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National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 7

Chicago Remembers Pearl Harbor

December 7, 2006 marks the 65th Anniversary of the attack on the U.S. Naval Installation at Pearl Harbor. On this day, the City of Chicago honors those who lost their lives and salutes the bravery of all who fought in the face of extraordinary odds that Sunday morning. By celebrating these courageous Americans, we are reminded of freedom's promise. Their sacrifice will be remembered for many generations to come.

The public ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. in the Lakeview Terrace (2nd floor) of Navy Pier. The Lakeview Terrace is located just east of Parking Garage Entrance 2.

The commemoration will include a Bell Ringing Ceremony in remembrance of the 7 Illinois Pearl Harbor victims who died and remain on the USS Arizona.

For more information, the public should call 312-744-3315 or visit the Web: cityofchicago.org/specialevents

11th Annual Christkindlmarket on Daley Plaza

Experience a traditional German Christmas at the 11th Annual Christkindlmarket, inspired by the famous Nuremberg Christmas market dating back to 1545. Just as it has for the past 11 years on Daley Plaza, this outdoor market offers exquisite handmade gifts, unique ornaments, rare European fabrics and textiles and the opportunity to devour German delicacies like brats, goulash, potato pancakes, cookies and Gluhwein (a warm spiced wine). Christkindlmarket hours are:

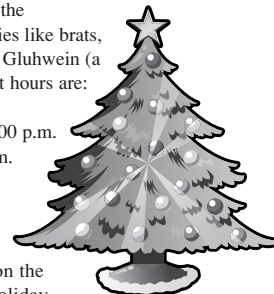
through December 23

Mondays - Thursdays 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

December 24 - 11 am to 4 pm - only



Santa's Workshop

Santa Claus sets up his "workshop" on the Plaza at the base of the tree for the holiday season. Every day starting November 23 through December 24, Santa will be available for pictures and taking wish lists. Visits with Santa start on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd at 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For the remainder of the season Santa's House hours are: through December 23, 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. December 24 - 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Please note Santa takes a break each day from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.)



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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers December Health Programs

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 West Addison, Chicago, will offer the following health programs in December.

Free **blood pressure screenings** will be given Friday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the 7th floor Centennial Conference Center. No registration is required.

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, Dec. 8, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. This program for seniors age 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and voluntary armchair exercises. Registration is not required.

Cholesterol screenings will be offered Thursday, Dec. 14, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the lower level Café Meeting Room. The blood test will check for total cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL and LDL. A 12-hour fast is required before the appointment but medications may be taken with a sip of water. There is a \$15 fee, payable in cash or check at the screening. Test results will be mailed to participants. Advanced registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free **Addiction Education Program** will be held Tuesday, December 19, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the seventh floor Sister Jerome Room. This seminar is designed for family members suffering from the addiction problems of a loved one. Strategies for managing and coping will be defined. Registration is not required.

Free parking is available in the parking facility on Addison across the street from the hospital.

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71st Annual Christmas Concert

The German-American Children's Chorus, together with the German-American Singers of Chicago, are pleased to announce their 71st annual Christmas concert. It will be celebrated on Sunday, December 17th, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. The concert will be held at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Avenue, Chicago, IL.

The Choral presentation will feature songs in both German and English. The admission price is \$9.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door for adults; children under 14 are admitted free. The ticket price also includes admission to the dance immediately following the concert. Food and beverages will be available at a moderate price. Wolfgang and Gody from the Chicago Brauhaus Restaurant will provide the musical entertainment. As a special holiday bonus, beautiful Poinsettia plants will be available for purchase for 15.00 after the concert.

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St. Thecla Special Event

Fr. Ken Budzikowski warmly welcomes the Paulist Alumni Choir to sing at St. Thecla's 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass December 16, 2006. Following the celebration of Mass, the Alumni Choir will perform a short concert consisting of Advent/Christmas music. The performance will last about 30 minutes.

