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Take Another Look at Taste 27th Annual Taste of Chicago June 29-July 8, 2007

When the 27th Annual Taste of Chicago, presented by U.S. Cellular, returns to its home in Grant Park, June 29-July 8, the event will sport a new look of bright white tents for food vendors, new ticket and beverage booths, three new areas of free entertainment and information, not to mention brand new food items. Each night the event will be capped off with a closing ceremony at Buckingham Fountain with a light and water spray display that begins at 8:50 p.m.

Taste goers will still find all their favorites, from the many food traditions to entertainment areas such as the Dominick's Cooking Corner, the Illinois Lottery Taste Stage featuring local talent and the ever-popular Family Village.

Adding new dimension to this summertime favorite will be the Taste Sports! Pavilion and an International Pavilion. Seven new daily food booths including restaurants such as BB's (22 E. Hubbard), Blu 47 (4655 S. Martin Luther King Dr.), and Delece (4004 N. Southport) will round out the dining pleasure. The Daily Special, restaurants that sell menu items one day only, will return with some new destinations, which include Sangria (901 W. Weed) and Tamarind (614 S. Wabash.)

Taste Sports! feeds the athlete and the fan in all of us with interactive zones and team representation from many of Chicago's sports franchises. Celebrate Chicago 2016 by learning about Olympic sports and meet real Olympians. And for those who taste a little too much, Taste Sports! offers many fitness techniques to ward off those potential extra pounds. Taste Sports! is located on the southwest corner of the Buckingham Fountain Plaza. Visit the "Goin' Green" Pavilion located on the west side of Columbus Drive, between Congress and Balbo.

Travel around the world with a visit to the new International Pavilion. Places around the globe will be represented in a variety of art forms from music and dance to martial arts. Choose food items from a multitude of countries, purchasing from vendors located at the pavilion or on the midway where great ethnic specialties have always been a Taste tradition.

Music is another fine Taste tradition with live performances happening throughout Taste on three different stages. Headliners at the Petrillo Music Shell include: Frankie Beverly with Maze presented by V103, the Country Music Festival on Saturday with Kenny Rogers and Sunday's show, presented by Best Buy, includes Sara Evans. Other performances include Broadway in Chicago, the annual WXRT show which this year include John Mayer, The Black Crowes, Cheap Trick presented by Bud Light Music and more.

Chicago's local performers entertain at the Illinois Lottery Taste Stage. Not to be forgotten are the young people who grace the stage at the Family Village.

Once again, those watching the Petrillo performances while picnicking on Butler Field can enjoy the show by watching the Big Screen. An added Big Screen treat this year, will be the showing of the Johnny Cash story, "Walk the Line," immediately following the Sara Evans performance on Sunday, July 1 at approximately 6:30 p.m. Note: This film is rated PG-13 and may contain scenes unsuitable for children under the age of 13.

Taste fans know that Grant Park is the place to be on July 3 for the Macy's Independence Eve Fireworks Spectacular, which is preceded by an 8 p.m. concert from the Grant Park Orchestra. An added treat this year will be two additional and abbreviated fireworks displays at Taste on July 4 and 5.

In addition to new menu items, this year Taste has a new meal/breakfast. On Saturday, July 7, enjoy "Toons at Taste" when the big screen in Butler Field plays your Saturday morning favorite cartoons. Classics from the Warner Bros. collection including "Duck Amuck" and "Rabbit Fire" will play and breakfast items will be available. Only Butler Field will open on this day at 8 a.m. and only during the breakfast period will cash be taken instead of tickets.

Other returning favorites for the ten-day Taste include the Bally Total Fitness Race to Taste on Sunday, July 1, and the return of the Chicago White Sox past and present to the Family Village on July 5. Popular favorites from last year's Taste, the Budweiser Clydesdales, will be back for an even longer stay, June 29-July 2. Visitors can see the team of eight horses plus their Dalmatian.

Food and Beverage tickets will again sell for \$7, which is a strip of 11 tickets and can be purchased on site at six different ticket booths. Dominick's will sell food and beverage tickets in advance for only \$5.50 beginning June 21 until Taste opens.

