

Malibu **East** Dialogue

May 2009

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MECA tot — Joffrey ballerina student



Gianna (5), second from left, with her five 6-year-old Joffrey classmates, have ambitions of someday appearing in this magazine showing Joffrey dancers.



Gianna practices her moves at the Joffrey 12,000-square-foot studio.

Tiny ball of energy

By Jack Winans

Five-year-old Gianna, daughter of MECA residents Martin and Susan, was recently accepted, after audition, to the world-famous Joffrey Academy of Dance. Gianna joined five 6-year-olds at the Academy in the Joffrey Tower downtown.



The Joffrey professional school is associated with the world-class Joffrey dance company. With a fragmented history on the West Coast and in New York, Joffrey moved to Chicago in 1995 and offers training for those qualified, ages three and up, in its 12,000-square-foot-studio space.

Gianna is already an accomplished figure skater and takes private lessons at the Robert Crown Center on Main Street in Evanston. She appeared in the

recent Christmas production of “Nutmacker” and will be performing in “Skate by Numbers,” playing May 15, 16 and 17. Her tutor recommended ballet lessons as preparation for advanced figure skating. Gianna loves her ballet lessons; who knows, perhaps this may become the foremost activity in her young life.

Gianna also loves to swim and takes lessons at Edgewater Athletic Club on Granville.

Her mother is a school teacher and her father is a mechanical engineer. Gianna’s parents are devoted to giving Gianna a balanced life — if there is a conflict between a friend’s birthday party and lessons or practice, the party fun comes first.

Gianna is presently a kindergartner at a school in Lincoln Park. She will be 6 this Summer.

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MECA board meeting Tuesday, April 28, 2009

By Elaine Winans

Attendance: 9 board members, 2 management representatives and 9 residents
Not present: Cass Buscher, Greg Christensen, Leon LeRoy

TREASURER'S REPORT

Neil Warner

- 1) **Financial statement**
Balance on hand, cash and reserves
\$2,648,315.93
- 2) **Delinquencies**
\$61,499.63

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Floor Representatives**
Eleida Gomez
Will record the laundry room video, after reports of missing laundry. Information on replacing or refurbishing unit patio doors will be compiled and made available. Will try to get more committee representation by drawing a name from each floor.
- 2) **Social and Educational**
Sandy Chaet
White Elephant Sale will be in June; MECA Stimulus Picnic will be Sun., July 19; Ice Cream Social Sun., Aug. 9. Also trying to plan a casino trip in the future. More information to follow.
- 3) **ASCO report**
Sandy Chaet
May 4 meeting on the FEMA flood control map that has caused some unit owners problems with home insurance. Avany Penaherrera will attend.
Dumpster tax was tabled by the city council. Could cost \$492 per dumpster our size if passed.
- 4) **Garage**
Shade Little, Mgr.
Claims
Approved: 4
- 5) **Sports and Entertainment**
Neil Warner/Steve Ransone
New yoga class starts May 4. Still waiting on three bids for four construction items and new equipment in the new exercise room.
- 6) **Communications**
Neil Warner
The Dialogue is in the black.

Please keep in mind that the meeting notes are not the official record of the MECA Board of Directors meetings. The official minutes are generally approved at the following meeting and may be viewed or copied in the management office.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Chris Chiodo

Items requiring immediate board action

- 1) **Outdoor landscape proposals**
Brickman was awarded the contract, to be signed prior to Apr. 30.
- 2) **SNJ Home Improvement final payment approval**
Approved subject to committee's review of punch-list items.

Items not requiring board action

- 1) **Facade ordinance repairs**
Richard Straus
Will work on facade where there is some unit leakage before going on to the rest of the building. We will be doing only maintenance work on the facade this year.
- 2) **Garage construction project**
Richard Straus
The ceiling of the garage entrance needs painting. All other garage construction work is done for this year except the top of the third floor of the garage by the pool. This should be done before Memorial Day.
- 3) **Unit sales**
19M \$162,000
19J \$185,000
- 4) **Units for sale by MECA**
36E — closed.
18D — carpet to be installed after janitor cleanup and then will be ready for sale.
- 5) **Lobby flowers**
Current purveyor went out of business. Was costing us \$75 per week. We will be purchasing flowers locally and arranging them.

