacation in Sanibel Island off the coast of Florida and third is a electronics item from Best Buy," explained Janis Ryan, special events coordinator.

Guerin Prep faculty will host the now traditional chocolate lovers' room, located in Café Guerin, where Synchronicity, Guerin Prep's select string ensemble, will provide music to eat by. Food donated and prepared by local restaurants and caterers will be available in abundance. All food and desserts are included in the ticket price. Cash bars will be available throughout the event.

This year, several alumni have joined companies as sponsors. Alumni include Terry Malik '69, Sam Palumbo '72, and Roy McCampbell '72, all graduates of Holy Cross, one of Guerin Prep's foundation schools. Business sponsors include LaSalle Capital Group, Winston & Strawn, LLP, High Ridge Partners, Greenola, Neighbors Newspaper, First Security Trust and Savings Bank, 36th Ward Alderman John A. Rice, Manor Press, and Rosemont Mayor Bradley A. Stephens. Additional sponsors and benefactors are being sought.

Details about The Big Event are available at www.gpbigevent.com. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance or \$50 at the door. They may be purchased online or by calling Janis Ryan at 708-437-4734. There is no charge for admission to the Vegas-venue only.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Annual Fund of Guerin Prep High School, helping to keep tuition affordable for all who wish to attend. Guerin Prep is a Catholic college preparatory secondary school for young men and women.

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CHILDREN & TEENS

Captain Underpants Party. Mar. 4, 7 p.m. Celebrate author Dav Pilkey's birthday with a favorite character event complete with underwear games and toilet paper activities! Register with Lincolnwood Library's Youth Services Department, 847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

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.

Stories & More. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Children ages 3-5 enjoy language-rich activities including fingerplays, songs, and crafts during each 45-minute session. Siblings welcome.

Beginning with Books. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, and activities for infants to 2-year-olds and a caregiver. Families are welcome to stay for Playtime program that follows.

Playtime at the Library. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. A friendly, social time for young children, ages 3 and under, and their caregivers. Toys and snacks are provided for the children.

Chick Lit. Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m. Girls, grades 6 and up, who love to read and chat are invited to join a book discussion. Contact Lincolnwood Library's Youth Services Department for more information (847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

Chess Club. Sundays, 3-4:30 p.m. through Mar. 7. Students in grades 1-6 are invited to learn chess, improve skills, and play against others.

This-N-That Thursdays. Feb. 25, 3:30 p.m. Video games for 3rd-5th graders.

Totally Teen Tuesdays. Feb. 23, 3:30 p.m. Video games for grades 6 and up.

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.

Citizens Reveal Positive View of Skokie Services

According to a fall, 2009 citizen survey administered by the National Research Center in Boulder, Colorado, Skokie residents enjoy life in the community and are generally pleased with Village services. When asked to rate their overall quality of life in Skokie and Skokie as a place to live, 93% of those surveyed gave ratings of either excellent or good in both categories.

Approximately 80% of the written survey instrument is standardized, with the remaining 20% customized, Skokie-specific questions. Skokie also participated in the National Citizen Survey program during 2003 and 2006, asking many of the same questions. In October 2009, 1,200 randomly selected single- and multi-family homes received a written survey questionnaire. The 2009 survey had a 39% response rate. It is customary to describe the precision of survey estimates by assigning a ‘margin of error’. The margin for the Village’s survey is 5%, meaning that any percentage reported in the survey is no greater than plus or minus five percentage points from the reported number.

Overall, Skokie’s 2009 citizen survey results are very positive. In many categories, Skokie ranks in the upper echelon of comparable jurisdictions that posed the same questions. A few items are particularly noteworthy, including:

- * Public safety - once again, Skokie’s emergency services received tremendously high marks. The Fire Department’s services are ranked 4th out of 285 comparable jurisdictions.
- * Health Department - residents gave the Health Department an 81% excellent/good rating. The Health Department’s services are ranked 3rd out of 153 comparable jurisdictions.
- * Village employees - as with the 2003 and 2006 surveys, Village employees received exemplary ratings for their knowledge, courtesy and professionalism. For example, Village employees received a 91% excellent/good rating for knowledge, giving the Village a ranking of 10th out of 260 comparable jurisdictions in this category.
- * Economic development - residents show strong support for the Village’s economic development efforts and continued interest in Downtown Skokie.