Taste of Chicago opens each day at 11 a.m. and closes most nights at 9 p.m. Taste food booths will remain open until 9:30 p.m. on July 3 with the entire event closing following the fireworks; the 2007 Taste of Chicago closes at 8 p.m. on the final day, July 8.

The Mayor's Office of Special Events encourages taking public transportation to all lakefront festivals. Call (312) 836-7000/TTY (312) 836-4949 for information on RTA, CTA, PACE and Metra. Lakefront parking is available at the Millennium Park Garage, East Monroe, Grant Park North and Grant Park South garages. Free Bike Valet is located on the northwest corner of Lake Shore Drive and Monroe.

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Four Local High School Students Receive Awards from Edison-Norwood-O'Hare Kiwanis

Leadership and Community Service Awards were presented to four students from two local high schools by the Edison-Norwood-O'Hare Kiwanis Club. The awards recognized each student's voluntary contribution to community through leadership and active participation in school organizations. The presentation to Resurrection High School senior Erica Kainer (\$250 college scholarship) and sophomore Roselyn Finedore (\$100 U.S. Savings Bond) by: Marcia Mahood, scholarship committee chair; and Mike Cornfield, Kiwanis Club president; Elfie Smith, counselor, Mike Longo, Key Club advisor, Jo Marie Yonkus, principal, and Joan Campeotto, counselor, joined in the ceremony. Other award recipients included Ridgewood High school senior Angelica Golebiowski (\$250 college scholarship) and junior Matthew Bishop (\$100 U.S. Savings Bond). The presentations took place during a special luncheon on May 10 at Norwood Crossing (formerly Norwood Park Home), 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. The Edison-Norwood-O'Hare Kiwanis, an international organization that fosters community service, leadership and self-improvement, meets twice a month at Norwood Crossing.



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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Premieres Powerful Diagnostic Imaging System

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, has acquired a state-of-the-art magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) system that is described as a breakthrough tool for the diagnosis of disease.

The new General Electric Signa® HDx 3 Tesla MRI gives diagnostic information significantly faster and in more detail than other systems. The new MRI also delivers superb image quality that will expedite the diagnosis of a wide range of conditions, including cardiovascular and breast disease, stroke, abdominal and brain disorders, and musculoskeletal conditions in the knee, shoulder, wrist and other joints.

"We are pleased to offer the latest in MR imaging technology and to provide the highest quality diagnostic power to physicians for their patients' benefit," says Joseph Porada, M.D., Medical Director, Radiology Department. "This system opens the door to new applications that will greatly improve our diagnostic capability."

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The *Vibrant feature* enables imaging both breasts simultaneously in a single patient visit.

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Monument Park Restoration

Alderman Brian Doherty of the 41st Ward and State Representative Michael McAuliffe of the 20th District are exploring methods to restore the World War I Monument at Monument Park located at 6679 N. Avondale in the Edison Park neighborhood of Chicago.

Alderman Doherty and Representative McAuliffe have chosen Jack Barry, a Pearl Harbor Survivor and Jim Del Medico, a Korean War Vet, to head-up a committee to come up with suggestions and options to accomplish the restoration.

There are 51 veterans of WWI now inscribed on the current monument. Messrs Barry and DelMedico are seeking descendants of those veterans. The plan is to surround the monument with single bricks, double bricks, and benches which will be inscribed with the names of the veterans. A donation is asked for these bricks and benches; \$100 single brick; \$200 double brick; \$500 for one of the four benches.

If you have any questions or information, please contact them through Alderman Doherty's office at (773) 792-1991. You may also contact us at Village Publications at (847) 675-6127 for assistance.