The meeting ended at 9:35pm and went into closed session.

Building report

By Chris Chiodo

malibueast@awb.us



Guests: Any guest arriving from midnight until 6am must check in with the doorman. A call will be made to the unit to verify the guest, and the resident must come down to escort the visitor into the building. The doorman will not allow any guest to enter the building without a phone call to the unit and escort during these hours. No employee will be allowed to escort any of the resident's guests to their unit. Please work with the employees. If they fail to follow procedure, they will be disciplined accordingly.

Swimming pool & fourth floor deck:

The tentative opening date for the pools and patio deck is May 25 at 6am. We are planning to have water aerobics this summer, with dates and times yet to be determined. Please make sure you sign a waiver in the management office before you attend a class. Lifeguards will be checking for pool tags. It will be strictly enforced, and anyone without a tag will be asked to leave the pool area. If you do not have tags, purchase them in the management office at a cost of \$10 each. Each unit is allowed only four tags. If a unit is caught with more than four, they will be confiscated. Please make sure you are aware of the Rules and Regulations regarding the pool and other recreational areas on the fourth floor deck. If you need a copy, come to the management office for one. I will be personally monitoring these areas on a daily basis.

Facade inspection & repair: Beginning at the end of April or early May, Golf Construction and Klein & Hoffman will be working on the building facade, starting with the M tier and continuing work on the north facade. A detailed notice will go out prior to the start of the repairs to explain the scope of the work and what is required from the residents.

Bicycle storage: We will be conducting a complete inspection of the room, removing all unregistered bicycles. Make sure your bicycle is registered with the management office and has a current registration sticker on it. Unregistered bicycles will be donated to charity.

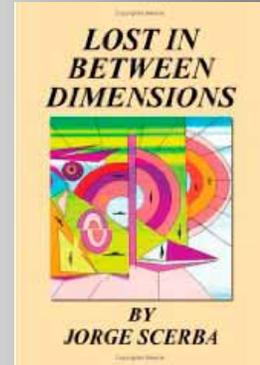
*Our condolences to the
family and friends of
Harry Hirsch*

Book Signing

LOST IN BETWEEN DIMENSIONS



By Jorge Scerba



5 to 8pm Saturday, May 16
in the Malibu East Captain's Walk

Disco party

By Marcia Fishman



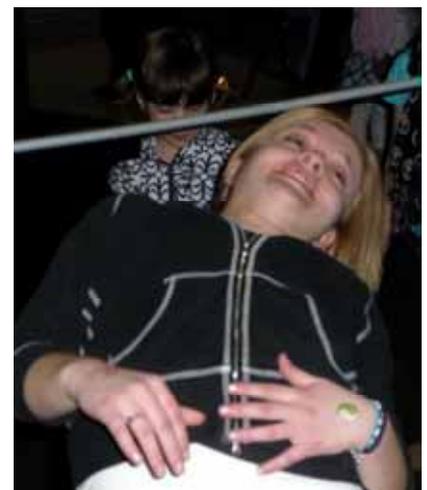
Beth Robinson, Jeannie Forrest and I would like to thank all the kids and parents of Malibu East for making our first-ever children's disco party a huge success.

Thanks to our great DJ, Mercedes Ben, approximately 36 children danced the night away. Our DJ did an absolutely wonderful job of entertaining the children.

The youngest child was approximately 18 months. Una won the limbo contest and there were other dance games played and winners.

Our thanks goes to Mia for giving us her time for the art of tattooing! Of course, our children's parties are always successful because of the helping hands of Merkel and Parsa. They are always ready, willing and able to give us a hand and were of great assistance to us and the DJ in setting up.

Again, thank all of you so much.