A summary of the survey results will be published in the March 2010 edition of NewSkokie and the full survey report will soon be posted online at www.skokie.org.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir or Madam:

As you’ve probably have heard, the “true leader” of the State of Illinois, Mike Madigan, is moving to eliminate the Lt. Governor seat in our State.

In my opinion Mr. Madigan should rethink his position.

Just because our last Lt. Governor, Pat Quinn, after he took over the Governor’s chair when Rod Blagojevich was removed, claimed that he knew nothing of the goings-on during his boss’s term, says little about the Lt. Governor’s office, but rather reflects onto the man who held the office.

A Voter

Dear “A Voter,”

Agreed, however, in the State of Illinois, only a very few are in command. They seem to live by the slogan, “Don’t bother me with the facts – I’ve already made up my mind!”

The Editor

Getting on Track

Our vast Country should have a modern railway system, at least one as good as other countries have. The politicians, who own the railroads, are talking about building a two-hundred mile high-speed train at the cost of \$30 billion dollars. At that price, there will be plenty of pork, payoffs, call it what you want. We look at it as waste; a “track to nowhere!” If this comes about, some politicians and a minute number of passengers can save a couple hours and will be happy, as will all of those recipients of the pork and payoffs.

For the good of our Country, the railroads should be brought up to date, but in the right way.

We have the track, routing, and equipment. The problem at present is that there are many miles of track that are not usable from a safety concern. Safety, of course, is the most important factor. Many tracks are dangerous because of improper maintenance. To get the railroads back in shape, updating the system in all aspects has to be done.

There is something else needed; some 15,000 workers to replace the equipment and to update the trains to assure a pleasant and safe ride. A “business” study should be done, not a “political” plan. A few politicians and riders may be upset, but over 300 million people will benefit from the project, not just a few.

Safe, upgraded trains will enable a system to connect big cities, towns, and hamlets all across our Country. A train can handle short mileage. Airlines can’t operate hamlet to hamlet, town to town, etc.

Lastly, using the rail saves money on transportation of goods. Large loads not only save money on the price per unit, they also save on fuel which results in, among other things, cleaner air. For emergency situations such as natural disasters and National security incidents, the military and aid workers could be expedited to help our Country be safer.

This entire package could also be a means to simply put pleasure back into travel and could be done for less than half of \$30 billion.

The Editor

Evanston Announces Foreclosure Partnership with Interfaith Housing Center

The City of Evanston and the Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs are pleased to announce a new partnership to expand one-on-one foreclosure prevention counseling and education to Evanston residents.

The Evanston City Council recently approved a \$25,000 grant from the Affordable Housing Fund to engage the Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs, a HUD-certified fair housing and housingcounseling agency, to directly assist at least 75 Evanston residents at risk of mortgage foreclosure, and educate at least 170 Evanston homeowners on how to prevent loans from becoming delinquent and avoiding fraudulent lenders or servicers.

Evanston residents worried about paying their mortgage loan or going into foreclosure can now meet with Interfaith staff for free, confidential counseling at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Residents should call Interfaith at 847-501-5760 to schedule an appointment.

Curbing foreclosures has long been a concern among city council members and is a priority in the Evanston Housing Commission’s 2009 Affordable Housing Plan. The number of foreclosures in Evanston more than tripled between 2005 and 2009, increasing from 96 in 2005 to 336 in 2009, according to Woodstock Institute reports. Interfaith worked with Evanston agencies to create an “Evanston Home Preservation Task Force” to coordinate services to residents, many of whom were reluctant to come forward to seek help.

Interfaith’s foreclosure prevention counselors assist homeowners in gathering the proper documentation for possible loan modification, submit the documents on behalf of the homeowner, follow up with the lender regarding the loan modification request and inform the homeowner of steps to take to stay proactive. Interfaith also maintains its office in Winnetka, open 9-5, Monday through Friday.

In addition to individual counseling, Interfaith will hold community forums on communicating effectively with your lender, completing loan modification forms, avoiding mortgage rescue scams, and how to spot predatory lending. Forums will also provide information on federal programs and on Energy Star products.

The Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs is a nonprofit organization founded in 1972 that advocates for fair and affordable housing in 16 northern suburbs of Chicago. Based in Winnetka, Illinois, it investigates complaints of housing discrimination, organizes tenants in landlord-neglected buildings, operates a Homesharing Program, and organizes residents at a grassroots level to promote affordable housing and diverse communities. All services are free of charge.

ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER

EDUCATION FOR A GENERATION: A SPECIAL EVENT AND RECEPTION

Join the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center and the Enough Project as they host “Education For A Generation,” a special fundraising event and reception that will benefit the Darfur Dream Team’s Sister Schools Program. The program is a new initiative of the Enough Project that aims to provide the next generation of Darfuri youth with access to education that will empower them to become leaders in their communities and create a lasting peace across the region. Featured speakers will include John Prendergast, co-founder of the Enough Project, Richard Hirschhaut, executive director of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, and Chicago Bulls player Luol Deng. For additional information, please visit www.darfurdreamteam.org/Educationforageneration. The event will also include a silent auction. Thursday, February 25 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. Please visit www.darfurdreamteam.org/Educationforageneration for ticket information. ONLINE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago

“PRISONER OF HER PAST” FILM SCREENING

The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center will host a special “sneak peek” of Kartemquin Films’ new documentary, “Prisoner of Her Past.” The documentary tells the haunting story of a secret childhood trauma resurfacing sixty years later to unravel the life of Holocaust survivor Sonia Reich. The film follows her son, Chicago Tribune arts and jazz critic Howard Reich, as he journeys across the United States and Eastern Europe to uncover why his mother believes the world is conspiring to kill her. Along the way, he finds a family he never knew he had.This film is the first to expose the little-known, little-understood illness: late-onset Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. “Prisoner of Her Past” examines the disorder’s devastating effects on families, but also shows programs that are aiding young trauma survivors of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and how such early interventions may have helped Howard’s mother. A panel discussion, question and answer session, and book signing with Howard Reich will follow the screening. Both film and book tell the story of Howard’s mother, Holocaust survivor Sonia Reich. Sunday, February 28 1:30 p.m. Tickets: Museum members: \$15 / Non-members: \$20, Museum admission included. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – Call 847.967.4889 or visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Goodman Auditorium, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

Skokie Village Board Considers Utility Tax

To close the gap between Village expenses and revenue shortfalls caused by employee pension obligations and the national economic downturn, the Skokie Village Board is considering imposing a 5% utility tax on all users in the Village. According to a detailed memorandum from Village Manager Albert J. Rigoni, at this time it is necessary to adopt a tax to increase revenues. Skokie’s property taxes have been frozen since 1991.

In his memo, Rigoni outlines a number of different taxing options, but recommends a utility tax to generate an estimated \$5.5 to \$5.8 million annually to fund both employee pension obligations and operational needs. If approved by the Village Board, the utility tax would become effective on May 1, 2010.

The Village has reduced spending as evidenced by a smaller budget for the current fiscal year than from the previous year, and by a hiring freeze for Village positions that began in December 2008. Despite cost saving measures, the significant economic downturn necessitated that the Village utilize reserve funds for two consecutive fiscal years in order to meet the Village’s financial obligations. Rigoni explains that despite conservative budgeting, staff reductions and planned use of reserve funds in the current fiscal year, the Village currently projects a \$2.3 million revenue shortfall due to significant reductions in all existing sources of Village revenue, including hotel/motel, income, real estate transfer and sales taxes.

Additionally, the sustained national economic slump has impacted the Village’s obligation to fund employee pension programs that have experienced losses of investment revenue while, at the same time, receiving public safety pension benefit enhancements mandated by the Illinois legislature. Approximately one-half of the revenue generated by the new utility tax would be used to meet mandatory pension obligations.

Historically, the Village Board has taken a very conservative approach to tax increases, as evidenced by the property tax freeze in effect since 1991. Many Illinois towns fund pension obligations through property taxes, and nearly all surrounding communities impose a utility tax.

“As evidenced in a recent citizen survey, Skokie residents value the high level of service the Village provides, including twice weekly refuse collection, sidewalk snow plowing, nationally accredited emergency services and more,” Rigoni explains. “The decision to impose a tax in the community is difficult, but more revenues are necessary to maintain Skokie’s level of service excellence. The revenues provided by a utility tax, together with continued austere budgeting practices, will enable the Village to continue providing excellent services and to also meet burdensome pension obligations.”