Alderman Brian Doherty, 41st Ward



State Representative Michael McAuliffe, 20th District

Noble-Seymour-Crippen House Yard Sale and Auction

The Norwood Park Historical Society will be holding its 21st annual Giant Yard Sale/Auction on Saturday, June 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Avenue, Chicago. The house is located just north of Bryn Mawr and about three blocks west of Nagle Avenue. (Near Taft High School.) We will be selling all types of items typically seen at residential garage sales. In addition, we will have several theme areas including holiday decorations, children's toys, books and records, retro-collectibles and sports. Some private vendors will also have spaces.



The auction part of this event will be of the silent type this year. A wide variety of antiques and collectibles are featured. Bids may be submitted from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available for sale all day. Admission to the sale will be \$1.00.

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What are the Odds your family will need estate planning? Well, anyone who will die someday needs to plan for that eventuality—that is everyone! In addition, anyone who will ever be disabled or incapacitated needs to plan for that eventuality, as well. Even for those in their 20s and 30s, the odds of at least a 3-month disability prior to age 65 are over forty percent.

Of course, none of us think that this will actually happen to us. We think we will have a warning and can prepare then. Of course, if we knew when, where, and how we might meet our fate, we could put our affairs in order at the last minute. We could even modify our

behaviors to avoid what we knew to be our fate. Even if we could wait to the last minute, doing so would add immeasurable pressure, stress, and difficulty during an already difficult time in our lives.

None of us know how we will meet our end. But, here are some statistics as to the odds:

CAUSE OF DEATH	LIFETIME ODDS
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MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	1-IN-100
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FALLING DOWN	1-IN-246
ASSAULT BY FIREARM	1-IN-325
FIRE OR SMOKE	1-IN-1,116
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DROWNING	1-IN-8,942
AIR TRAVEL ACCIDENT	1-IN-20,000
FLOOD	1-IN-30,000
LEGAL EXECUTION	1-IN-58,618
TORNADO	1-IN-60,000
LIGHTNING STRIKE	1-IN-83,930
SNAKE, BEE OR OTHER VENOMOUS BITE OR STING	1-IN-100,000
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But, whether you are destined to die from a common cause, like cancer or heart disease, or a rarity, like a tsunami or asteroid impact, planning is essential. Without planning, you have no voice or control over what happens to your family and your property once you are gone. Your property would go where your state says it should go. The court would also appoint a guardian to care for your minor children without any indication from you regarding who would be good in that capacity.

Let your voice be heard and have things set up now to accomplish your ultimate goals. You will rest easier. Your family will have less difficulty dealing with any problems down the road. When health issues arise, a well laid-out estate plan is priceless. A qualified estate planning attorney can help you identify and achieve your ultimate goals.

Chester M. Przybylo is a member of the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 45 years. For more information or to attend an upcoming seminar, call (773) 631-2525.

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Please join us in welcoming **Boman Desai the author of The Trio** on Tuesday, May 29th at 7 p.m. Boman was born in Bombay, but has been a resident of Chicago most of his life. He has published novels, short stories and articles in the US, the UK and India. His novel *The Trio* chronicles the worlds of Clara Wieck, Robert Schumann and Johannes Brahms. This narrative of love, insanity, suicide, revolution, politics, war, and music was exhaustively researched, but is structured like a novel. Boman will read excerpts and take your questions about the writing process.

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Bucktown - A Walk-Through (Part II)

By: The Rev. Francis S. Rog, G.R.

Many houses and businesses were razed for the building of Kennedy Expressway, among those on Damen Avenue were North Chicago Laundry, Webster Theater and the A & P (Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company), a grocery chain-store, which no longer exists in the Chicago area.

In place of the Kutza Drug Store on Webster and Damen is an interesting architectural structure. As you pass Il Covo, one of today's classic Bucktown restaurants, you might recall Madzinski Hardware Store, Lewandowski's shoemaker shop, Lezon meat market, outside of the store on the sidewalk was a coop of live chickens, as well as rabbits hanging over a barrel. (Would this pass the health inspectors in these days?) Finally in this block was the Ward Offices of Alderman Terry Gabinski and the political-great Dan Rostenkowski.

