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American Legion Edison Park Post #541 Observes Memorial Day

In observance of Memorial Day on Monday May 28th, we will conduct a solemn ceremony at the Edison Park Field House located at 6755 Northwest Hwy, Chicago, at 10:00AM. After the ceremony we will go to Onahan School located at 6634 W. Raven to participate in the **Norwood Park Memorial Day parade**. American Legion Edison Park Post #541 has been selected as the honor guard to lead the parade. *All are invited to attend.*

Norwood Park Memorial Day Parade Monday May 28th

Step off at 11:00 a.m. from Onahan School, 6634 W. Raven. The parade will proceed to Taft High School, 6545 W. Hurlbut. The parade route leads down West Raven, across the railroad tracks on Avondale, Nina to Nickerson and Ardmore, West to Natoma and south to Hurlbut. The parade will culminate with a Memorial Service at Taft High School. Approximately 100 groups are expected to participate: schools, churches and many local businesses. Our elected politicians will march in the parade, led by Ald. Brian Doherty (41st Ward) and State Rep. Mike McAuliffe. The parade will also include classic and antique cars. For our elderly veterans' convenience a trolley will be provided.

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by Vimal M. Prajapati, AAMS
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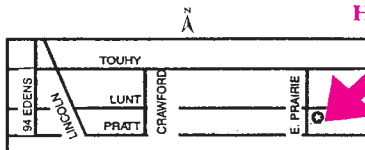
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Date for Chicago's Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony Announced

The Chicago Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony and Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 26, 2007. The Wreath Laying Ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. at the Eternal Flame on Daley Plaza in Chicago (Dearborn and Washington Streets). The parade will step off at 12:00 noon and proceed south down State Street from Randolph Street to Van Buren Street, presented by the Mayor's Office of Special Events in partnership with the Chicago Loop Alliance Illinois Gold Star Families and the Armed Forces.

Memorial Day is a day for everyone to honor Americans who sacrifice to keep us safe and secure. It's a day to be thankful that we live in a country where freedom, justice and democracy are proudly defended. Chicagoans should join together and view the Memorial Day parade as the city honors the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country.

The City of Chicago honors all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country, and will include recognition of the Illinois Gold Star Families during the Commemoration. Since September 11, 2001, many residents of Illinois have died while in service; this includes the attack on the Pentagon and the continuing war against terrorism. Chicago's Memorial Day Parade is considered one of the largest events of its kind in the country with 25,000 people participating annually.

Participants include many area high schools' Drum and Bugle Corps as well as many Veterans' groups. For more information, call the Mayor's Office of Special Events: 312-744-3370 or visit the Web: www.chicagoparades.us

Memorial Day Parade Committee Co-Chairs are the Alderman and former Marine James A. Balcer and Major General John L. Borling.

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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers June Health Programs and Screenings

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Free **Addiction Education Programs** will be held Tuesdays, June 5 and 19, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each date, in the seventh floor Sister Jerome Room. These seminars are 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 **blood pressure screenings** will be offered Friday, June 8, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center B. Registration is not required and walk-ins are welcome.

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

Free **cataract and glaucoma screenings** will be given Monday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the seventh floor Sister Jerome Room. Do not wear contact lenses but bring eyeglasses. No prescriptions or treatments will be given at the screening. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

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

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Resurrection Health Care is a not-for-profit Catholic organization sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Sisters of the Resurrection.

New Priest to be Associate Pastor at St. Thecla Church

Reverend Robert Pajor will be ordained into the priesthood on May 19, 2007 at Holy Name Cathedral. That evening, at 7:30PM, there will be a concert of thanksgiving at St. Thecla Church. There will be two great Polish singers, Mieczyslaw Szczesniak and Beata Bednarz, who will sing at this concert. "The very next day I will say my Mass of thanksgiving at St. Thecla Church at 12:20PM. This will be a bi-lingual, Polish and English Mass. From the depths of my heart I invite all of you to attend the concert and my Mass of thanksgiving at St. Thecla Church, 6725 W. Devon Ave., Chicago, IL."

Welcome to the new Deacon at St. Thecla Church

Congratulations to Steven Wagner. He will be ordained by Francis Cardinal George O.M.I. on May 27, 2007 to the Order of Deacon at Holy Name Cathedral. Steve will be part of a group of 12 men, both married and single, to be ordained as deacons to the Archdiocese of Chicago. On June 2, 2007 at the 5PM Mass at St. Thecla Church, 6725 W. Devon Ave., Chicago, IL, will be Deacon Steve Wagner's Mass of thanksgiving. All are welcome to attend.