Please take a few minutes to listen and enjoy the sounds of our sacred heritage. This is a great way to begin your Saturday evening... celebration of the Liturgy and sounds of the season.

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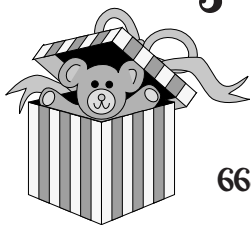
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Edison Park Chamber and Chicago Park District to Host "Santa Express"

December 9, 2006, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Edison Park Chamber of Commerce and the Chicago Park District have once again teamed up to present "Santa Express". In the past, Santa would arrive via Metra Train from the North Pole, this year due to construction, Santa will arrive at our Christmas Tree (Oshkosh & Northwest Highway) at 10:00 a.m.. Santa and his elves will meet Mrs. Claus as well as the children and their parents to participate in the Christmas tree dedication and lighting at 10:15 a.m.

Alderman Brian Doherty and Edison Park Chamber President, Mary O'Connor, will deliver brief welcoming remarks. Afterward, Pastor Woody Knutson of the Edison Park Lutheran Church, will bless the tree. Christmas carols will be sung by the Ebinger School Choir. Hot chocolate will be served courtesy of Unforgettable Edibles Catering and cookies courtesy of Clark Fabisch Realty. Join Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves for more fun at the Edison Park Fieldhouse across the street!

Santa will be available throughout the afternoon for a visit and photo. Photographer Lisa Nazaj of Black & White, a professional photography studio recently opened on Northwest Highway, (773) 467-9908, will be taking pictures which will be available for \$8.00 for a 4"x 6" color photo with frame. While you are waiting to see the big guy there are plenty of fun things to keep the little ones busy. Visitors can listen to a story; enjoy holiday music, cookies, apple cider and hot chocolate in Mrs. Claus' Kitchen; take a ride through Edison Park on the free trolley; have your face painted or try out some Christmas Karaoke.

Together the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce and the Chicago Park District offer this holiday tradition to Edison Park families to highlight the downtown business district and to provide a fun filled family day. "We invite the community to join us in celebrating the season and support this great community," said Mary O'Connor, Edison Park Chamber of Commerce President.

For more information on the Christmas program, call (773) 631-0063.

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December 13 @ 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm: Day School Christmas Program

December 20 @ 7:00 pm: Worship Service

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Chester M. Przybylo

When people think about estate planning, they typically think of who will get their possessions. Upon further thought, they recognize that the most important decisions they make will be the identity of trusted decision makers like guardians, executors, trustees, and agents.

If the individual has a Will, an executor or personal representative is named in the Will to manage the affairs of the estate. This person has the responsibility of collecting all the assets of the person who has died, managing those assets, paying debts of the estate, and then distributing the assets to heirs or other beneficiaries.

A trustee is similar to an executor, except the trustee manages the assets of the trust rather than of the estate. Because trusts often remain in existence for many years, the role of trustee may be more important than that of executor.

An agent is the person you appoint under a power of attorney to make decisions for you in the event that you are not able to do so for yourself. The agent under a power of attorney for property will make decisions regarding the management of your financial affairs. The agent under a health care power of attorney (also known as an advance health care directive or health care proxy) will make decisions regarding your health care.

If you do not have a power of attorney, it may be necessary to appoint a guardian or conservator to make financial and health care decisions for you if you are not able to make them for yourself. In some states, a separate guardian or conservator may be appointed for the care of the individual and a different person appointed as the guardian or conservator of the property, or estate, of the individual during lifetime. You may appoint a guardian or conservator for your care in a power of attorney.

Guardians of minor children are "nominated" in the Will by the last parent to die. Guardians are "nominated" rather than appointed because the courts will give preference to the nomination but are not bound by it. If a court determines that the best interests of the child would be served by another choice, they need not heed your suggestion.