Other taxes and fees considered included a refuse collection fee, entertainment tax and sewer tax as well as increased vehicle sticker fees. The Village currently assesses \$20 per vehicle sticker, which is the lowest of surrounding communities. As none of these taxes or fees would generate enough revenue to remedy the Village’s financial shortfall and pension obligations, Rigoni is recommending a utility tax as the sole means of generating additional revenue. For more information: Albert J. Rigoni, Village Manager 847/933-8210

Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Introduces Zumba® Fitness Party!

Community Center adds new cardiovascular fitness class

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

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

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

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

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

City Council Changes Meeting Times Effective February 8th

The Evanston City Council’s Rules Committee unanimously voted this week to change the meeting times for the Administration and Public Works (A&PW) Committee, Planning and Development (P&D) Committee and City Council meetings. The change in times would eliminate potentially long waiting periods between committee and Council meetings giving citizens a greater opportunity to participate in the process.

Previously, on nights of City Council meetings, the A&PW meeting would start at 5:30 p.m., the P&D meeting would start at 7:00 p.m. and the City Council meeting would begin at 8:30 p.m. regardless of the number of items on the agenda. Recently, the P&D meeting has adjourned nearly an hour prior to the actual 8:30 p.m. start time of Council and there would be a long wait time for Council and residents.

With the proposed changes, A&PW would still begin at 5:30 p.m. on City Council meeting nights but P&D would begin 15 minutes after the A&PW meeting’s adjournment. Additionally, City Council meetings would begin 15 minutes after P&D adjourns, but no sooner than 7 p.m.

The change in the meeting structure would decrease the amount of down time between Committee and City Council meetings, allow for an earlier start time for Council meetings and increase public participation in the City Council process for those citizens who might want to participate but are unable to do so because of the late start time of the City Council.

The City Council will implement the new meeting structure this Monday, February 8 and will officially approve the change during the Council meeting.

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Tibetan Alliance of Chicago

Although Losar (Year of the Male Iron Tiger 2137) falls on February 14, 2010, the Tibetan Alliance of Chicago is hosting an event filled with traditional Tibetan dance, music and food for our American friends and supporters on February 20, 2010 (Saturday) at 6:00 pm at the Tibetan community center.

2422 Dempster Street, Evanston, IL Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Suggested donation: \$15.00 at the door. (Dinner included)

Many of you have donated money for the upkeep of our Community Center. Others have volunteered to tutor our children in Math and English as a part of ACES (Alliance for Cultural and Educational Support) Program, which is funded by one very generous anonymous donor. Still others have stood with us in front of the Chinese consulate to protest the Chinese government policies in Tibet. We are both inspired and touched by your support.

While thanking you for your generous donation to us this year or in the past, we take this opportunity to request you, if you wish to donate, to make checks payable to Tibetan Alliance of Chicago. Please feel free to visit the Community Center any Sunday.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you this Losar at the Community Center on February 20, 2010.

Tashi Delek, Tenzin Jamyang, President.

Tibetan Alliance of Chicago, Inc., 2422 Dempster, Evanston, IL 60202, Ph: (847) 733-1111, Email: info@tibetan-alliance.org, www.tibetan-alliance.org

Presbyterian Homes Launches New Senior Care Online Resource

Presbyterian Homes, Evanston-based sponsor of eight retirement communities in the North and Northwest suburbs and Chicago, has launched the Senior Care Answer Team (www.SeniorCareAnswerTeam.org). It is a new online resource for adult children and caregivers who may need help understanding and choosing a senior care solution that is right for a parent or family member.

An easy-to-use email form is available at the site so that users can ask questions of the Senior Care Answer Team. Information posted on the site helps visitors determine whether a family member needs help, learn about the different types of senior living and community services, and get tips for how to talk to aging parents about care options. The site also addresses financial concerns - assisted living costs, financial resources such as Medicare/Medicaid, long-term care insurance and veteran’s benefits.

“Throughout our years of experience, we have learned that every family’s situation is individual, and most feel they are in uncharted territory. The array of terms, choices and financial considerations is overwhelming,” says Lisa Vandermark, director of memory care at Westminster Place of Presbyterian Homes. “We wanted to provide a comprehensive site with answers to questions people have most often, plus a way for them to ask questions specific to their circumstances. This site can meet those needs.”

More detailed information is found at the site in printable resources to include tips, checklists and other helpful website links. Senior Care Answer Team members include Presbyterian Homes’ health care professionals Dr. Peter Jaggard, vice president of medical affairs; Bob Landsman, vice president of finance; Melinda Pierce, director of rehabilitation services; Lydia Torrese, geriatric nurse practitioner; Lisa Vandermark, social services and director of memory care; and Kathi Young, health care administrator.