Police, Galter LifeCenter Partner up for Healthy People Healthy Blocks

The 20th District CAPS office have announced plans for a walking group in which residents will be led on neighborhood walks by a personal trainer from the Galter LifeCenter, learn street smarts from the Chicago Police Department and neighborhood improvement from the City of Chicago.

The program, known as Healthy People Healthy Blocks, will meet at the new Goudy School Park, 5120 N. Winthrop (at Foster) on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 until 7:30 pm, beginning May 15 through June 19.

"It is our hope that all residents, regardless of their age or fitness level will come out for an invigorating walk with their families, friends and neighbors. This is a fun and informal way to learn safety and fitness habits while burning calories and improving your block," said 20th District Commander Kathleen Boehmer.

This is the second year of the program, which begins with a brief presentation on a health or safety topic, followed by a warm-up then a walk. While walking volunteers jot down city service needs such as graffiti or potholes and then turn them over to city officials for repair.

For more information or to register, contact Marty Cook at the 20th District CAPS office at (312) 742-0963 or marty.cook@chicagopolice.org

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Epilepsy: Myths vs. Reality

Every day, people living with epilepsy go about their daily routines. They work, take care of their families, play sports, wait for trains, cross busy streets...but perhaps most difficult of all, they live with the fear that at any moment they could have a seizure in front of a public which too often doesn't understand the realities of the condition that they have. Here are a few important facts that everyone should know:

- **Epilepsy is not a disease.**
- **It is not a mental illness.**
- **It is not contagious.**

And it is far more common than you may think.

Over 125,000 people in the Greater Chicago area have epilepsy. Nationally, that number jumps to nearly three million, which is equal to the number of people with cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease combined. Chances are, everybody knows someone (or knows someone who knows someone) with epilepsy, yet, all-too-common misconceptions still exist to this day.

For the majority of cases, epilepsy can be compatible with a normal, happy, and full life. Epilepsy is a physical condition, it is not a sign of "mental retardation." Despite what many may believe, people with epilepsy usually are not intellectually challenged. Like any other group, they have different intellectual abilities and the fact that they have epilepsy does not have to determine the person that they are.

The quality of life of a person with epilepsy, however, may be affected by the frequency and severity of their seizures, the effects of their medications, as well as the reactions of those around them to their seizures.

Here are a few more myths about epilepsy:

- *"Epilepsy is something that only affects children."*

Epilepsy can affect anyone, anywhere, at any time. People over the age of 65 develop epilepsy with nearly the same frequency as do children aged ten and under.

- *"People with epilepsy cannot work or hold down regular jobs."*

People with epilepsy have the same range of abilities and intelligence as everyone else. While some people with epilepsy have severe seizures which prevent them from being able to work many others do not. People with epilepsy can be found in nearly every sector of the workforce, and in positions of high responsibility.

- *"If you see someone having a seizure, the first thing you should do is stick something in their mouth so they don't swallow their tongue."*

Under no circumstances should any object be placed in the mouth of an individual experiencing a seizure. Not only is it physically impossible to swallow one's own tongue, but the object placed in the person's mouth could lead to choking or other serious harm.

Lack of public understanding has led to people with epilepsy being unfairly arrested as drunk or disorderly, being accused by others of unlawful activity, and being charged with indecent exposure or drug abuse—all because of actions produced by seizures. Such actions may even be misdiagnosed as symptoms of mental illness, leading to inappropriate treatment and, in some cases, commitment to an institution.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago is dedicated to making the public more aware of the realities of epilepsy, so that painful misunderstandings can be avoided and myths and stigmas can be eliminated. To learn more, please visit www.epilepsy-chicago.org or call (312) 939-8622.

Coming Up: Would you know how to respond if you were with someone who had a seizure? In the next issue, we'll look at the different ways in which seizures can manifest themselves, as well as explore the do's and don'ts of seizure first aid.

Submitted by: Garrett Auriemma, M.A. VP Communications

SECOND ANNUAL IDENTITY PROTECTION DAY ON JUNE 2 Consumers Shred Documents, Prevent ID Theft

The Chicago Department of Consumer Services is working with the Chicago Consumer Fraud Task to hold the second annual Identity Protection Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 2, 2007 at the United Center.