As was mentioned in an earlier article, there were many families of five and more children. Such as the Toporek and Piontek families. Each had a girl enter the Sisters of the Holy Family convent ... Sr. Lydia (Toporek) and Sr. Felicia (Piontek). At Charleston was the Patulski family, of whose family son, Richard, became a Resurrectionist priest but died at an early age of a massive heart attack.

Although Pocklacki's Tavern and Hall, where small wedding receptions and other family parties were had, is now gone, another newcomer, the Miritage, a French-cuisine restaurant replaces a cleaning establishment.

There was a gold star hanging in the Widak's residence (a sign that someone of the family was killed in the II World War). The Widaks were another large and active Bucktown family. Helen, who married Joe Wilkos, built up a Small Chalet Restaurant (Western and Howard) from a hamburger and sandwich shop. They later acquired Richard's Restaurant on South Harlem and Richard's Ballroom, a bit further south on Harlem. Finally, the family created the Lilac Lounge on Wolf Road and 22nd St. Stanley, another member of the family, was faithful to St. Hedwig, as was brother Joe, who sacrificed his time to coach those championship teams (previously mentioned) for St. Hedwig and Holstein Park; Millie married "Warneke" Woznicki, who moved in rank to Lieutenant in the Fire Department and Dolores, who entered the Holy Family of Nazareth convent and continues her ministry at St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital on Division Street.

In the same block on Damen were Depa's Men's Store and Rajski's Clothes and Household dry goods store. Under the direction of funeral director, Mr. Stermer, Liberty Savings Bank was opened on Damen and Dickens. The bank was moved to Milwaukee and Fullerton, for larger space accommodations and a parking lot.

Further on Damen were several store-front businesses, including a music store and Banka's Deli. On Saturday morning, one could get fresh, warm meat loaf at Banka's ... together with fresh, warm Pazik's rye bread ... a real treat!

A Chinese laundry was on the corner of Damen & McLean and a large empty lot. A National Food Store, another chain-grocery store, ended the block. Look around Armitage and Damen: a branch of Mid-America Bank replaced a drug store, the "Greek's" Ice Cream Parlor and a hardware store is now La Buchon, another French-cuisine restaurant. In these days you might look further down Damen Avenue for various boutiques and restaurants. The Fire House (Damen and Cortland) is the group of firemen, who would answer a call from Bucktown.

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Walkers Raise Record Amount for Local Epilepsy Services

Walkers, runners, and supporters of all ages are expected to have raised over \$185,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago through the Foundation's 2007 Greater Chicago Epilepsy Walk, making this year's Walk the highest grossing in the event's seven year history. The Walk was held on Saturday, May 19 in Chicago's Lincoln Park. In addition, an earlier Walk was held on Saturday, May 12, in suburban Wheaton. Nearly 1,500 individuals attended the combined events.

Photos from both Walks can be viewed online at the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago's web site, www.epilepsychicago.org.

Based on a tally of donations received to date, Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago president Debbie Goss estimates that the 2007 Greater Chicago Epilepsy Walk will raise at least \$185,000 in gross revenue, although that total may go even higher as additional donations are turned in and totaled over the next few weeks. Money raised will be used to fund epilepsy education and support services throughout Chicago and northeast and central Illinois.

Goss was encouraged not only by the increased participant support of the Walks, but also by the growing level of corporate support the event has been generating over the past seven years.

"It's so vital that individuals see the money they contribute to events such as the Greater Chicago Epilepsy Walk being directed to those people who need it most," Goss noted. "As support from our corporate sponsors grows, a larger portion of every dollar contributed by participants and their supporters can go directly to programs and services for individuals with epilepsy and their families."

The Walk's top fundraising team, "2Es 2Ms 2Ts - Too Cute," headed by Erin and Patrick Leyden in honor of their three-year-old son Emmett, single-handedly raised nearly \$10,500 for the Foundation. Over 70 people participated as part of Leyden's team at the Lincoln Park Walk.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago is the only comprehensive social service organization serving people with epilepsy in metropolitan Chicago. Created in 1946 as a grassroots effort in Illinois to develop resources for people with epilepsy, the Foundation serves 43 counties in northeastern and central Illinois, and is dedicated to the prevention, cure, control, and public understanding of epilepsy and seizure disorders.