Best Friends/ Companion Pets

Winter Blues

This time of year is definitely the blues. Don't get me wrong, I love romping and digging in the snow; but those great humans in our lives always bring us in too early. Thankfully this year hasn't been too cold, so they should let us let loose a little. We dogs are not stupid; if we are cold we obviously will come inside! Our humans sometimes just don't give us enough credit. Some also complain that we get to dirty in all the snowy mess; well of course we do, we are dogs! Being clean is not a top priority! So, are humans complain because we have pent up energy and no outlet for it!

This solution for us dogs; doggie daycare! This is great way for us dogs to meet, greet, and play with other dogs. We spend the day running, wrestling, tugging, and socializing with other doggie friends. Of course we are supervised by humans to keep the mischief makers at bay; you know who you are! I am lucky that my human actually runs a doggie day care program, for the rest of you try to get in a program somewhere. Even once a week makes a big difference! Humans are always surprised that we know the days of the week; I look forward to the days I get to play with my friends!

I know times are tough for our humans and some can't afford the daycare programs; so how about setting up some time for us. My human always says that a mental challenged dog creates a tired dog! She will take our favorite yummy cookies and hide them. She then tells us to go find, and we do! She starts off usually easy; but knowing that I have a great sense of smell she likes to challenge me by hiding the cookies in more difficult places. This game is fun for dog and human and doesn't have to take a long time!

You can teach old dog new tricks! how about teaching us something new? Yes my furry friends I know this is often beneath us, but the humans like it and it is fun to learn something new! Plus, think fo the yummy treats! Really all us pups need is some time with our humans. When was the last time you wrestled with your pooch?

This time of year our humans also have the winter blues, so it is appropriate to give them a few gentle nibbles to get their attention (I said gentle!). They should remember to play with us, but they are only human and they get distracted! So try and get you're Human to have some fun, they need it as bad as us! And don't worry, spring is right around the corner, until then be good and play hard!--Bosley
Submitted by Bosley's mom, Nicole Carfora, CMG, owner of Canine Corral.



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Lorraine Heinichen Memorial Book Review. Mar. 5, 10:30 a.m. Elise Ginsparg reviews "All Other Nights" by Dara Horn. Program preceded by 10 a.m. coffee time.

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 Lincolnwood 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.

Chicago Ave. Streetscape Improvement Project Receives State Funding

The City of Evanston recently received grant money from the State of Illinois' Transportation Enhancement Program for the Chicago Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project. The funding totals about \$800,000.

The target area of this project will encompass the west side of Chicago Avenue between South Boulevard and Main Street, four blocks along the CTA tracks. The streetscape improvements will consist of sidewalks, street lights, benches, planters, parkways with street trees and traffic calming improvements including narrower travel lanes and curb extensions.

"This important gateway corridor is rapidly redeveloping and in need of functional and aesthetic upgrades," explained Paul Schneider, Director of Transportation and City Engineer. "The intended results outlined by the public are to create a tree-lined parkway, improve linkages with nearby neighborhoods and preserve automobile flow and parking while at the same time making it safer for pedestrians."

Thus far two improvements have already been initiated. The first section, along the east side of Chicago Avenue between South Boulevard and Keeney Street, was completed in 2004 as a prototype section. The second section, at the northwest corner of Chicago Avenue and Main Street, was completed in 2006. Finally, the section along the east side of Chicago Avenue, between Lee Street and Greenleaf Street, will be completed in the fall of 2011.

The funding through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program will complete the section of Chicago Avenue that does not have substantial private ownership. The reason for the limited private ownership in this section is due to the fact that the Chicago Transit Authority is the majority property owner on the west side of the street between Main Street and South Boulevard. Unlike the other three sections, the City of Evanston will be unable to leverage private dollars to complete this section.

"The streetscape improvements will increase public safety along the corridor by upgrading five bus stops along Chicago Avenue; enhancing pedestrian crosswalks by both installing signals and stripped crosswalks; and by widening sidewalks," added Schneider.

Cook County Government Passes Tethering Law That Will Protect Dogs and the Community

The Humane Society of the United States, on behalf of its more than 448,000 supporters in Illinois, commends the Cook County Board of Commissioners for unanimously passing an ordinance to stop the inhumane tethering of dogs. The ordinance prohibits the use of tow or log chains as a collar, leash or tether.