Community Calendar

by Betty Mayian

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Beat 2433 community meeting

First Wednesday of the month
May 6, 7pm
2433 W. Elmdale

EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Unbuilt Projects & Fantasy Designs"

Thom Greene, Architect, Closing Reception

6-8pm May 15 at the museum

"Chicago and the Civil War"

Presentation by Loyola history professor and author Theodore Karamanski.

10am May 23 at the museum

"Memorial Day Parade and Rosehill Ceremonies"

Local groups and schools parade down Clark Street to Rosehill Cemetery

10am May 25

5358 N. Ashland

773-506-4849

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"Private Lives"

Noel Coward play May 1-May 3

8pm Th, Fr & Sa, 3pm Su

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773-293-3682

citylit.org



LIFELINE THEATRE

"Busman's Honeymoon"

Lord Peter Wimsey's honeymoon becomes a farce; Dorothy Sayers mystery.

May 1 thru Jun. 21 \$30

7:30pm Fr, 4 & 8pm Sa, 4pm Su
(Group, student & senior discounts)
6912 N. Glenwood Ave.

773-761-4477

lifelinetheatre.com

MORSE THEATRE

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773-654-5100

themorse.com/cms

PROFILES THEATRE

"Graceland"

Chicago tale of loss, longing and fighter jets

May 22 thru Jun. 28, \$25-30

8pm Th-Sa, 7pm Su

4147 N. Broadway

773-549-1815

profilestheatre.org

RAVEN THEATRE

"Hedda Gabler"

Sold out thru May 21; Closes Jun. 27, 8pm

Ibsen's masterpiece, a woman's inevitable road to tragedy.

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

REDTWIN THEATRE

"Aura"

Exploration of how one copes with knowledge that one should not even possess.

8pm Th-Sa, 3pm Su thru May 23

1044 W. Bryn Mawr

Chicago, IL 60660

773-728-7529

redtwist.org

VICTORY GARDENS THEATER

Main stage at the Biograph

"Love Person"

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May 15 - Jun. 14, \$39-48

3pm Su, 10:30am & 7:30pm We

7:30pm Th/Fr, 3 & 7:30pm Sa

2433 N. Lincoln Ave.

773-871-3000

victorygardens.org

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Afternoon Club

Thursday, May 21

2:00pm — Community Room

Dialogue Committee meeting

Wednesday, May 20

7:30pm — Community Room

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, May 26

7:30pm — Windjammer Room

Leave event and meeting notices at the desk for the Dialogue.

MAY HOLIDAYS

Asian Pacific American History Month

Jewish-American Heritage Month

May 1

Celtic, local, labor: May Day

National Day of Prayer

May 5

Mexico: Cinco de Mayo

May 9

Buddhist: Vesak (Visakha Puja / Buddha Day)

May 10

American: Mother's Day

May 18

Israel's: Independence Day (Yom Ha'Atzma'Ut)

May 10

African-American: Malcolm X's birthday

May 21

Christian Ascension Day

Jewish: Yom Hashoah/Holocaust Memorial Day

May 10

Baha'i: Declaration of the Bab

May 25

U.S.: Memorial Day

May 28

Jewish: Shavuot. begins at sundown

May 29

Baha'i: Ascension of Baha'u'llah

Jewish: Shavuot (Festival of Weeks)

May 31

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Sheridan Road

Part 5: Up and over the Wisconsin line

By Jack Winans

Fort Sheridan

Our next stop is Fort Sheridan, a neighborhood spread between Lake Forest, Highwood and Highland Park. After closing in 1993, this former U. S. Army post named after Civil War Cavalry General Philip Sheridan has been lovingly restored to its early 1900 majesty. Dozens of large limestone officer's quarters on large oak lots have been refurbished and enlisted men's quarters have been turned into apartments. Many of the original staff buildings have also been refurbished. Additional new homes and condominiums have been added with care so as not to disturb the ambience.

Barat College

Originally an academy for young women, the former Barat College lies at the curving Sheridan Road entrance to Lake Forest. Sold in 2004, it has been developed as a condominium.