An example of this is the tragic case of Stephen and Sara Sherwood. Only nine days after his return from Iraq, Stephen shot his wife and then himself. This left his daughter an orphan. The authorities in Colorado placed the daughter in the temporary care of Sara's sister, Ginny, and her husband, who then sought to be appointed as guardians. Stephen's mother objected and sought appointment herself. The trial court looked to Stephen's Will, because he was the last parent to die. Stephen's will nominated his mother and the trial court considered itself constrained by that unless to do otherwise would have caused actual harm or danger. The Colorado Supreme Court reversed that decision and instructed the trial court to determine which choice would be in the best interests of the child. Many states also allow a child over a certain age, typically around age 13 or 14, to overrule the nomination of guardian in the Will.

While the nomination of a guardian is not a guarantee, it does allow you to give the court guidance, which it will use to make its determination. If all other things are equal, the court will heed your advice.

The nomination or appointment of trusted individuals to be guardians, trustees, or executors is the most important decision you can make with regard to your estate plan. These individuals are charged with carrying out your wishes, whether in raising your children, managing your assets, or making distributions. A qualified estate planning attorney can assist you in making these difficult choices and drafting documents to accomplish your 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 40 years. For more information or to attend an upcoming seminar, call (773) 631-2525.

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Family Medicine Physician Opens Office in the Portage Park Community

Agnieszka Kania, M.D., family medicine physician, opened a medical office at 4341 N. Milwaukee.

Dr. Kania provides comprehensive health care for adults and children and is fluent in English and Polish. She is particularly interested in preventive care, women's care, pediatric care, minor surgical procedures and chronic medical conditions such as hypertension, diabetes and heart problems.

In regards to her practice, Dr. Kania says, "I believe a patient deserves compassionate, respectful treatment. A physician should pay personal attention to the patient, take time to listen and make the patient feel cared for. I am committed to these values."

Dr. Kania received her medical degree from Jagiellonian University College of Medicine in Krakow, Poland, and completed her residency at Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center in Chicago. She is a Medical Staff Member of Resurrection Health Care's Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center and Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center.

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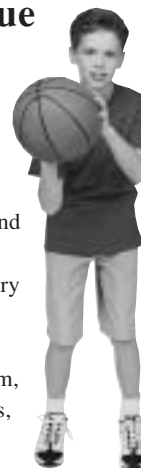
Dr. Agnieszka Kania

Youth Basketball League at Sauganash Park

Sauganash Park, 5861 N. Kostner Ave., began registration for their youth basketball league on Wednesday, November 8 at 6 pm at the fieldhouse.

The youth basketball league is for boys and girls in 3rd and 4th grades. Games will be played on Friday nights beginning in January 2007. The cost of the program is \$60 per child.

For further information about this program, special events, and other seasonal programs, call Sauganash Park at 773.685.6122.



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El Arpa Restaurant

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El Arpa previously only served Cuban dishes, but the new concept of the restaurant is to serve dishes from other Latin American countries such as Puerto Rico, Bolivia, Peru and Paraguay.

Below you will find a calendar of events for the rest of the year.

Peruvian and Bolivian dishes are served on weekends. There is Andean (panpipes, flutes) live music on Sunday and dancing and live Latin music on Saturday with open mic.

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There are Luncheon specials from Tuesday through Friday from 11 am to 3 pm.

Calendar of events at El Arpa Restaurant

Dec. 2 Peruvian Cultural Center organizes a fundraising. Food, Show & Dance Admission: US \$ 20

Dec. 8 "Reggaeton Night" from 8 pm to 2:00 am. Contest, prizes, best performer and dancer. US \$ 15 admission. Ladies pay US \$ 5.00 between 8:00 and 9:00 pm

Dec. 9 "Son Mexicano Night" – Come and enjoy – Starts at 8:00 pm. Show and Dance.