Now in its 61st year, the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago is the primary community resource for individuals with epilepsy in the Chicagoland area. The Foundation provides case management, vocational counseling, medical referrals, advocacy services, recreational camps for children and adults, a support group network, and other services for those impacted by epilepsy.

For more information about the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago, or to make a donation to the 2007 Greater Chicago Epilepsy Walk, visit www.epilepsychicago.org or call 312-939-8622.

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Chicagoland Hobby, Inc., a family owned business, was purchased in 1973 by Richard Bosak. At that time, the store was located at 22 West Madison Street in downtown Chicago in the Subway Arcade.



In 1982, the business was moved to the First National Bank Building, and in 1984 set up its current, and permanent location in Norwood Park.

Richard Bosak retired in 1992 and passed the baton over to his son, Greg, who now heads up this thriving, ever-changing and growing concern. Greg and his staff carry on the traditions laid by his father, and those before him, and maintain the practice of combining skill and knowledge in the many facets of this complicated, detailed industry.

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The store is also an official Boy Scout and Girl Scout distributor, and has a "Pinewood Derby Track" (soap box) in the



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Chicagoland Hobby is an adventure just to visit and browse through and children of "all ages" are encouraged to stop by anytime to get to know Greg and his staff and discover the adventure of the world of hobbies and meet people who are not only experienced in the field but who will also help with your needs in a very friendly, relaxed manner.

Chicagoland Hobby, Inc. is located at 6017 N. Northwest Highway in Norwood Park, and may be reached at 773-775-4848. You also will want to check out their website at www.chicagoland-hobby.com. They are open from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm, Monday through Thursday; 11:00 am - 8:30 pm Friday; 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday.

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"A Theatre Review"

"Jerry Springer - The Opera" Bailwick Repertory 1229 W. Belmont Ave. Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

David Zak and his Bailwick Repertory Theatre Company have scored a coup with obtaining the rights to the United States premier of "Jerry Springer - The Opera." The show fast became a cult favorite in England but New York so far has kept their hands off the show. I'm sure New York representatives will come to Chicago to see the show and who knows New York my get a production.

If you're a Springer fan or a cult aficionado you'll get your pleasure out of this show. Zak has assembled a cast of 29 actors under his direction who can sing like they belong in the lyric opera. They are good actors and under the choreography of Brenda Didier you would think that they were trained like Fred Astaire.

This show is not for everyone and if you are thin-skinned I suggest you don't put it on your agenda.

The music and book is a collaboration of Richard Thomas and Stewart Lee. Some of the four letter words used in the show are definitely X-rated and if you're a church going person you'll be turned off with the irreverent of Jesus is lampooned as a mama's boy, while Mary is dressed in a man's habit and God is dressed in White Fur.

Zak found an excellent actor in Brian Simmons as Jerry Springer and Jeremy Ritt is perfect as Jerry's warm-up man and later the devil when in the third act we find Springer in Hell.

The show opens with Dwight played by Joe Tokarz tells his fiance played by Katherine Gibson he has been cheating on her with a crack whore played by Harmony France and a transvestite played by Ryan Lanning and that is only part of the raunch that happens on stage. One of the highlights of the show besides the cat fight between the fiance and the whore is the first act finale that ends with the tap dance number danced by the Ku Klux Klan.

In the third act we find Springer in Hell and those attending and not loving the production might find it a perfect place for Springer. It's wild, campy and not one everyone will like - so be forewarned.

Performances are 7:30 Thursday through Saturday and 3:30 on Sunday. Tickets are \$25.00 - \$40.00. For reservations call (773) 883-1090.

The Opera is running in Chicago at present and will continue with no closing date at this time.

"The Color Purple" Cadillac Palace Theatre 151 W. Randolph St., Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The National Company of the musical drama "The Color Purple," after previewing at Cadillac Palace officially opened on May 3rd and it was a gala event for Chicago audiences.

