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10 Things to do this weekend

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EXPLORE. How can the kids resist something called EEEWWHH! THAT'S GROSS!?! Head to the Crabtree Nature Center where you can learn about some of the more disgusting habits of local wildlife. Jan. 6, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. 3 Stover Rd., Barrington, (847) 381-6592, fpdcc.com/events



WATCH. Lifeline Theatre presents its 16th annual FILLET OF SOLO FESTIVAL beginning this week. Catch a month-long rotation of performances by local literary and theatrical groups at two different venues. Jan. 4 and Jan. 5, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Jan. 6, 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$30 for a festival pass. 6912 N. Glenwood Ave. and 7016 N. Glenwood Ave., (773) 761-4477, www.lifelinetheatre.com



DIP. Want to show how really dedicated you are to your friends with fur? Head to Foster Avenue Beach for FREEZIN' FOR A REASON. To raise money for Project Rescue Chicago, animal lovers will jump into chilly Lake Michigan (without their pets, who will stay safe, dry and warm). Jan. 5, 10:15 a.m. Registration is \$25. 5200 N. Lake Shore Dr., (312) 623-0939, www.firstgiving.com/...



REVISIT. Beatles tribute band American English will perform the SGT. PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB album in its entirety at the Raue Center For The Arts. So just "sit back and let the evening go." Jan. 5, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$34 - \$40. 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake, (815) 356-9212, rauecenter.org

THINK. The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center's SPIES, TRAITORS AND SABOTEURS: FEAR AND FREEDOM IN AMERICA exhibit closes this weekend. Take one last chance to examine this exhibition about civil liberties, individual rights and fear. Jan. 5 and Jan. 6, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is \$12, \$8 for students and seniors, \$6 for kids. 9603 Woods Dr., Skokie, (847) 967-4800, www.IH HolocaustMuseum.org

COMBINE. If you like a little bit of country and a little bit of, well, rock 'n' roll, check out the ACE COUNTRY CLUB at Dragon Ranch Moonshine and BBQ. This new Saturday night party is a mash-up of Dragon Ranch Country music favorites, with hip-hop, rock, pop and more. Jan. 5, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m. 441 N. Clark St., (312) 955-1900, www.DragonRanch.com

VIEW. The work of R. H. QUAYTMAN will be on display at The Renaissance Society when "Passing Through The Opposite of What it Approaches, Chapter 25," opens. The work is part of a series of painted panels that tell a story in chapters. The artist will speak about his work on Sunday. Jan. 6, 5 p.m. 5811 S. Ellis Ave., (773) 702-8670, www.renaissancesociety.org



LISTEN. Alumni of the CHICAGO CHILDREN'S CHOIR will come together for the second annual alumni concert at St. Alphonsus Church. The singers will rehearse in the afternoon, and the performance will fill the church with song in the evening. Jan. 4, 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10. 1429 W. Wellington Ave., (312) 849-8300, www.ccchoir.org/...



SCREEN. Is the truth really STRANGER THAN FICTION? Find out at a month-long film series at the Gene Siskel Film Center highlighting documentary premieres. On Saturday and Sunday, get a discount on a second flick when you buy a ticket to the first. Jan. 4 – Jan. 6, check website for show listings. General admission is \$11, discounted weekend rate for second film is \$7. 164 N. State St., (312) 846-2800, www.siskelfilmcenter.org. Above: A scene from "Honor Flight"



MOVE. The Yates Gallery (on the fourth floor of the Chicago Cultural Center) will be transformed into a dance hall for WINTER DANCE 2013. Show up this weekend and take advantage of one-hour lessons to start off the new year on the right foot. Then stick around to show off your new steps. The weekend includes swing (with The Flat Cats, above), salsa and ballroom dancing. Jan. 4 and Jan. 5, 6 p.m. lessons, 7:30 p.m. music and dancing. Jan. 6, noon, lessons, 1 p.m. music and dancing. Free. 77 E. Randolph St., (312) 744-6630, www.chicagoculturalcenter.org

Your cell phone can make calls as well as text and take photos: Use it to phone ahead as event schedules and availability change. Send your weekend tips in an e-mail (without attachments) with the date in the subject line to 10things@chicagobusiness.com.

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