Dec. 23 Parranda navideña puertorriqueña, Live music & DJ, Admission: US \$ 10

Dec. 31 "End of the Year Party" - All you can eat, dance and drink" Live music, DJ & Dance, Admission: US \$ 50

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Bucktown: Champions

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

From 1940 through 1970 the neighborhood and city newspapers headlined the St. Hedwig basketball and softball teams as C.Y.O. (Catholic Youth Organization) champions. The teams dominated Bucktown's Holstein Park tournaments, as well as capturing city-wide championships. As a result — almost to a person — the same group of boys and men represented Holstein Park in the Chicago Park District games so as to amass trophies, which would be show-cased in the lobby of the park field-house.

As noted in one preserved article: "Eight district champions of 832 contesting teams appeared for the elimination-playoffs. The Bucktownians put aside a south-side McGuane Park team, eliminated the west-side representatives, Riis Park, and scalped (as the Bucktownian team was named 'Indians') the finalists, Revere Park." Similar championships were amassed in the CYO prep, junior and senior games.

The popularity of the softball games, however, was annoying to some of the people, who lived across the street from the park (Oakley west of the field). The older and stronger players frequently — very frequently — would hit the ball over the right field fence to the yards of these neighbors. It was annoying to the players as it delayed the game until the ball was retrieved (one resident had an unfriendly dog in the front yard, making it difficult to retrieve the ball).

This was remedied by the erection of a 20-foot screen at the right field fence.

The various social-athletic clubs, like the Chi-Dells, Roy Dells, Roy Tans, Playboys, and others beside parish teams would make up the evening softball leagues. For "bragging rights" the organizations' grudge games had the sidelines jammed with spectators. Likewise out-of-the-neighborhood softball teams came to challenge these groups. Practically at any evening at 6:30 p.m. in the summer months a hundred or more Bucktownians watched an enjoyable softball contest at Holstein Park.

These social-athletic organizations would use the St. Hedwig Hall for their clubs' fund-raising dances. In due time more strict license regulations and the need for security services were being enforced. Likewise several members of these organizations were moving out of Bucktown and the fund-raising dances plummeted.

Holstein Park, however, was not just a field for softballers and a mid-sized gymnasium for the basketball players. A second-floor auditorium could be utilized for groups of budding thespians and singers. Several times a year a show of amateurs of local talent would be featured.

Under the auspices of CYO, nuns from Josephinum High School would direct a summer camp for the pre-teen children. The basement area of the field-house had a spacious area for a craft-shop. Other activities, games and "fruit and juice" were part of the daily schedule.

("Bucktown: Champions" article to be continued in the next edition on December 15, 2006)

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Vivian Kolpak, one of the six Przybylo siblings who now runs the famed White Eagle, has made it a personal quest to bring the homeland treasures of their Polish heritage to share with all of us.

The shop literally shimmers as you approach the entrance with exquisite hand-cut 24% lead crystal vases and plates in vividly infused colors of cobalt, purples and red. The most valuable of these is the red crystal which must be infused with gold to achieve that distinctive hue.

Poland's adherence to traditional art forms is one of the most valued link to their past of all of the European countries. While the rest of the world was becoming industrialized with high tech manufacturing taking over from the individual artisans' hands, Poland remained somewhat isolated and as a result is one of the few countries which still do hand painting on surfaces such as wooden and ceramic pieces.

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Owner, Vivian Kolpak (left) with Gift Shop Manager, Jeanette Laidlaw



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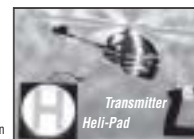
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MOVIE / THEATRE REVIEWS



Jean Joachim's Movie Choices for Kids

DECK THE HALLS (Running time: 95 minutes)

Rated PG Starring Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick

Every year we have to have a predictable, silly movie about Christmas. This is an early entry. Steve Finch (Broderick) is the model citizen of his small town in Massachusetts. He is also the king of Christmas. Conservative, well-respected, complacent and dull, Steve is shocked when his new neighbor, Buddy Hall (DeVito) moves into town and into his slot as the Christmas big cheese.