Since Oprah Winfrey is one of the producers and her television show is taped in Chicago we wonder why it went to New York first and didn't open in Chicago ahead of New York.

As with many New York shows it received lukewarm and mixed reviews by the critics but under the direction of Gary Griffen it should have a successful run with \$11 million advance ticket sale before going on the road. Even if it doesn't get extended past it's fourteen week run it should return to Chicago as it is well worth the trip back to Chicago.

For the national tour Michelle Williams has the role of Shug and Jeanette Bayardelle has the role of Celie, a role that LaChanze played in New York and who lost her husband in 9/11 - but from all reports Bayardelle is much stronger singer and actress in the role of Celie as I didn't see LaChanze in the role.

Marsha Norman has adapted the play from the novel by Alice Walker with the music and lyrics by Brenda Russell. Allee Willis and Stephen Bray with choreography by Donald Byrd, sets by John Lee Beatty and costumes by Paul Tazewall. Norman's book of the show that runs two hours and forty minutes retains much of the story line of Walker's book that one might expect.

The story covers the downtrodden Celie, whose sexual and social awakening over a period of four decades gives the musical its shape. While Celie is a stay-at-home woman, her traveling missionary sister Nettie played by Latoya London travels to three continents. Celie, write to God and her sister but the story also tells us that at fourteen years is sold in marriage to an abusive older man Mister played by Rufus Bonds Jr. while after having given birth to two children by the man she believes to be her father.

In addition to Celie and Nettie, who we find discovers her ethnic identity while she is a missionary in Africa we meet the defiant Sofia played by Chicago actress Felicia P. Fields, who should have won a Tony for best supporting actress in a musical role that she originated in New York and the role Oprah played in the movie. Sofia is Celie's step daughter-in-law. We also meet the pleasure seeking Shug who is a saloon and sometimes mistress of Mister.

The show offers several plot twists and is one of Chicago's events of the year and I can only hope it has a long and healthy run. Others in the cast are Stu James as Harpo, Stephanie St. James as Squeak, Lynette Dupree, Kimberly Ann Harris and Virginia Woodruff as Church Ladies, and Adam Wade as O' Mister.

The show has a cast of thirty-four actors who sing, dance and act to perfection. It's a show not to be missed.

The show offers audiences such songs as "Huckleberry Pie," "Somebody Gonna Love You," "Hell No!," sung by Felicia Fields, "What About You?," "Any Little Thing," and "I'm Here" to name a few of the musical numbers. Oprah, Gary, Felicia, Jeanette, Michelle, Rufus, Stu and Latoya you all can be proud of and Chicago will find it's a show of love.

The show runs through July 22nd. Performances are 7:30 Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. Ticket prices \$28.00 to \$85.00. For reservations call Broadway in Chicago box offices or through Ticketmaster at 312-902-1400.

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Small Business Week 2007

Each year, the President proclaims a week as National Small Business Week to pay tribute to the accomplishments of outstanding small business owners and those who champion their cause.

In Illinois, Small Business Week is traditionally celebrated during June. In 2007, it will be held the week of June 24-30. Activities will take place across the state culminating in a day of training, procurement matchmaking, and a statewide awards reception on June 27, 2007. The training and matchmaking sessions will be held during the day at Navy Pier. The Awards Reception and Lake Michigan Cruise will take place on the Odyssey II that evening.

* WHO: All Illinois firms are eligible for the "12 Track" Training Sessions, Matchmaking Procurement Conference, and the Awards Reception/Dinner Cruise. The one-day workshop and matchmaking session targets all small businesses seeking assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration and its resource partners.

* WHAT: The training will enhance small businesses' ability to assess their business, establish baselines around critical indicators of business success, and craft an action plan. Some of the topics highlighted in the training courses include:

- * Corporate supplier diversity strategies;
- * Marketing, winning, and doing business with the federal government;
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- * Forming strategic alliances and understanding SBA partnership agreements.