"Dogs are our best friends. This ordinance will ensure that dogs that are tethered are provided the basic humane standards they deserve," said Jordan Matyas, Illinois state director for The HSUS. "I am proud of the bold initiative taken by the Board of Commissioners and Board President Todd Stroger in passing the restrictions on tethering," said Donna Alexander, DVM, the administrator of the county's Department of Animal and Rabies Control. "These restrictions will bring Cook County's Animal Ordinance into closer compliance with the state's Humane Care for Animals Act and will add to the laws in our war against the scourge of dog fighting."

In addition, the ordinance requires that all chains or tethers be at least 10 feet long and that a tethered dog must have access at all times to water, adequate shelter and dry ground. The ordinance also requires that the tether must be attached to the dog by a properly fitting collar prohibits pinch, prong, or choke collars. Dogs may not be tethered in cases of extreme weather conditions and to protect children, no dog may be tethered within 200 yards of a school.

For more information and resources on this issue, visit The HSUS' online resource library at animalsheltering.org

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Day/Date: Wednesday * March 3 7:30 – 9:15pm

Ages: 16+

Location: Lincolnwood Community Center * 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue

Fee: \$12 Lincolnwood Resident; \$15 Non-Resident

Online registration is available by logging onto www.lincolnwoodil.org and navigating to the Parks and Recreation Department home page, then clicking on the REGISTER NOW button. For more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

GREAT OUTDOORS

21st Annual MOSES Organic Farming Conference

WHO: Organized by the Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES), the Organic Farming Conference (OFC) is now in its 21st year and the largest in the country.

WHAT: More than 2,600 attendees come to the OFC attracted by the keynote sessions, 60 workshops and 140 exhibitors of products and services that serve the organic and sustainable farming community.

WHEN: February 25-27, 2010

WHERE: La Crosse Center, La Crosse, Wisconsin

WHY: 60 conference workshops, the opportunity to network with other farmers and lots of organic food.

Organic University: Thursday, Feb. 25, MOSES will hold the Organic University (OU), 10 intensive day-long courses for growers interested in an in-depth look at organic farming practices.

Keynote speakers

· Chuck Hassebrook, Executive Director of the Center for Rural Affairs (Feb. 26)

· Dr. Margaret Mellon, Director of the Food and Environment Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists (Feb. 27)

Organic Research Forum: Held in conjunction with the OFC, the second-ever Organic Research Forum offers a unique opportunity for students, scientists and farmer researchers to engage and share their work.

Seed Swap: New to the conference this year will be a seed swap hosted by the Organic Seed Alliance.

More than 35 media typically attend the OFC in person. In addition to the formal sessions and media conference, it is a great opportunity to interview organic farmers specific to their geography and area of crop/livestock interest. The Media Conference is scheduled for Friday, February 26th.

CONTACT: To request a conference flyer contact MOSES at 715-778-5775, info@mosesorganic.org or www.mosesorganic.org.



KILBOURN PARK ORGANIC GREENHOUSE WINTER ORGANIC GARDEN SERIES

Discover the wonderful world of nature! Spark your curiosity and explore the fun & educational offerings at Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse, 3501 N. Kilbourn Ave., the Chicago Park District's only park with a teaching organic greenhouse. The 2010 winter series is designed for adults 18 & over in mind. Register for winter programs in-person at the park.

Early Spring Greens Bill Shores, Shores Garden Consulting, Inc., Wednesday, February 24, 6:30-8:00pm, Fee: \$20

Come learn about the colorful and tasty world of early spring greens. Urban grower Bill Shores will present a slide show and discussion of how to get a jump start on the growing season with salad and braising greens. Simple season extension techniques and the best greens for early planting will be discussed. Go home inspired and ready to garden!

Rain Barrels and Rain Gardening Cathy Breitenbach, Chicago Park District and Sarah Abu-Absi, Chicago Department of Environment, Saturday, March 13, 10 am -Noon, Fee: \$20

Interested in harvesting rainwater for your garden with a rain barrel or cistern? How about installing a basic rain garden in your yard? Cathy Breitenbach from the Chicago Park District and Sarah Abu-Absi from the Chicago Department of Environment will discuss the benefits of using rainwater for your garden. Participants will receive a rebate form from the City of Chicago to receive a \$30 discount on a rain barrel.