DCS is working in conjunction with the Chicago Police Department, the Federal Trade Commission, the Better Business Bureau, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Cook County State's Attorney and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General to offer consumers the opportunity to protect themselves from identity theft by destroying personal materials.

Several commercial mobile shredders will be available to allow consumers to destroy personal financial records, bills, medical records and other documents containing private information.

Consumers can bring up to ten boxes of documents to be destroyed. "Identity thieves are willing to go to great lengths for personal information, including digging through trash," said Norma Reyes, Consumer Services Commissioner. "We are all working to prevent consumers from becoming victims."

More than a quarter of a million ID theft complaints were lodged with the FTC in 2006. This marks the seventh consecutive year that identity theft has been the most frequent complaint received by the FTC.

The FTC estimates that more than 10,000 Illinois consumers fell victim to identity theft in 2006.

According to a recent study released by the BBB, the number of victims of identity theft in 2006 was about 8.4 million people.

The average fraud amount per case has increased from \$5,249 to \$6,383, over 2 years. The total cost of identity fraud in the United States was approximately 49.3 billion in 2006.

Organizers will also distribute consumer education materials designed to help prevent identity theft and other types of fraud.

"Information can help prepare consumers to protect themselves and their financial information," said Reyes.

In addition to shredding documents onsite, consumers can enter a drawing to win one of 30 personal shredders for in-home use.

Willow Springs-based Beaver Shredding is donating the use of the commercial shredders and recycling the paper materials after the event.

The United Center is located at 1901 West Madison Street. The mobile shredders will be located in parking lot D, which is bounded by Paulina Street, Adams Street, Wood Street and Monroe Street.

Business Works Seminar for Small Business Owners

The City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Licensing (DBA) is holding its third business development seminar called "Business Works" on May 31, 2007 on Chicago's northside. May's Business Works promises more than twenty government and business organizations providing an array of resources and will offer four business education workshops focused on marketing, business plan writing, and financing, all at no cost to those who attend!

Business Works is a free seminar series designed to grow business in every community. It consists of quarterly city-wide seminars focusing on empowering small businesses by providing free business education workshops, access to resources and information, and opportunities to network with important business stakeholders.

RCC encourages all existing and emerging Ravenswood business owners to take advantage of this great business development opportunity!

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Internet Safety the Topic for Next ECA General Meeting

All area residents are invited to attend the next Edgebrook Community Association General Meeting to learn more about Internet Safety. The meeting will occur at 7:00 on May 23 at the Edgebrook Library Community Room. Officer Ron Ranne will discuss how parents can protect their children from sexual predators on the Internet. He will also discuss safety tips for parents, key words used to detect if your child is receiving messages from a predator, and the manner in which predators disguise themselves. Officer Ranne, a 15-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department has 5 years of experience in the Preventive Programs Section. He frequently speaks to community groups regarding the dangers of the Internet and how to protect yourself, your identity and your family.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Light refreshments will be served. Please direct your questions to Phil Loftus at 773/594-9579.

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Each person can give up to \$12,000 per year to any other person without any gift taxation. It's important to note that you can give \$12,000 to each and every person you wish. With most friends and relatives, this is not much of a problem. However, gifting to minor children presents unique issues. Minors do not have the legal capacity to receive gifts. Perhaps more importantly, minors do not have the maturity to handle the money.

Let's look at two common ways to give money for the benefit of minors:

A Section 2503(c) trust
A Crummey trust

With a "Section 2503(c) trust" (named after the part of the Internal Revenue Code allowing it), you make a gift to the trust for the benefit of the child. The trust has terms you specify, but it must be able to be used for the child's needs while they are a minor. The child decides where any unused funds eventually go. Once the child reaches age 21, they must have the opportunity to withdraw the funds. Even if the child dies before reaching age 21, the funds must go to the child's estate or as the child directs. The funds in the trust may only be used for the benefit of that particular child. So, each child needs a trust that is administered separately.

