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Dance in English at the IEN

Learn the Lindy Hop, the original swing dance from the 30's and the 40's

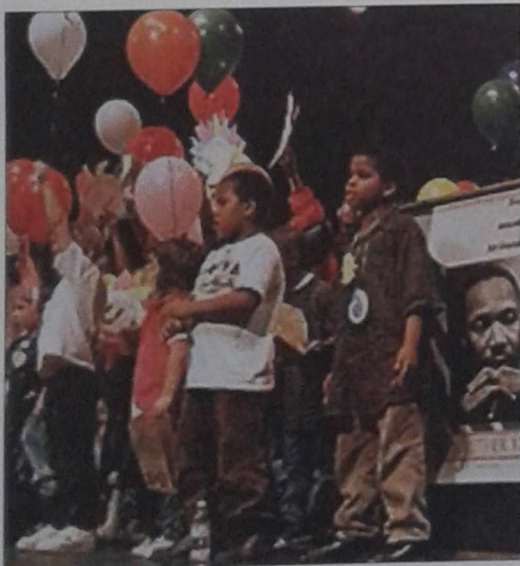
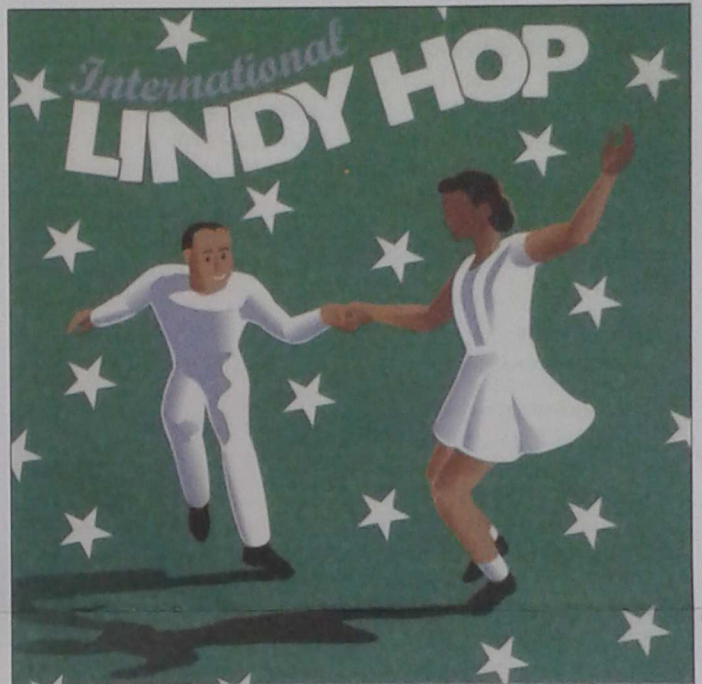
COME AND SWING IN ENGLISH AT THE IEN

8 CLASSES OF
1,5 HOURS

From January 19th to
March 8th

Every monday 8 to 9:30 p.m.

This year, the IEN is offering a new course that combines classes in the lindy hop, the original swing dance of the 30's and 40's, and English: one of the best ways to practice your speaking if you like to dance. You'll be able to go on with your regular English classes and reinforce your listening comprehension outside the classroom in a pleasant, fun way. You don't need to have a dance partner for the classes, and if you have one, it's no problem if his/her English level is different from yours. All students from basic to advanced levels are welcome



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

On January 19th, America celebrates its newest National Holiday

Each year, on the third Monday of January, schools, federal offices, post offices and banks across America close as we celebrate the birth, the life and the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I have a dream..."

I have a dream that one day little black boys and black girls will be

able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers

I have a dream today: "

A Celebration of the Man and the Holiday. It is a time for the people of the United States to remember the injustices that Dr. King fought mess, a time to remember his fight

for the freedom, equality, and dignity of all races and peoples, a time to remember the age of change through non-violence.

This Years Theme:

Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off!!

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SUMMER 2004 ENGLISH CAMP IN LA MASELLA

English Program organized
by the Institut Nord-americà

More information in February

English Challenge Program

English Challenge, the IEN's multimedia English Program, is specially designed to reinforce the skills you have acquired in the General English Program. English Challenge gives you the flexibility of creating your own schedule when using the multimedia lab, and provides you with classes which are both specifically tailored to your needs and constantly monitored by a teacher.

English Challenge Courses

LEVEL COURSE

(From Basic to Advanced).

This is a 40-hour general English course for each level, compatible with our Adult English Program. In addition to working with efficient multimedia materials to review Grammar, Listening, Reading and Writing, the students will have six hours of individual conversation classes and a teacher always at hand to clear up any doubts.

GRAMMAR BOOSTER

(From Basic to Advanced).