Buddy, a smart guy – born salesman – who can't seem to settle into anything has decided that he needs to make a big splash at something to feel like his life is worthwhile. He decides that having enough Christmas lights on his house to be seen from space will do the trick. So he loads on the lights, bringing people from miles around to see his place. This bothers the heck out of Steve who not only has to stare at this incredible light 24/7, but also is now second-rate in his town next to Buddy.

Of course the competition escalates to the ridiculous. The wives and kids all get along, but Buddy and Steve just seem to be oil and water. Of course they lose everything and see the light...so to speak.

Deck the Halls is harmless. Some of it is actually funny, too. It can't hold a candle to *Elf*, still the funniest Christmas movie ever, but it won't hurt anyone. There is some mild sexual humor, no bad language and no real violence. It might be fun to see with your 10-year-old on a cold, gray day before your own holiday lights are set up.

DÉJÀ VU (Running time: 128 minutes)

RATED PG-13 Denzel Washington, Val Kilmer

Déjà Vu is the phenomenon when you believe that you've said or done something exactly the same before. The credits for *Déjà Vu* were cute – every name appeared twice. Even the commercials for this movie are clever. The story begins with a sunny day and a group of sailors and their families are boarding a ferryboat to be taken to a party.

Suddenly, the boat blows up. The explosion and dead bodies is shocking and upsetting – there were many children on board. Then we see Doug Carlin (Washington), a special agent, walking into the crime scene and the investigation begins.

As the investigation progresses, Doug meets up with a group that is doing weird things with space. The doubletalk explanation escaped me. I don't have any idea what "folding space" really means or how they were doing what they were doing. But they could look four days back in time. So they called on Doug to view the area several days earlier and see if he could spot important evidence, including the perpetrator.

The plot gets complicated and intense. I was on the edge of my seat. Although *Déjà Vu* is long, it moved right along. The plot is complicated and far-fetched, but once you buy in it moves along logically. There were many surprises along the way. I can't reveal much more without spoiling the plot.

Déjà Vu should be fine for kids 12 and up who aren't squeamish -- there is violence and at least one dead, burned body. There is little bad language and no sex. See it with your kids.

"A Theatre Review"

"Children's Hour"
Timeline Theatre
615 W. Wellington Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Chicago is presenting two classic playwrights this 2006-2007 theatre season with Lillian Hellman's "Another Part of the Forest" at Writers Theatre and now the Timeline Theatre Company is doing a production of "The Children's Hour." The other playwright is William Inge whose play "Dar at the Top of the Stairs" recently closed at the American Theatre Company and "Come Back Little Sheba" was performed by the Shattered Glob Theatre and all four shows were done to perfection.

I did not realize that "Children's Hour" was banned in Chicago back in 1934 and finally got the green light in 1952. I've been under the impression Boston was the only city to ban controversial and provocative productions.

Timeline's production of "Children's Hour" under the direction of Nick Bowling is an exceptional production that shows audiences what untruths can do and how rumors can destroy the lives of people.

Halena Kays is Martha Dobie and Michelle Moe is Karen Wright who are the teachers who own and run the Wright-Dobie School for Girls. The school has one problem child Mary Tilford played by Zanny Laird, who is a master at power games with her manipulation to get her fellow students to go along with her accusations that Dobie and Wright are more than meets the eyes with her untruth rumors because she is always in trouble and being disciplined by the teachers. Mary finally convinces her grandmother Mrs. Amelia Tilford played by Ann Wakefield about the rumors as being true and with her power has the parents of the other girls remove them from the school. This also affects the relationship between Dr. Joseph Cardin played by Sean Sullivan and Karen Wright who plan on getting married.

Bowling has assembled a cast of fourteen that also includes Grace Parker, Mia Akers, Mary O'Dowd, Rayna Ben-Zeev, Joe Binder, Olivia Cygan, Barbara L. W. Myers, Laura Nojebauer and Natalie Watts.

The truth comes out in the end but the tragic damage is done. The play runs two hours and 10 minutes and it originally was a three act play with two intermissions. To make it fast paced Bowling has combined Acts 1 & 2 with an intermission at the end of Act 2.