A "Crummey trust" (named after a legal case pioneering the method) is another strategy for gifting assets into a trust that takes advantage of the \$12,000 annual gift tax exclusion. Unlike the Section 2503(c) trust, this trust can hold the assets long after the child has reached age 21. In fact, this trust can continue for the life of the child. This makes the trust a good choice for those who are concerned about the immaturity of 21-year olds. The downside to a Crummey trust is that the minor, or his or her guardian, must have the right to withdraw the funds when contributed. While this may seem like a significant downside, the withdrawal right may be limited to exercise in a thirty-day period. After that period, the withdrawal power can lapse. Further, if the power is exercised, you do not have to make another contribution in subsequent years. Another advantage to the Crummey trust is that you can use one trust for multiple beneficiaries. This can make the Crummey trust much less complicated. Further, it allows you to "pool" money for the use of whomever needs it. For example, if you put \$12,000 in Section 2503(c) trusts for five beneficiaries, the trustees of each beneficiary's trust may only expend up to \$12,000 for that beneficiary's welfare. If you used one Crummey trust for all five beneficiaries, you could gift $5 \times \$12,000 = \$60,000$. If the trustee concluded that one beneficiary needed the entire \$60,000, it could be expended for that one beneficiary.

Clearly, gifting in trust for minors is a powerful, flexible way to get assets to minors and other beneficiaries. A qualified estate planning attorney can help you decide what kind of trust makes sense in your situation.

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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The annual **Friends of the Roden Library book sale** will be held at the library, 6083 N. Northwest Hwy. June 15 and 16, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Check out thousands of books: fiction, non-fiction and children's in paper and hardcover. DVDs, videos, CDs, records, audio cassettes, and specialty magazines are also available. It's the group's biggest fundraiser of the year and supports all the "extras" that are beyond the library budget. For information call (312) 744-1478.



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Bucktown - A Walk-Through (Part I)

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

If you lived in Bucktown or know of Bucktown and read this column through the past months, we've spent some nostalgic moments: The Name Bucktown, the Changing Neighborhood, a Four-block "Community," the great depression, and the building of the Kennedy Expressway. Expressed in the previous articles the life of the Bucktownians was presented in weddings, championships of softball and basketball at Holstein Park, as well as the taverns and funeral parlors. So much more can be said of Bucktown: Then and Now. It would be good to step into some of the homes of the past and into those of today, especially those being sold for a nearmillion of million-plus dollars. But to speak of Bucktown is to speak of the people of Bucktown: then and now. (Perhaps more on this in the future).

Prior to "air-conditioning" and "television" the folks of Bucktown could be seen sitting on porches in front of their homes, at Holstein Park and for the greater part of these people, it was meeting at St. Hedwig Church. Although Sunday and holidays worship were of paramount importance, the parish organizations, the annual parish carnivals, picnics and dances were the source of entertainment. Where have the folks of the 30's and 40's gone? Some, few, still lived in their Bucktown homes! Who are the present inhabitants, from where did they come, and why did Bucktown become of interest? (Perhaps more individual stories could be printed in *Our Village*.) Perhaps we need a Homecoming dinner or party?

It would be too lengthy to go house to house, even to note the new condos and rehabbed buildings. But let's just walk through Bucktown one more time.

Drive off the Kennedy Expressway at Fullerton and drive toward Damen. The railroad had always isolated this corner from Bucktown life. There were a few houses on one short block of Seelye and on Damen. The Seelye street has become factories and garages.

It appeared strange that at Damen and Fullerton the Mid-Town Tennis Courts building was erected. Did anyone think that indoor "tennis courts" would be a successful business? So few of the folks of Bucktown played tennis... but some Bucktown newcomers have purchased memberships in this private club. One could see many cars with suburban stickers pulling into the Mid-Town parking lots.

The profile of the folks of Bucktown has changed dramatically as you may realize the increasing number of "trendy" boutiques and "up-scale" restaurants dotting over Damen Avenue. But north of the highway/railroad there hadn't been even a handful of residents, who were into the Bucktown life. Probably the only family off this area that was active in Bucktown - and especially St. Hedwig Church - was the Moll family. One of the girls of this family entered the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who directed the school from its inception. Sr. Anne had died a few years ago.

The Jefferson Ice House and the making of large cakes of ice was an interest to the young kids of the neighborhood. Benny's Gas Station on the north side of the railroad attracted the young adults (as indicated in a previous article).

In the days before the expressway, one of the social-athletic club as had a "club house" at Damen and Lyndale. (Write us at *Our Village* of any social-athletic clubs, the activities and the members' names).

