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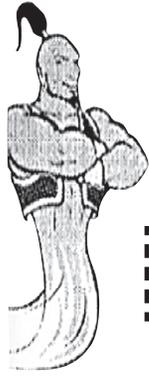
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Talent agency opens site in St. Charles

MARISSA AMONI

For The Courier-News

A talent agency and photography studio is celebrating its grand opening this weekend in downtown St. Charles. Shooting Star Studios is open at 15 S. Second St. and combines the talents of published photographer Thomas H.P. Jerusalem of A-Moment-In-Time.com Photography with casting calls for print, TV and fashion shows.

Shooting Star Studios is scheduling regular open casting calls that are free and open to the age ranges listed on their website, www.shootingstar-studios.com. Those attending may come in natural hair and makeup, and casual clothing. Those younger than 18 must attend with a parent.

Recently, a casting call landed 10 girls print opportunities. The girls are coached during the photo shoot with Jerusalem, aka "Jerry."

"The transformations can be incredible; the process is a confidence builder that allows the girls to see themselves and like themselves for who they are," says owner Karla Sitko.

In connection with her business, Sitko recently created a magazine called I Did It to help provide inspiration for people. Sitko wants people to know that each person is trainable with drive and motivation.

Casting calls are from 1 to 4 p.m. every Friday, or by appointment. On Monday, Shooting Star Studios invites those interested in modeling to stop by from noon to 5 p.m. for an open casting call.

To learn more about Shooting Star Studios, visit www.shootingstarstudios.com.

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BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Ex-Enron CEO Skilling resented; prison term cut up to 9 years

Ex-Enron Corp. CEO Jeffrey Skilling, already in prison for his role in the once-mighty energy giant's collapse, was resented Friday to 14 years as part of a court-ordered reduction and a separate agreement with prosecutors.

Skilling has been in prison since 2006, when he was sentenced to more than 24 years by U.S. District Judge Sim Lake. But an appeals court vacated his prison term in 2009, ruling that a sentencing guideline was improperly applied. That meant a reduction of as much as nine years.

However, Skilling's resentencing was delayed for years as he unsuccessfully sought to overturn his convictions, including appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Skilling, whose brother is WGN-Ch. 9 meteorologist Tom Skilling, declined to make statements during the resentencing hearing.

The Justice Department said that in an effort to resolve a case that's gone on for more than 10 years it agreed to an additional reduction of about 20 months as part of a deal to stop Skilling from filing any more appeals. Federal prosecutors say the deal will allow for the distribution of \$41.8 million of Skilling's assets in restitution to victims of Enron's 2001 collapse.

Even with the reduced sentence, Skilling's prison term is still the longest of those involved in the Enron scandal. He was the highest-ranking executive to be punished.

Skilling, 59, was convicted in 2006 on 19 counts of conspiracy, securities fraud, insider trading and lying to auditors for his role in the downfall of Houston-based Enron. The company, once the seventh-largest in the U.S., went bankrupt under the weight of years of illicit business deals and accounting tricks.

Enron's collapse put more than 5,000 people out of work, wiped out more than \$2 billion in employee pensions and rendered worthless \$60 billion in Enron stock. *AP*

First Apple heads to auction

It's the kind of electronic junk that piles up in basements and garages — an old computer motherboard with wires sticking out.

But because it was designed and sold by two college drop-outs named Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, it could be worth more than half a million dollars.

An Apple 1 from 1976, one of the first Apple computers ever built and forerunner of today's MacBooks, iPads and iPhones, goes on the auction block at Christie's next week. The bidding starts at \$300,000, with a presale estimated value of up to \$500,000.

"This is a piece of history that made a difference in the world. It's where the computer revolution started," said Ted Perry, a retired school psychologist who owns the old Apple and has kept it stashed away in a cardboard box at his home outside Sacramento, Calif. *AP*



Skilling

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West Dundee reaches out to Scottish sister city

BY ERIN SAUDER

For The Courier-News

WEST DUNDEE — If some West Dundee officials suddenly start sporting tartan-patterned apparel, don't be alarmed.

They may just be trying to assimilate to the culture of the village's new sister city.

Recently, the West Dundee Village Board approved establishing a sister city with Dundee, Scotland, that country's fourth largest city.

West Dundee Village President Chris Nelson is the mover behind the partnership.

