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# 10 things to do this weekend

By: [Margaret Littman](#) May 07, 2009

**TOOT.** Entertain little ones when their favorite trains, Thomas and Friends, show up live on stage during A CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN. The 90-minute show at the Sears Centre Arena encourages dancing and singing in seats. May 8, 7 p.m., May 9, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., May 10, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$17 - \$40. 5333 Prairie Stone Pkwy., Hoffman Estates. (312) 559-1212, [www.searscentre.com](http://www.searscentre.com).



**CELEBRATE.** Taylor Street's favorite French restaurant is honoring its 10th anniversary with an ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF: SPECIAL LUNCHEON AND BOOK SIGNING. Meet Kathleen Flinn, author of "The Sharper Your Knife, the Less You Cry," while enjoying a Chez Joel luncheon. May 9, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. \$69.50, a portion of proceeds benefit the Chicago Lakefront Chapter of the American Youth Soccer Association. Reservations recommended. 1119 W. Taylor St., (847) 571-1499, [www.chezjoelbistro.com](http://www.chezjoelbistro.com).



**THINK.** Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD," continues to be thought-provoking. You have two opportunities to consider the morality themes both in the book and in a stage performance. Choose from the theatrical production at the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State or a discussion of the book at the Flossmoor Public Library. Bring your dog-eared copy to discuss the novel as part of the One Book, One Southland program. May 9, 3 p.m., discussion. Free. 1000 Sterling Ave., Flossmoor, (708) 798-4006, [www.flossmoorlibrary.org](http://www.flossmoorlibrary.org). May 9, 8 p.m., play. Tickets are \$27 - \$42. 1 University Pkwy., University Park, (708) 235-2222, [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net).

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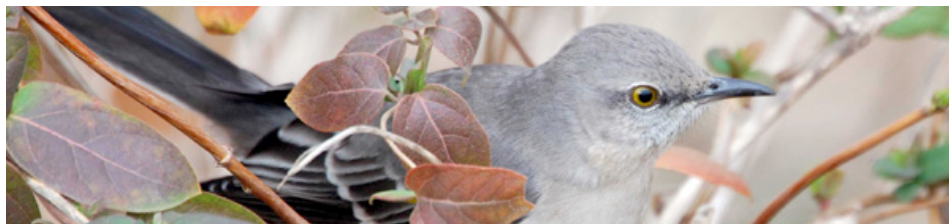
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**POSE.** Bring your offspring to Lincoln Park's 1154 LILL store for A MOTHER/DAUGHTER PHOTO SHOOT. The snaps are free and the lucky winners of the contest will receive two \$100 gift certificates to the purse-maker to be used in the future. May 8, 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., May 9, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Free. 904 W. Armitage Ave., (773) 477-5455, [www.1154lill.com](http://www.1154lill.com).

**PLAY.** PBS personality (and Chicagoan) Miss Lori will join the Junior League of Chicago for their A FAMILY AFFAIR fundraiser. Head to the Menomonee Club's Drucker Center for a live concert, fajita lunch, face painting and more, capped off with a sundae bar. May 9, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tickets are \$40 adults, \$35 children. 1535 N. Dayton St., (312) 664-4462, [www.jlchicago.org](http://www.jlchicago.org).



**PEDAL.** Choose between a 12- or 25-mile bike ride to raise awareness of environmental issues during the CLIMATE CYCLE BIKEATHON. The rides begin on the east side of Soldier Field and head south to either to Burnham Park or the South Shore Cultural Center. May 9, 9 a.m. Registration fee is \$20; additional pledges are encouraged. 1500 S. Museum Campus Dr., (773) 769-9910, [www.climatecycle.com](http://www.climatecycle.com).

**LAUGH.** Prop comic GALLAGHER performs in the suburbs twice this weekend. See his signature watermelon smash and more at Zanies in St. Charles and Vernon Hills. May 8, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, (630) 584-6342. May 9, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. 230 Hawthorn Village Commons, Vernon Hills, (847) 549-6030. Tickets are \$30. [www.zanies.com](http://www.zanies.com).



**PRIMP.** Lakeview nail salon Paint teams with neighborhood watering hole Sheffield's to offer \$10 manicures at MOTHER'S DAY WITH MANICURES AND MIMOSAS. Every mom gets a free mimosa and a flower. Brunch is a la carte. Manicures are \$10. May 10, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. manicures, brunch service begins at 10 a.m. 3258 N. Sheffield Ave., (773) 281-4989, [www.sheffieldschicago.com](http://www.sheffieldschicago.com).

**HELP.** Celebrate that other local water icon (hint: not the lake) during CHICAGO RIVER DAY. Sign up to pick up garbage, reseed river banks and do other river-related volunteer work at one of 60 different sites. Afterwards, come together for festival of food and music at River Park. May 9, 9 a.m. – noon, workday; noon – 3 p.m., festival. Free. 5100 N. Francisco Ave., (312) 939-0490, [www.chicagoriver.org](http://www.chicagoriver.org).

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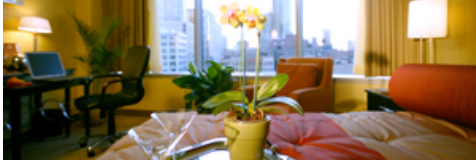
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