Lake Forest College

This liberal arts college, founded 160 years ago, serves 1,400 students, the bulk from other states and countries. Also on campus is my alma mater, the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

Naval Station Great Lakes

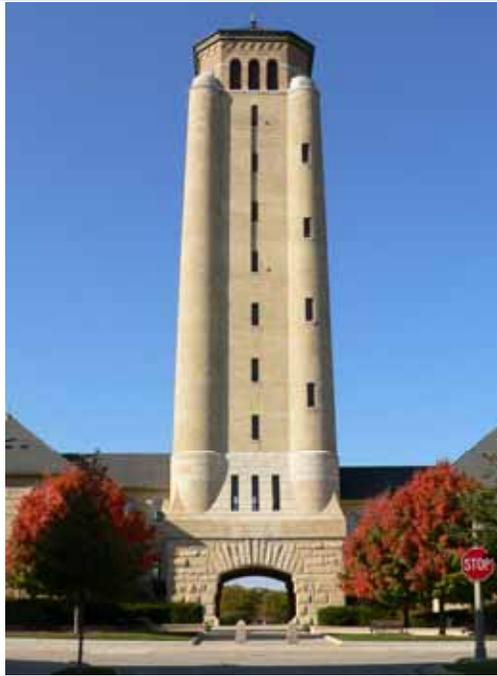
This is the U. S. Navy's Headquarters Command for training. The original 39 buildings, built between 1903 and 1927, were designed by Jarvis Hunt. This largest of the Navy's training facilities now has over 1,000 buildings on 1,600 acres and is another of my alma maters. I attended boot camp here and electronics training later after sea duty before being posted to an experimental base in the Bahamas.

Illinois Beach State Park

This six and a half miles-shoreline park is accessible off Sheridan Road at Wadsworth in Zion. The 4,160-acre park has dunes, swales with sprawling marshes, forests of oak-intensive trails, camping areas and a modern lodge.

The end of the road

Sheridan Road crosses over into Wisconsin and passes through Kenosha before finally dying out in Racine.



This water tower, originally the tallest structure in the Chicago area, was altered and shortened by 60 feet in 1940 (it originally had a peaked turret). The buildings flanking the tower were troop barracks.

The Geek Corner

By Jack Winans

Want to know what's going on in our neighborhood?

Go to chicago.everyblock.com for crime data, real estate, photos, articles, business reviews and more.

Click on the "find" box on the top green bar and type in the area you want to search. Some ideas: Ward 48, 60660, Edgewater, or to get up real close — 6033 N Sheridan Road. Plenty of easy-to-access data; explore this website, you'll want to bookmark it and come back often for up-to-date information.

Thanks

My sincere thanks to everyone who has expressed their condolences for the loss of Harry, my husband and lifelong dear friend. Also, to the many who attended the memorial and to those who brought food, my deep appreciation for your compassion and fellowship during this trying time.

Reneé Hirsch

Bridging the Sheridan Road divide with ECC

By Tracy Poyser

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When I moved to Malibu East from Lincoln Park four years ago, I knew I had landed in a super building with welcoming and friendly neighbors, but I missed my old neighborhood. Living in a vertical village of a thousand people is a blessing, but also a barrier. Fortunately, as a roving reporter for our Dialogue, I had a chance to meet and mingle with Edgewater and Rogers Park community groups. I found an energy and active community in the Edgewater Community Council (ECC) that was way beyond my expectations, and a chance to get involved in neighborhood projects.

The ECC is a voluntary membership organization that has worked to improve the quality of life in Edgewater for almost 50 years. It's a voice for the individual citizens of our community — and that includes us condo dwellers along Sheridan Road. They promote the economic development, safety and beautification of our community; offer educational, cultural, recreational and social programs to improve daily life in our neighborhood; and facilitate charitable outreach for residents in need.

They also sponsor many fun projects and love to get neighbors involved — like the "Taste of Edgewater" Cookbook project (see the ad in this Dialogue). Volunteers are always needed and appreciated!

The ECC relies on membership to support its work. As a member, you're contributing at the most basic level to programs and services that enhance life in our backyard and the quality of the entire neighborhood. This is especially critical this year, as ECC competes for a shrinking pool of public dollars.