WHEN: June 27, 2007

WHERE: Festival Hall, Navy Pier

Events at the High Ridge YMCA

JUNE 2007

- * June 9 Parent/Child Golf Outing
- * June 16 Day After School Summer Skate & Swim at the Playdium
- * June 14 YMCA speaks at WRCC Women's Luncheon
- * June 21 Bring your Dad to workout Fitness night 7-8pm

JULY 2007

- * July 17-23 School Supply Drive
- * July 19 Beach Party Fitness Night 7-8pm

For more information on these events or YMCA membership please call 773-262-8300

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This June the West Ridge Chamber of Commerce and SSA #43 Devon Avenue will launch a sidewalk cleaning program that will help make Devon Avenue a better and cleaner place to be. Meet the newly formed SSA Commission, WRCC Board and help celebrate a cleaner Devon.

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Investment Ideas

Investing for Experts: Let's Start With the Fundamentals

No matter how well-versed you are on the subject of investing, it's important to remember the fundamentals. They help you stay grounded, and keep you from getting too far ahead of yourself. Today we offer a few cornerstone ideas of basic investing that will help you remember the rules that got you to where you are. Even the most sophisticated of investors can benefit from a review of these simple strategies.

Diversify. Regardless of the individual investments you choose, one of the biggest keys to a successful portfolio is to make sure it is properly diversified. This time-tested strategy for portfolio management helps you balance risk while working toward your investment objectives. Because it's nearly impossible to know for sure which investments will do well in the future, diversifying your portfolio across different asset classes allows you to make up for any underperformers with hopefully a selection of investments that are keeping pace with — or even outperforming — the market. Of course, diversification does not guarantee a profit, or protect against loss in a declining market.

Control and reduce debt. If you want to make progress toward your financial goals, you have to have your whole house in order, so to speak. If you're carrying a heavy load of debt, especially high-interest credit card debt, you won't be able to make any real progress if you're constantly trying to dig yourself out of a hole.

Compare what you spend with what you need. Quite possibly one of the most basic investing strategies, this simple step can help you to see exactly where you may be having trouble, and also identify areas where you could make additional progress. One very interesting analysis you can perform on your own is to add up how much you spend on little luxury items, and see if you can't save even more than what you currently put away. For example, a \$3.50 latte twice a week adds up to more than \$360 a year. While that may not seem like much, think about how many other similar expenses you could change over to savings instead, and you'll see they can add up quickly. Charting your actual expenditures can give you a clearer picture of what you need to be doing.

Monitor your savings progress. Rather than just putting a plan in place and letting it go on autopilot, it's not a bad idea to make time to regularly review your progress. An annual assessment at year-end, when you should be doing your tax planning, or at tax-filing time, when you have all your financial documents handy, would give you the perfect opportunity to see where you stand with your savings. Take a close look to see if your original investment strategy is still on track, and if not, figure out what you can do to put things back in order.

Expect the unexpected. As is typically the case with many aspects of our lives, things don't always work out the way we planned. But you can still plan ahead to help prepare for the unexpected. If you haven't already done so, you should make sure to set up an emergency fund to cover any unexpected cash needs. You can build a "rainy day" nest egg by stashing away a little bit from each paycheck, or even by collecting your pocket change each month. Having cash reserves on hand will help you avoid using expensive credit during emergencies.

These are some basic ideas to help keep your savings strategies on track. Remember to stick to the fundamentals when it comes to your investments, no matter how advanced you may think you have become.

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Liberty Bank for Savings Awards Nine College Scholarships

Chicago, IL - Liberty Bank for Savings recently announced the winners of its Annual College Scholarship Program. Liberty has sponsored this program for the last nine years. This year more than 80 deserving high school seniors applied and Liberty Bank awarded nine \$3,000 scholarships. The nine winners, with their families, representatives from their schools and judges in attendance, will receive their awards at a dinner held on May 22, 2007.

The 2007 Scholarship Winners are:

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Kathleen Kowalski
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Leah Bettag
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Jennifer Fornek
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Mariya Hushchyna
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Notre Dame High School

With the cooperation of teachers, counselors and principals, some 45 area high schools participated in the program. All scholarship applicants were judged on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, teacher recommendations and individual student essays.

