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In a faraway place, an injured homeless mutt captures a heart

THE INCREDIBLE SHRINKING EBERT

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ACTIVITIES FOR YOU TO LEARN, GROW AND ENJOY YOURSELF

8 The Dave Matthews Band "Caravan is the opening act at Lakeside, the city's new entertainment venue on the Southwest side, 8655 S. Green Bay. Matthews is joined in the three-day inaugural show by a host of performers. Gates open at noon. Tickets are \$85 a show; \$295, three-day pass. Visit ticketsmaster.com.

Sex heats up the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd., Rosemont, when Eccotica Ergo Chicago opens at 4 p.m. Must be 18 to attend. Hours are 4 to 11 p.m. The show runs through Sunday. Tickets are \$35-\$75. Visit chicagosex.com.

The 2011 U.S. All World Villages National Parade steps off at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Lake. Visit villageoffish.org.

9 Design your own T-shirt during a screen printing workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bridgeway Park District Sports Complex, 8200 S. Deloit, Bridgeway. The fee is \$35. Call (708) 594-0818.

Roscoe Burger Fest gets under way at 11 a.m. on Belmont at Damen. Visit chicagoevents.com.

10 Bright Pink's For the Women We Love: A High Tea Celebration, Silent Auction and Fund-Raiser is at 1 p.m. at the Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth. Tickets are \$75. Visit brightpink.org.



It's bath time for pooch during the Scrub A Dub Dub Dog Wash at Central Park Doggy Day Care, 3358 N. Paulina. The cost is \$10 a dog. Proceeds benefit Red Door Animal Shelter.

12 You don't have to suit up to hit the field for the Strike Out ALS 5K at 6:30 p.m. at U.S. Cellular. Participants will run the field's bases as well as take a lap around the park's warning track in support of Lou Gehrig's Disease, named for the legendary New York Yankee's first baseman. Registration is \$10. Visit www.strikeoutals.com.

13 Second City alum and "Curb Your Enthusiasm" star Jeff Garlin opens his "No Sugar Tonight" act at 7:30 p.m. at the Steppenwolf Upstairs Theatre. Tickets are \$25. Through July 24. Visit steppenwolf.org.

It's drags for dogs during a hot dog eating contest to benefit Chicago Canine Rescue at 6 p.m. at Franklin Tap, 325 S. Franklin. Entry fee is \$25 with all proceeds benefiting CCR. Call (312) 232-4282.



The Chicago Gay Men's Chorus belts out Broadway tunes during Grant Park Music Festival's Greatest Hits of Broadway concert at 6:30 p.m. at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph. Visit grantparkmusicfestival.com.

14 PWW Chicago hosts its sixth annual Beach Party at 9 p.m. at the North Avenue Beach Boothouse, North Avenue and Lake Shore Drive. Call (773) 890-5128. Visit pwwchicago.com.

Chicago Bears Super Bowl XX champs Keith Van Horn and Chris Wilson join in the festivities during Individual Advocacy Group's ninth annual Golf Outing, BDNQ and Silent Auction at Cog Hill Golf Club, 22254 Archer Ave., Lemont. For registration and information, call (630) 759-0206.

15 Kick up your heels and join in the fun at Irish Fest 2011, opening at 6:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Arlington Heights Historical Museum at the corner of Euclid and Van, Arlington Heights. Admission is \$2-\$6. Call (847) 255-3225.

A special performance of Cirque du Soleil's "OVO" benefiting the Night Ministry's housing and health-care services for the homeless and at-risk Chicago residents, is at 8 p.m. at the United Center, 1901 W. Madison. Tickets are \$15-\$55. Call (773) 506-6028.

Rock the best during Rockbot.

90-minute Brew Cruise aboard the Shoreline Sightseeing cruise ship. Boarding is at 8 p.m. at the west end of Navy Pier. The cost is \$39. Visit shoresightsighting.com.

It's a Christmas in July toy drive for the Marlow Toys for Tots Foundation from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. at Cactus Beer & Grill, 404 S. Wolf. Guests are asked to bring a new unwrapped toy. Visit toyforstots.org.

17 Author Miles Harvey closes out the DePaul Summer Writing Conference with the lecture "How To Be a Better Writer When You Can't Write Every Day," at 3 p.m. in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium at Harold Washington Library, 400 S. State. Free. Call (312) 747-4050; chicagopubliclibrary.org.

21 Join in a Holiday Meals on Wheels dinner party at 6:30 p.m. at Shiraz on the Water, 250 W. Schick, Bloomington. Funds help feed the elderly during holidays when no meals are provided by the Meals on Wheels program. The cost is \$45. (800) 293-0890.

22 Macy's Slip & Scan Wedding Registry event is at 1:30 p.m. at Macy's, 311 N. State. Call (312) 780-4584; macys.com/events.

24 Join in the Ride & Stride for a Wish, a 5K run/walk and 10-mile bicycle ride to benefit Make a Wish Foundation at Soldier Field, 1410 Museum Campus. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The fee is \$40, adults; \$30, for ages 10 or under. Visit rideandstrideforawish.org.

The ninth annual Fun for Gus 5K Run/1 Mile Walk to benefit Children's Memorial Hospital gets under way at 7:30 p.m. at Diversey Harbor in Lincoln Park. Registration is \$20; \$25, on-site. Visit acrossforjuly.org.



31 Paul McCartney's "On the Run" tour hits town at 7 p.m. at Wrigley Field, 1060 W. Addison. Tickets are \$94.50-\$255. Call (800)

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