P.S.: Make sure to check our Laundry Room bulletin board and the Dialogue calendar for upcoming ECC events and projects.

For membership or info contact ECC at:
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MECA's Parker student wins trip to Japan

By Jack Winans

Jordan Collins is a sophomore at the Francis W. Parker School. He lives here at Malibu East with his mother, Mrs. Viola Collins. The Parker School is a Jr. K through 12 independent day school practicing progressive education located a block west of Lincoln Park Zoo.

Jordan prepared for the trip by studying Japanese history, and when quizzed by this editor, showed a remarkable grasp of the subject.

Jordan was one of eight freshmen and eight sophomores selected through an essay contest to go on a trip to Japan. Jordan received a partial scholarship, but raised much of the money through family, friends and church.

He left Saturday, April 4 for a fantastic, thrill-filled trip, including a ride on the “bullet” train, with views of Mt. Fuji, the hills of central Japan and the inland sea and a tour of the Hiroshima atomic bomb

sites. He also visited many shrines, fresh food and fish malls, went shopping and was delighted to be able to talk to many Japanese, most of whom spoke fluent “American” English.

He also visited a Judo school with classes for six-year-olds through adults and was impressed with the respect shown between students and teachers. He found that this “respect” was the norm wherever he went and felt that he and his fellow students were treated with great respect wherever they went.

He was also amazed that Tokyo, although immense, was immaculately clean, as was all of Japan.

He made many “quick” friends by wearing the immensely popular Naruto Ninja Anime headband (pictured at the right).

Jordan is an accomplished speaker and plans are being made to have him make a report during assembly at Parker and at his church. He is well-prepared — he took over 400 pictures and videos!



Jordan, with his very popular Naruto Ninja Anime Head Band headband, enjoying a meal with chopsticks.

Easter Egg Hunt

By Betty Mayian

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April 11, the Social Committee held an Easter egg hunt for the children in the building. The only hitch for the families was that the children had to be less than 10 years of age. Oh, and they had to be accompanied by an adult. We had children from 12 months of age to 7 years old. They were all so cute and well-behaved that I became giddy at the thoughts of how well the parents have raised these children. The flyer showed that all would meet in the Community Room at 10am, and that the hunt would start at 10:15. That is what happened, with a couple of late arrivals. I will say more about that later.

The committee members who were there had helped to hide the 120 eggs that had been made up by me a couple of weeks earlier. Instead of the usual hard-boiled eggs, I thought we could use the plastic eggs that open up. Inside each egg I put a foil-covered chocolate and a few mixed jelly beans. It took about three hours to do all this, but it was a labor of love. Jack Winans took pictures of this event. It will be remembered by me as a wonderful day to be spent with these lovely people.

We hid the eggs in the Windjammer Room – in the sofas and chairs, on the wooden chairs, under the sofa legs, on the captain's wheel, and on the window ledges. With about 15 children all excited and happy, there wasn't a single egg that remained hidden when all was done. We assisted the 20 or so parents, especially the ones with very small children. We would sometimes have to reach to get some that were too high for the littlest ones. One very sweet child kept taking his eggs out of his basket and putting them back. His daddy was really enjoying this.

In fact, the parents were great and put a lot of love into this time. The committee put out cookies and juice for all to enjoy. Not knowing how many would show up is always a problem, but it is better to have too much than too little, right? As always, the extra food goes to the doorman and the car hikers. Now I will tell you what happened with the late arrivals.



They came in and all the eggs were found, but a wonderful little girl came up and offered to give some of her eggs to the latecomers. This same generosity was there when prizes were awarded, too. There was a chocolate bunny that was to go to the child who collected the most eggs. The two oldest girls came very close with 14 eggs and 12 eggs, respectively. I gave the bunny to the winner and she said she would share with her friend who had come in second.

Colorful bunnies were given to the littlest

boy, the littlest girl, and I had an extra for another prize. It turned out that there were two little girls who were the same age, so I gave one to each girl. One father offered some candy treats to be given out to the rest; we hid two wrapped Easter toys and put out the unwrapped candy for eating with the cookies.