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Alzheimer's Disease Information	1-800-272-3900	Medicare Claims Part A&B	1-800-633-4227
American Cancer Society	1-800-227-2345	Medicare Equipment Claims	1-800-633-4227
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Nationwide.....	1-800-523-7454	National Institute on Aging	1-800-222-2225
Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD)	1-800-538-0380	National Institutes of Health.....	1-301-496-4000
Chicago Hearing Society	1-773-248-9121	National Kidney Foundation.....	1-312-321-1500
Hearing impaired	1-773-248-9174	National Mental Health Association.....	1-800-969-6642
Circuit Breaker Information.....	1-800-624-2459	National Stroke Association	1-800-787-6537
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Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago	1-312-253-7000	Parkinson's Disease Information (National)	1-800-223-2732
Chicago Mayor's Office.....	1-312-744-3300	Poison Center	1-800-222-1222
Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services	1-312-814-2934	TTY/TDD	1-312-906-6185
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"A Theatre Review"

"The Aisle Seat"

by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The Aisle Seat is a new column in the "Our Village Publication" which is separate from my theatre reviews. We hope to keep readers informed as to theatres, artists and other important topics connected with the theatre. This is not meant to be a gossip column.

The Joseph Jefferson Awards committee will have its awards ceremony which is celebrating its 34th year at the Park West on Monday June 11th at 322 West Armitage Ave. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with a light supper at 6:30 and the presentation at 7:30. There is a cash bar. Tickets in advance are \$30.00 and \$35.00 at the door and is open to the general public. Those interested can obtain more information by contacting www.jeffawards.org.

The citations are given to the non-equity theatres in the Chicago area and Timeline Theatre and House Theatre lead the nominees and the new Bohemian Theatre has nine nominations.

This year the candidates for "best play" are "Angels in America" - Part Two: Perestroika "Blues for an Alabama Sky," "Equus," "Gaudy Nights," and "The Sparrow." Musical or Review: "Fiorello," "Side by Side by Sondheim," "Side Show," and "Tick, Tick Boom!"

New Work: "The Sparrow," "In Times of War," "Hatfield and McCoy," and "One Fine Day." Director Play: Nathan Allen: "The Sparrow," Steven Fedoruk for "Blues for an Alabama Sky." Sean Graney for "Mud," Joe Jahraus for "Fat Pig," Dorothy Milne for "Gaudy Night: and Steve Scott for "Boy Gets Girl."

Director Musical: Fred Anzevino for "Side by Side by Sondheim," Nick Bowling for "Fiorello," Alesa Duncan for "Tick, Tick Boom!," Stephen M. Genovese for "Side Show" and David Zak for "My Favorite Year."

Actor Play: Peter Oylor for "Equus," Darrell W. Cox for "Fat Pig," Brian Perry for "Equus," Erez Shek for "Stand-up Tragedy" and Andre Teamer for "Pantomime."

Actress Play: Jenifer Tyler for "Gaudy Night," Michelle Courvais for "Boy Gets Girl," Carolyn Defrin for "The Sparrow," Deborah Hearst for "Fat Pig" and Tar Lar for "Blues for an Alabama Sky."

Actor Musical: Scott Gryder for "Thrill Me: The Leopold and Loeb Story," Michael Ingersoll who is now touring with the road company of "Jersey Boys" for his role in "Tick, Tick Boom!" another bright new star is Michael Mahler for "My Favorite Year" and "Sweet Smell of Success" and Kevin Mayes in "My Favorite Year."

These are only a partial list of the nominees in twenty-six categories out of 109 nominations from a total of twenty-five producing entities. The evening will be a gala affair and I've been attending it for over twenty years. Memorable for me was when I was asked some fifteen years ago to present for "Best Ensemble" as it gave me the opportunity to show my support of what the "Joseph Jefferson Awards Committee" does for Chicago non-equity theaters and my support of the theatre community.

My best to "The House Theatre," "Timeline," "Pegasus," "Eclipse," "Bailiwick," "Circle," "Bohemian," "Actors Workshop," "Profiles," "Stage left," and all the other non-equity theatres. More on who won in a future issue.

The Illinois Theatre center, under the direction of Etel Billig has announced its 2007-2008 season that opens on September 28th with "The Championship Season" to be followed by "The Lady From Havana," "Collected Stories," "Neat," "Suddenly Last Summer," their two musicals for the season are "Triumph of Love," and "See what I Wanna See." Individual tickets are \$18.00 - \$21.00. Season tickets for all seven shows are \$105.00 - \$110.00 with students and seniors getting a \$5.00 discount. To subscribe call 708-481-3510. The theatre is located in Park Forest.