If you have failed a Fall trimester course, are hoping not to fail a Winter trimester course, or if you simply want some

practice with a difficult grammar point, Grammar Booster is a multimedia review course which covers all of the grammar seen at a given level. 20 hours of software use and constant teacher advice are included.

ENGLISH SOLUTIONS SUPPLEMENT

(From Basic to Advanced).

This course will help you reinforce your Listening, Reading or Writing skills. English Solutions also includes two hours of individualized classes.

STANDARDIZED EXAM PRACTICE

(From Advanced).

This is a 40-hour class which gives students extensive reinforcement of the skills needed to succeed on the computer-based test. Correction and in-depth explanation of five paragraph compositions is also included. Business Interactive (From Intermediate to Upper Intermediate). This course is designed for Business English students who want to practice their language skills and expand their fluency by participating in "real world" simulations. Two individual conversation classes are included.

Academic Information

Official Exams Offered by the IEN

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), measures the ability of non-native speakers of English to use and understand North American English as it is used in college and university settings. Scores on the test are required by more than 4,300 two- and four-year colleges and universities, professional schools, and sponsoring institutions. Educational Testing Service (ETS) develops the test under the direction of the TOEFL Board, a board comprised of professionals drawn from the higher education community.

TOEFL

Test Information for Spain

The TOEFL test will be administered as a computer-based exam in the cities listed below:

BARCELONA - INSTITUT NORD - AMERICÀ Test Center Number: **8085**

To Register Free \$130

REGION: 12 - EUROPE / NEW INDEPENDENT STATES

CALL: 00 31 320 239 540

To schedule by phone, you will need a valid credit card: VISA, MasterCard or American Express. You will be given an appointment confirmation number. You will also get a test date, reporting time, and test center address when you call.

You can take the TOEFL Test at the IEN the following days:

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM,

Thursdays at 9:00 AM

or at 1 PM and one Saturday per month (From October to June)

For more information about the TOEFL test you can visit www.toefl.org

Official Exams that the IEN offers:

ECCE, ECPE, GMAT, GRE, USMLE, GED, CISA, GRE Subject, PRAXIS, SAT I & II, SSAT and TSE

FILM CLUB

American Independents Cycle



This month we will show "Far from Heaven" Best picture in the 2003 Independent Spirit Awards

With "Far from Heaven", writer / director Todd Haynes fashioned a 1950s melodrama for the 2000s. More specifically, he developed a 1957 melodrama for a 2002 audience.

This is uncommon. There are period films, and there are nostalgic reproductions of a bygone era, but Haynes has done something a little bit different. He has taken a specific style of filmmaking from a specific period in history, Hollywood history, and lovingly recreated it on a studio back lot-the look, the feel, the sound of it, from its large, technicolor credits

and flashed-on-the-screen slanting-title design to its underlying themes of homophobia, racial prejudice, and marital discord.

The look is uncommonly good, bright, clean, and radiant. Autumn leaves are ruddy and vibrant, women's taffeta dresses billow and bustle, cars are mint-green, clean and chromed. The sound is right where you'd want it to be-crisp and nostalgic, the dialogue succinct, mannered, and time-sensitive, the music uplifting and over-achieving.

The plot could have been lifted from any Sirk first draft. Julianne Moore plays Cathy Whitaker, a respected pillar of suburban Connecticut society with two kids, a white picket fence and a successful businessman husband, Frank (played by Dennis Quaid), a man she respected until she dropped off some leftovers at Frank's office one night to find him in the arms of another man. Then, in misguided panic, desperation, or whatever it was, Cathy developed

a friendship with her black gardener, Raymond Deagan.

Haynes boils things down appropriately and dutifully, including the period's beliefs that homosexuality was a disease that could be cured with treatment and that no prominent white woman should be seen talking to a black man, let alone dancing with him in a juke joint. Moore and Dennis Haysbert (as Raymond) give good accountings; Quaid is a little shy of the more dramatic/thematic material.



Free! Wednesday January 28th at 7:00 PM, IEN Theater

Jubilee Jazz Club



January Calendar

January 15th

JAZZ SERIES:
NAT "KING" COLE
Presented by Daniel Carbonell

January 29th

THE COTTON CLUB
Lecture with musical illustrations and visuals
Presented by Big Mama

Free! Thursday, January 15th and 29th at 8:00 PM, IEN Conference Room

AMERICAN HOLIDAYS

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

King Biography

Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, serving from 1914 to 1931. Since then, his father has served, and from 1960 until his death, Martin Luther acted as co-pastor. Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen. He received a BA degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished African American school in Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had been

graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded a BD in 1951. With a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston, he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic accomplishments. They had two sons and two daughters.

In 1954, Martin Luther King became the pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. By this time, King was a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. Then, in December, 1955, he led the first great black nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States: the bus boycott, which lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, after the US Supreme Court had declared the laws requiring segregation on buses unconstitutional, blacks and whites began to ride the buses as equals according to the law. During the boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, but he emerged as a top-ranking black leader.