As we cleaned up the room at about 11:15, we considered next year. We may go back to making the colorful hard-boiled eggs that we used to do in past Easters. The thought was bittersweet since one of our committee members who used to make us all laugh during this time was Harry Hirsch, who just passed away. What a wonderful man and how we all miss him.

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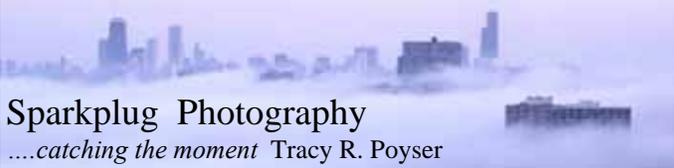
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Restaurant review

By Betty Mayian

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Piatto Pronto — Italian deli plus



Not a restaurant — not quite. Actually you can order your sandwiches, soup, salads, side dishes, etc., and eat outdoors in their cute two-table outside patio. It is next door to McDonalds on Clark, north of Bryn Mawr. It is a catering operation, as well, and it has a website for placing orders. The store is small, but the food is quite good, what we've tasted. I have a love of deli restaurants and would hope we could get a good Jewish deli in this area. But, for now, here is a very good Italian deli (plus others, as you will notice when you go there or as you read this review). Since they cater, too, you can understand that they say sandwiches can be from 6 inches to 6 feet.

When you walk in, you see the large glass display case on the right. Also on the right is the counter where you order, pay and where the sandwich maker stands behind it, making his creations. This is not Subway or even Quiznos. The number of cold sandwiches is in the teens, plus you can pretty much order one to your own liking, as long as the ingredients are available. We have not tried every one, but the two we did try were great. Some of the meat ingredients that can go on them are as follows: imported Genoa salami, mortadella, capicola, soppresseta, calaprese salami, prosciutto cotto, prosciutto di Parma, oven roasted turkey, imported ham, roast beef, corned beef, beef pepper pastrami, 100% white meat chicken, Serrano ham, and the hot selection includes homemade meatballs. There are also the seafood selections of salmon, 100% white Albacore tuna, and imported Tonno tuna. Cheeses abound — in the deli counter and on the sandwiches: provolone, American, Swiss, manchego, gouda, emmenthaler, fresh mozzarella, etc. Select from among these: multigrain loaf, ciabatta, seeded rye, sourdough, or demi baguette (whole wheat or regular).

Now you want to look at the panini list. It is heavenly and even includes a Cuban sandwich with oven-roasted pork loin, baked ham, Swiss or jalapeno cheese. The roll-up sandwiches look great and



include a Mexican roll-up that has turkey, bacon, avocado, spicy Chihuahua cheese and homemade salsa; a buffalo chicken with Monterey Jack; and a spicy shrimp with crumbled goat cheese and wasabi dressing.

Salads move into the Orient, with teriyaki-marinated chicken breast as one of the original salads on their menu. All salads come with your choice of roll. You have a choice of two soups: homemade chicken noodle soup, or the soup of the day.

There are bottles of cold beverages, including fresh juice by Naked Juice and imported bottled water. They sell cartons

of Italian ice cream and homemade cannoli for desserts. Cookies and chips are available. Fresh breads and canned goods that are imported from many places in the world share the shelves with the best of homemade salads. My favorites are the marinated mushroom salad and the curried seven-grain salad. You will find it a delightful place to shop — especially since the Thorndale Deli is now closed. Too bad.

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Letter to the editor

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Just Curious Sally

Dear Curious Sally,

According to the Scientific American, you should turn off any light when not in use to save energy, even the new compact fluorescent light bulbs. The on-off-stress and power surge is minimal and will not appreciably reduce the lifetime of these more expensive bulbs and is a small effect relative to the energy savings from turning it off.

The editor

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/devlbf>



Left to right: Joyce Gallagher, Chicago Dept. of Aging commissioner; Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and her daughter; and State Rep. Harry Osterman. Nearly 500 area seniors attended Osterman's ninth annual Senior Health Fair at the Broadway Armory.

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