Those who have cable television will remember seeing the Paramount movie starring Audrey Hepburn and Shirley McLaine on TCM.

The show runs through December 17th. Performances are 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. There is a 4:00 p.m. matinee on Saturday and a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Ticket prices are \$25.00. For reservations call (773) 281-8463.

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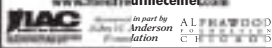
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Howliday Wish Letter

By: Bosley

My furry friends, do you realize how close the Howliday Season is upon us? It was like yesterday that I was frolicking in the summer sun! Anyway, now comes the time when our noses and toes get cold. But, on the bright side so does that wonderful gift giving season! So, my friends now is the time to get your lists to Santa Paws so you get what you want. Also, don't forget to leave hints for those humans of yours! With the chaos of the Howladays they sometimes need more than one gentle reminder!

My Howliday Wish Letter is as follows:

Dear Santa Paws,

I have been a very good pup this year. I have played nicely with all the other dogs that my human has cared for. I have not caused any intentional harm to any of the cats I am forced to live with. I have not ruined the new furniture, however I will confess that I do like to cuddle up in it even though I am not suppose too! I have listened to my human, even when I don't know what she is saying. I have been as good as I could be, at least most of the time! (that grabage incident was totally my brother Darwin's fault!) So, in being a good boy I would like the following.

A new how to understand your human book, because an updated version is sorely needed.

A new rawhide bone that is the size of me!

A turkey feast flt for a dog!

A new bed for the cats. That way the can stay off mine!

A new collar with winter colors so I can look great this season!

Sweater or jacket because I know that my human is going to force me into some colorful haircut and I want to be prepared!

Plenty of pawtience with my human and the crazy things she does to me at the howladays.

Most importantly I want peace on Earth for all of God's Creatures.

(to my furry friends, this is very important to add to your letter. Yes, I would like peace. But, let's face it. Until we dogs take over that is not going to happen. Trust me add this to your letter!)

Live & Best Howliday Wishes,

Bosley (With help from mom, Nicole Carfora, CMG)

Submitted by Canine Corral

To my furry friends,

Please feel free to send all wonderful goodies to Canine Corral!



Tips for Keeping Your Pet Safe and Healthy Through Winter

Just as we insulate the house and pull the coats and mittens out of storage, we need to take steps to ensure our pets' well-being through the winter. The following tips are offered by The Anti-Cruelty Society

Becoming Lost or Injured...Snow and ice increase your companion animal's chances of becoming disoriented and lost if roaming the streets. Keeping your pets indoors and walking your dog on a leash will prevent such tragedies.

Frostbite...Even though companion animals have a fur coat, most dogs and cats cannot endure the cold of winter for more than 10 to 15 minutes. Signs of frostbite include skin that is pale and cool to the touch, with decreased sensation in the affected area. If you suspect frostbite, gently thaw the area with warm water and then take the animal to the vet.

Shelter, Food, and Water...The Anti-Cruelty Society strongly suggests that cats and dogs live inside at all times of the year, protected from the many life-threatening dangers always present outside. However, if your dog spends a lot of time outside, you are required by law to provide proper shelter. A proper doghouse must be windproof and watertight, with a floor raised off the ground. Outdoor dogs also need additional fat in their diets during the winter to help build up natural insulation. Make sure your pet has plenty of fresh, clean water in a secure, non-tip dish at all times.

Ice, Salt, and Snow...Jagged ice and sidewalk salt can injure your dog's foot pads. After you return home from a walk, check the foot pads and wipe off any salt or ice with a damp towel.

Anti-Freeze...It can be fatal if ingested, so keep all anti-freeze bottles out of your companion animal's reach. Also be sure to clean up any spills immediately. If your dog or cat should swallow anti-freeze—or any poison—contact your veterinarian immediately.