In 1957, he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement, and whose ideals he took from Christianity and operational techniques from Gandhi. Between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over 2,500 times, appearing where there was injustice, protest, and action. Meanwhile, he wrote five books and numerous articles. He led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what

he called a coalition of conscience, and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," a manifesto of the Negro revolution. He planned the drives in Alabama to register blacks as voters, and directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C. of 250,000 people, where he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream". He conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson. He was arrested more than twenty times and was assaulted at least four times.

He was awarded five honorary degrees, was named "Man of the Year" by Time magazine in 1963, and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks, but also a world figure. At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his being selected, he announced that he would use the money (\$54,123) to help the civil rights movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

The Holiday

Each year on the third Monday of January schools, federal offices, post

offices and banks across America close as they celebrate the newest American national holiday.

Fifteen years after Dr. King's death, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill into law making the third Monday of January a national holiday to celebrate the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but getting the bill passed was difficult. First, a bill had to be introduced by a member of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House assigned the bill to a committee where the bill was discussed in detail. After meetings between supporters and opposers, the committee agreed that the bill should be sent to a vote. After a Rules Committee debate, the House of Representatives voted on the bill. It passed 338 to 90. Then it was sent to the Senate. Again, the King holiday had to pass through committees and public hearings before a final vote was held.

There were many who opposed the idea of holiday for Dr. King. America had only honored two individuals with national holidays: George Washington and Christopher Columbus. Many felt that there were other Americans that deserved a national

holiday, such as Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy. Another problem was that a Senator from Georgia had denounced Dr. King as a Communist. Others feared the King holiday was an attempt to make up for the years of slavery. Still others feared the federal cost of the holiday.

To the critics, Senator Bob Dole said, "I suggest they hurry back to their pocket calculators and estimate the cost of 300 years of slavery, followed by a century or more of economic, political and social exclusion and discrimination".

In the years leading up to the official decree, many African-Americans celebrated the birthday themselves with a few states declaring King's birthday a state holiday. The bill was finally passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate and was signed into law on November 2, 1983.

The first national celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday took place January 20, 1986. This year, the King holiday will be celebrated on Monday, January 19, 2004. The theme of this year's holiday is: Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off!!

"Salute to Greatness" Awards Dinner

The "Salute to Greatness" Awards is one of the King Center's highest honors and is presented to individuals and progressive corporations that exemplify excellence in leadership and have demonstrated a commitment to social responsibility in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The "Salute to Greatness" Award was established and awarded for the first time in 1983 and is presented during the annual "Salute to Greatness" Awards Dinner. It is the King Center's primary fundraising initiative.

2004 HONOREES

Target Corporation
Robert J. Ulrich
Chairman And Chief
Executive Officer
and
Bono
(Lead Singer, U2)
Entertainer, Activist and
Humanitarian

Crossword

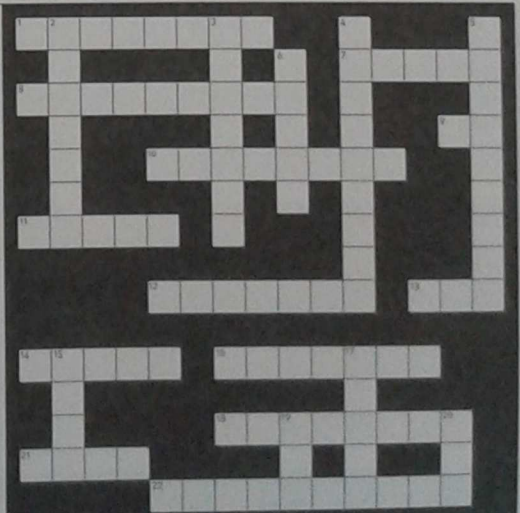
Across

1. dependable
7. the opposite of withhold
8. to say you're sorry
9. the shortened form of advertisement
10. to speak a language quickly without mistakes is to speak
11. a prefix meaning between
12. something made or manufactured usually for sale
13. to pose a question
14. the place or setting for an activity
16. to mutter unhappily
18. a strategy for advertising a product
21. to call attention to a possible danger
22. the present participle form of a verb meaning answering

Down

2. to say in a way that makes something understandable
3. relaxation, free time
4. an objection or grievance
5. a symbol or word associated with and owned by a particular company or brand
6. the present participle of the verb to be
15. a flavor of soft drink
17. a trademark which projects an image to the consumer
19. the sound a cow makes
20. an old horse in poor condition; to complain non-stop; someone who complains non-stop

*Answers next month



TEACHER'S PROFILE

This month we've talked with David Neyhart



Where were you born?

I was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania, but I spent much of my childhood in Macungie, Pennsylvania, a small town northwest of West Chester.

What is Macungie like? And Pennsylvania?