Judges for the program were:

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By Bosley

So my human finally took me and the members of the pack to the forest preserve. We were going once a week, but she has been, well crazy lately. Anyway, she loaded us up for a romp in the woods. We usually have the same path we go down by the river! It is a lot of fun and good exercise. But, when we got there I immediately noticed this loud noise. It wasn't from the usually birds that I like to chase, but something else. I looked to my human for answers, but as usually she didn't understand me. Why can't humans understand us? It is not that hard!

Since she wasn't getting it, I turned to my pack. Attie and Darwin are Kerry Blue Terriers and are known for mischief, so I don't know why I would ask them. They told me that the noise was from cicadas. What the heck is a cicada I asked? They explained they were insects that are very numerous right now. Why haven't I heard of this I thought? I guess I have been pawoccupied with other more important things. As we continued on our hike I was amazed at the noise they made and how numerous they were. They were everywhere! I noticed that Darwin stated to eat them! What are you doing I asked? He said that they were a delicacy and I should eat as many as I could because the cicadas wouldn't be around long. Are you nuts, was my thought. Why do I want to eat a bug? Chase them and stomp on them yes, but eat them?

As we pawgressed I noticed Attie eating them too. Was I missing something? Knowing that these two are mischievous I thought they were playing a joke on me. I figured that they wanted me to eat the bugs and they would be gross! Then I realized that my human wasn't telling them to stop. If it was something bad for us or she was grossed out she would say something. So, I finally decided that I would not be outdone by the Terriers and tried a cicada.

All I can say is GROSS!!!! They are nasty tasting things that smell really bad. My human was laughing at my expression as I ate the nasty thing. She said that the cicadas are good for me, they are full of natural protein. I don't know what that means, and frankly I don't care. I will not eat them again. So, I warn you my friends they are GROSS! The Terriers like them, therefore proving that we Poodles are more highly evolved than those Terriers. I prefer a nice piece of stake; they could have the bugs!!

The morale here my friends; be careful what you eat, it might taste gross!!

Submitted by Canine Corral, Nicole Carfora, CMG (Bosley's mom)



Anti-Cruelty Society Events

June 9th- Animals Welfare: Then & Now

The Anti-Cruelty Society's Community Outreach Specialist Elliott Serrano will present a program on the role animal shelters play in the community along with the history of animal welfare and the impact it has had on society. Learn how to adopt an animal from The Anti-Cruelty Society and the best ways to train and care for your pet! Chicago Public Library Roden Branch located at 6083 N. Northwest highway, Chicago, IL 60631. Saturday June 9th from 1 PM- 2 PM. Cost is Free. All ages welcome. Call 312-744-1478, Library Branch Hours: Mon - Thurs 9-9, Fri & Sat 9-5

June 16th- Pet First Aid & CPR Class

This course is taught by an American Red Cross certified instructor, will cover pet first aid and CPR techniques. The focus will be on dogs and cats; mannequins will be used. Please do not bring your pet to class. The Anti-Cruelty Society Education & Training Center located at 169 W. Grand Avenue. Free parking is available in The Anti-Cruelty Society parking garage. Enter from Wells Street. Saturday June 16th from 9 AM - 1 PM \$40 includes all class materials. Cancellations must be received at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled class sate to receive a full refund. Call Tammie Bouschor to pre-register, at 312-644-8338 ext. 344

June 23rd- A Culture of Violence: Inside the World of Dog Fighting

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June 24th - 38th Annual Pride Parade

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Many butterflies can't fly unless their body temps are around 80 degrees. So it makes sense that most of the flowers they like grow best in full sun.

So give your butterflies happy feet with these top five favorites: Zinnia, Lantana, Verbena, Aster, and of course, the Butterfly Bush.
Marlene Kroll, Norwood Park Garden Club

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.

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- 3 tablespoons port wine
- 1 tablespoon liquid smoke
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

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