Landscaping with Native Plants Rebecca Schillo, Chicago Park District, Saturday, March 27, 10-Noon, Fee: \$20

Landscaping with native plants is creating a new buzz in the gardening world! Native landscapes create backyard habitat for birds and butterflies while offering gardeners unique, beautiful plant selections. Native habitats require less water, fertilizer, and energy to maintain than their ornamental counterparts and can help increase storm water infiltration and carbon sequestration. In this class, Becky Schillo of the Chicago Park District will discuss practical design and planting techniques for introducing natives into the home landscape. Topics will include site considerations for native landscaping, appropriate plant selection, basics of maintaining native landscapes, and where to find native plants in the Chicago area.

Kilbourn Park is located at 3501 N. Kilbourn Ave., just west of Milwaukee Ave., and Addison St. in Chicago. Questions call Kirsten Akre at 773.685.3359 or kirsten.akre@chicagoparkdistrict.com.

Urban Wildlife Coalition:

How Well Do You Know Your Neighbors?

Raccoons, robins, and squirrels are just a few of our wild neighbors. Moving beyond the myths makes it easier and more enjoyable for us to share our urban environment. Take the quiz below. You may be surprised by the answers!

1. True or false. If you see a raccoon out during the day, it probably has been poisoned or is rabid.
2. True or false. Mother birds will abandon their babies if they have been touched by human hands.
3. True or false. It is best not to feed or give water to an injured animal.
4. True or false. Raccoons and bats almost always carry rabies.
5. True or false. If you see a fawn on its own, it is likely that the parents are dead or that the young deer has been abandoned.
6. If you are driving and a squirrel crosses your path, it is best to:
Swerve to avoid it
Stop
7. True or false. Canada geese often mate for life.

Answers:

1. False. Raccoons are generally nocturnal, but sometimes they forage for food during the day. However, unusual behavior such as staggering, circling, or screeching during the day may indicate that the animal is ill.
2. False. The best thing you can do if you find a live nestling on the ground is to gently put it back in its nest as soon as possible. Mother birds will not abandon young who have been handled by humans.
3. True. Avoid giving an injured animal any food or drink. Sometimes even the best intentions can cause further injury to an animal. If you find an injured animal, contact Urban Wildlife Coalition at 773-545-8136 or online at www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org for a list of approved (licensed and humane) wildlife rehabilitators in our area.
4. False. Most wildlife in our area do not carry rabies. Raccoons, foxes, skunks, and bats are more likely than other animals to carry the disease, but most do not. It is far more common for humans in the U.S. to die from lightning strikes than from a rabid animal. However, it is best to allow wild animals to be wild, and to observe them at a respectful distance.
5. False. To protect their young, deer parents will often leave fawns hidden for several hours while they look for food.
6. B. Stop. Squirrels often run an erratic path to confuse their potential predators (us, for example).
7. True. Like swans, Canada geese will stay with their mate, even if the rest of the flock leaves. However, if a mate dies, the surviving goose may eventually choose another mate.

For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org. Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured urban wildlife.

MAXWELL STREET MARKET

The Maxwell Street Market is a Chicago tradition of bargains with an international flavor. The market hosts hundreds of vendors every Sunday, year-round. In addition to household goods, clothing, CDs, jewelry, power tools and produce, there are several food stands offering authentic fare like enchiladas, tacos, tamales, plantains and polish sausage.

The market is open every Sunday from Jan 3, 2010 to Dec 26, 2010 and the hours are 7am to 3pm. Located in the South Loop at Desplaines Street and Roosevelt Road, admission is free.

REGISTRATION FOR HUMANA RACE TO TASTE OPENS IN FEBRUARY

Ready, set, race your way to the Taste of Chicago! We are pleased to welcome Humana as the title sponsor of the Race to Taste 5K Run/2-Mile Walk, a Taste of Chicago tradition set for Sunday, June 27. Run/walk through Chicago's beautiful Grant Park and lakefront, and stay for activities and great food at Taste of Chicago. All participants will receive a Commemorative Nike Dri-Fit Shirt, a strip of Taste food tickets (redeemable only on race day), and new this year at the post race party, all participants are invited to sample some of Humana's Healthier Choice Food Items featured at this year's Taste of Chicago! Registration opens mid February on-line at www.chicagoracetotaste.us. There is no race day registration. See you at TASTE and get ready to race!

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