Car Engines...In cold weather, cats allowed outdoors crawl beneath cars and climb up inside the engines seeking warmth and shelter. This can lead to injuries or death when the engines are started. To prevent such an occurrence, keep your cat inside. To protect stray cats, knock on your car's hood or sound your horn before starting the car in cold weather.

Grooming...Animals tend to shed hair less during the cold months, but still require regular brushing. Cats generally do not need a bath—they clean themselves. Dogs should be bathed no more than once a month.

Holiday Hazards...Take special precautions during the weeks before Christmas to protect your cat or dog from drinking stagnant Christmas tree water, eating potentially injurious ornaments or trimming, or nibbling on the cords from Christmas tree lights. Keep your animals away from mistletoe, holly, and poinsettias as they are poisonous to pets.

Winter Lectures At The Anti-Cruelty Society

• Pet First Aid and CPR Class

Saturday Dec. 9th, Saturday Jan. 6th, Saturday Feb. 3rd, Saturday Feb. 24th - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If your pet has a medical emergency will you be prepared? This course taught by an American Red Cross certified instructor, will cover Pet First Aid and CPR techniques. The emphasis will be on cats and dogs. The course fee of \$40 includes all course materials. Payment must be made within two weeks of pre-registering to confirm your space in the class.

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Monday, December 11, from 7 - 8 p.m.

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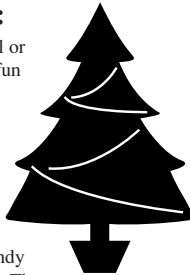
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Marlene Kroll
Norwood Park Garden Club.

Thought for the Day: There are times when a quiet listener outshines a brilliant conversationalist.

Christmas Tree Safety Tip:

When hanging ornaments, always use a step stool or ladder to reach high places. Falling is never any fun — especially falling into a Christmas tree. Avoid placing breakable tree ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower branches where small children or pets can reach them. You should also carefully read labels for directions any safety information before you use materials that come in jars, cans and spray cans. Finally, do not hang popcorn chains and candy canes on the tree when small children are present. They may think that other tree ornaments are also edible.



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BY STEPHEN & RUTH SCHAEFER

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) may have written two of our Christmas hymns on the same day, Epiphany Day, 1859. (Jan. 6 the day usually associated with the arrival of the Magi to see Jesus). Dix did not follow his father and go into the pastorate but instead went into business but one thing he did do that his father also did, and that was to write. Dix wrote poetry. Right before his 23rd birthday he was sick for a prolonged time and had to rest. It was during this time that Dix began a careful study of the New Testament. On Epiphany Day he came to the verses in Matthew 2:1-12. After studying he went to his parents and commented: "This business of three kings from the orient just is not true. It is merely part of the tradition that grew up around the birth of Our Lord and has no Biblical basis whatsoever." Then he proceeded to read to them the new hymn he had just written, "As with Gladness Men of Old." He wrote that the visitors were men instead of wisemen, Magi or Kings. Also later he remembered that the visitors came to the house where Jesus lay and so changed his words in read, "As with joyful steps they sped to the Savior's lowly bed." But most of our hymn books have his original wording.

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As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.  
As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy-seat.  
As thy offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy.  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.  
Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.  
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### Kugel

8oz. of egg noodles  
1/4 lb. butter  
1 tsp. salt  
1 cup milk  
1 large cream cheese  
4 eggs  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 large can crushed pineapple  
Boil & drain noodles. Rinse in cold water. Soften cream cheese & add eggs one at a time. Mix salt, sugar & milk. Melt butter. Mix noodles with mixture. Add drained pineapple. Put in 13 x 9 pan. Add topping.

### Topping:

3/4 cup crushed corn flakes  
1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/4 cup sugar  
Mix together, spread on top. Bake at 375 for 1 1/2 hours.

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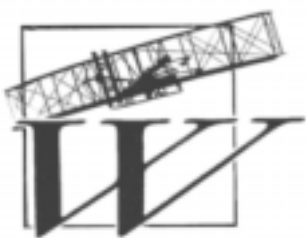
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