"It's something that the village hasn't done before, and so I wanted to make it an initiative," he said. "So we're pursuing it. Shortly after I was elected, I reached out to my counterpart in Dundee, Scotland, because it's obviously our namesake municipality. And they were amenable to it. They're a very friendly group."

Nelson said there are benefits to sister city relationships in terms of cultural exchange and economic opportunities.

"If there's is an entity in the Dundee, Scotland, area that's looking to expand into the United States, and if there's a relationship that already exists, they might be inclined to look at us," he said. "We have developable land and access to (Chicago). We can put ourselves in a position to attract development."

Currently, no plans are in place to have West Dundee

officials visit Dundee, Scotland.

"But with technology being what it is, we can still have a meaningful relationship," Nelson said.

Village officials plan to send a formal welcome letter.

"And at some point in the future, we'd like to have a 'twinning ceremony' with them," Nelson said.

In the meantime, village officials plan

to establish regular interactions with their sister city.

"We'll send photographs and information related to Dickens in Dundee so they can see how we celebrate Christmas here," Nelson

said. "And the same with Heritage Fest."

Nelson said any future trips to Dundee, Scotland, by village officials would not come out of West Dundee funds.

"That's not a municipal expenditure," he said. "That's typically something that would be funded with private donations."

He's excited about the partnership.

"I also think we have such a proud community, at least that's been my experience, and I think most residents would like an opportunity to share with this culture and explore it more," he said.



Chris Nelson

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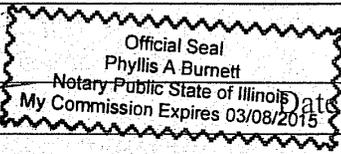
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DISTRICT 101

H.C. Storm parent starts petition to reconsider changes

By ERIC SCHELKOPF
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BATAVIA — H.C. Storm Elementary School parent Ellen Knautz has started a petition urging that Batavia School District 101 reconsider changes proposed for H.C. Storm Elementary School, including using the art and music rooms as regular classroom space.

As of Friday afternoon, 86 people have signed the petition at www.thepetitionsite.com.

"I think that parents want to make sure that this is the only solution that will work," said Knautz, who has a child who will be in third grade at the school. "I believe that parents have valuable input to provide."

She is concerned the school's art and music program will suffer because it will lose its specialized classrooms starting this fall. Knautz noted that the other elementary schools in the district will have dedicated rooms for art and music.

H.C. Storm Principal Timothy McDermott recently told parents that increased enrollment has led to space constraints, and the art and music rooms will be used as regular classroom space.

"The art and music teachers at H.C. Storm cannot teach as effectively in student classrooms compared to rooms customized for their subject," Knautz stated in her petition. Knautz said any learning materials that are used will have to be portable.

McDermott also told parents of a summer construction project that will involve enclosing the B and D pods. He said the newly configured spaces will be used by staff to provide interventions and enrichment for students.

As part of her petition, Knautz asked for the district to reconsider that plan.

"Adding rooms for intervention at the expense of the children whose teachers use this space every day to supplement the classroom experience can't possibly be the ideal solution for H.C. Storm," the petition stated.

McDermott could not be reached for comment. He will host several meetings with parents during the summer to discuss programming, space and staffing. The first one will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday. Knautz said she plans to attend the meeting.

"I am going to it with an open mind and a list of questions," she said.

» LOCAL BRIEF

R-Gang to perform in concert series

ST. CHARLES — The band R-Gang will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday as part of the St. Charles Park District's Concert in the Park series.

The concert takes place at the Lincoln Park Gazebo, located along Main Street between Fourth and Fifth streets, St. Charles.

Visit the band's website at www.r-gang.com.

The event is free.

There will be picnic-style offerings from local vendors.

Attendees can bring their own chairs and blankets.

In the event of rain, the concert would be moved to the Arcadia Theatre at 105 E. Main St., St. Charles.

Musicians are subject to change without notice.

For information, visit www.stoparks.org or call 630-513-6200.

— Kane County Chronicle

We want to talk with you about a new transmission line.

Public Hearing for an open house, Monday, June 17, 2013, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Kane County Administration Center, 100 E. Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60153. The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide input on the proposed transmission line project. The project is located in Kane County, Illinois, and is intended to provide additional capacity to the existing transmission line. The project is located in Kane County, Illinois, and is intended to provide additional capacity to the existing transmission line. The project is located in Kane County, Illinois, and is intended to provide additional capacity to the existing transmission line.

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