Macungie is a small town. The name of the town comes from the language of the Lenni Lenape, a Native American tribe that lived in this part of Pennsylvania and also in New Jersey. About 3,500 people live in the town. There is one big main street that crosses over the railroad that runs through the town. There

are plenty of churches and bars like any good small town in Pennsylvania. There are also markets, called "flea markets" where you can buy all kinds of strange gadgets, antiques, and collectibles. Every year the town has a custom car or "hot rod" festival, which is called "Das Awkst Fest." This title comes from Pennsylvania Dutch (Deutsch, actually), which is a language related to German. It is still spoken by some people in this part of Pennsylvania, especially the Amish.

Pennsylvania is a beautiful state. There are lots of forests, fields, rivers, and rolling hills. In autumn

all of the leaves on the trees change color. Throughout the countryside, you can see red barns that have beautiful painted "hex signs" to protect the farmers and their land from bad luck and spirits. The state of Pennsylvania also has two major cities, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, which have a lot of history.

If you prepared a trip to your state, what would you recommend visiting?

In the country, I'd recommend Pennsylvania Dutch country in southeastern Pennsylvania for sure. You can hear traditional music, buy arts and crafts, and eat some interesting food. I'd also recommend hiking on the Appalachian Trail. You definitely have to go to one of the many rural festivals, for example, a fiddle festival, a maple sugar festival, or even a Native American pow-wow. You can also visit Amish communities. Finally, you should see Philadelphia and Pittsburgh for their history, culture, and nightlife.

Why did you decide to leave the US and move to Barcelona?

For love and adventure. My wife is from Barcelona, and I've always wanted to live and work in another culture. We came here about a year and a half ago. It has been quite

an adventure for me.

Have you always been a teacher?

No. I worked as an editor at a publisher in Los Angeles for two years. It was a fun and challenging job, but I was happy to return to teaching English.

What do you like best and least about Barcelona?

Barcelona is an absolutely beautiful city. I love the architecture, tree-lined ramblas, and cafés. The everyday "little" things I like the best, such as strolling through the city streets, chatting and having a coffee in a café with friends, and zooming around on the moto with my wife. (She drives. I just sit behind her, hold on, and enjoy the view.) What do I like the least? Hmm... the pollution, that F.C. Barcelona is losing too often, the noise in the street at times bothers me.

What about your hobbies and interests?

I love reading. I've been reading a lot of books about linguistics lately, but I also read fiction and non-fiction journalism. I also enjoy listening to music, especially jazz. I really enjoy all the music festivals in Barcelona.

Past Events



Junior Thanksgiving Lunch in English

On Saturday 29th of November, children celebrated Thanksgiving by having lunch and playing games. Students and teachers sat around the table and enjoyed a delicious

lunch while practicing some English. After lunch they played some games on the bar's terrace. They started with Turkey Statues after David Neyhart's excellent

demonstration of the turkey walk. After so much movement with a full belly they relaxed by sitting on the floor and playing the Turkey Telephone where children had to pass on a word by whispering it in the ear to the person next to them. They all got wet bottoms from sitting on the floor so the next game was to stand up and move a little with What's the time Mr. Turkey? Children practiced numbers and if they got too close to Mr. Turkey he would chase them back to zero. In all, children and adults had a great time. Laughter was the main ingredient in this lunch and children got to practice a great deal of English.



Theater in English

The younger students went to see "ALI BABA and the Forty Thieves".

On Saturday, December 13th, students from the Junior/Teen Program went to see the play "ALI BABA and the Forty Thieves", accompanied by their teachers, at Club Helena Theater in a production presented by The English Theatre Society. They had a great time learning and practicing English outside the classroom while enjoying the adventures of Ali Baba.

January Activities

JUBILEE JAZZ CLUB

Jazz Series
Nat "King" Cole
Directed by
Daniel Carbonell

Thursday 15
8:00 PM
Conference Room

FILM CLUB

"Far from Heaven"
Directed by
Christopher
Todd Haynes

Wednesday 28
8:00 PM
Theater

JUBILEE JAZZ CLUB

"El Cotton Club"
Lecture with musical
illustrations and
visuals

Thursday 29
7:00 PM
Conference Room

MONTHLY REGULAR EVENTS

Twice a month at 7:00 PM
FILM CLUB in the IEN
Theater.
American Independents

Every other Thursday at 8:00 PM

JUBILEE JAZZ CLUB

Concerts and lectures.

Once a month at 10:30 PM

BASIC DINNER

[for Basic 1 through
Pre-Intermediate 2]

DINNER IN ENGLISH

(all other levels)
Practice your English in a natural setting while you eat, drink, and socialize with IEN teachers and fellow students! Tickets are available at reception desk (approximately 20.00€).

What activities would you like to see? Do you have other opinions or contributions? Write us at:
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