"Betrayal"

Steppenwolf Upstairs Theatre

1650 N. Halsted St.

Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Harold Pinter's "Betrayal" may not be a play for everyone's taste but Steppenwolf Theatre's production which runs 70 minutes and is directed by Rick Synder is worth seeing.

Pinter is not one of my favorite playwrights nor is Sam Shepard but if the material is well directed and acted as a critic I won't discourage theatergoers from seeing one of these productions.

While the book is stimulating and challenging and offers a lot of food for thought one might come out of the theatre not caring anything about its characters.

Tracy Letts, Amy Morton and Ian Barford all give award winning performances. Emma played by Morton, is married to a successful publisher Robert played by Tracy Lets. Emma owns her own art gallery and is a devoted reader of books but has been having a seven year affair with Jerry played by Ian Barford who is a literary agent and Robert's best friend. Jerry is married to a doctor. Emma and Jerry share an apartment in a less than great neighborhood to have their afternoon romps.

The show opens in 1977 where Emma meets Jerry at a bar about two years after their affair has ended. Emma tells Jerry that she and Robert are getting a divorce.

The scenes we see are the end of the affair, the vacation in Venice when Emma's husband confronts her about the affair and the other brief scenes continue throughout the running time of the show.

I'm sure that even today there are couples that struggle through the same problems only today many couples live together but not marriage is involved.

While "Betrayal" is an intellectual exercise it is also very emotional. It's a stirring evening of well acted and directed theatre and if you love good theatre even if the subject matter might not be your cup of tea I urge you to take in this productions.

"Betrayal" runs through May 27th. Performances are Tuesday through Friday with two performances on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$20.00 to \$65.00. For show times, parking and reservations call 312-335-1650.

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Whether you're a novice investor or you've been following the market for years, one thing you know is true: the market is constantly changing. The never-ending ups and downs can make it hard to determine when would be a good time to buy. Fortunately, there is an investment strategy that can help compensate for swings in the market and make the decision a little less troublesome for you.

A widely recognized investment strategy known as dollar cost averaging offers a systematic approach to investing. By following this plan, you invest a specific dollar amount at set times, regardless of where the market may be at the time. One of the advantages of this strategy is that it can be applied to a wide variety of investment vehicles.

As you know, the market price of an investment fluctuates. By using dollar cost averaging, you can buy more shares when the price is low, but you buy fewer shares when the price is high. While that seems fairly elementary, the interesting thing is that by spreading out your investment dollars this way, the average cost you pay per share can actually end up being lower than the average price per share over an extended period. The following example illustrates how this can happen.

Let's say you decide to invest \$500 a month in a certain investment on the first of the month, and monitor that plan over a five-month period in the market. For illustrative purposes, we'll say the market prices at the beginning of each of those months are \$10, \$8, \$6, \$5, and \$8. Your steady \$500 investments would buy you 50 shares the first month, 62 the next, and then 83, 100, and 62 again in the subsequent months.

By the end of that five-month period, your total investment of \$2,500 will have bought you a total of 357 shares. That amounts to an average cost per share of \$7. However, if you take those five prices on your purchase date and divide, the average price per share over that same time period was \$7.40. While a mere forty cents per share may not seem like a big difference, your \$2,500 investment would only purchase 337 shares at the average price – a full 20 shares short of what you have accumulated through dollar cost averaging.*

The key to this long-term investment strategy can be summed up in just one word — constant. You need to remember that you could still lose money if the investment you purchase declines in value, so dollar cost averaging is not a guarantee of profit. However, it can keep you from investing all of your money at one time, perhaps at a higher price. To follow this strategy, you need to consider your ability – both financial and emotional – to stick with the program in both rising and falling markets.

Dollar cost averaging helps take the guesswork out of trying to time your investments, allowing you to focus on asset accumulation. As an additional benefit, because you buy more shares when the market is down, you'll be in a better position for potential gains if the market rebounds.

To find out whether this strategy would be appropriate, you need to evaluate your individual situation and your investment objectives. You may find, however, that this is just the right kind of plan to keep you on track and working toward your goals.

* This example is for illustrative purposes only and does not reflect the performance of any particular investment. This article was provided by Vimal M. Prajapati, AAMS, Financial Consultant, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., Member SIPC., 5215 Old Orchard Road Suite 960, Skokie, IL 60077, 847-967-8505

New Burglary Technique Classified as Felony

Springfield, IL ... As a way to keep up with new burglary techniques, State Representative Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago) had a bill pass this week that makes it a felony to possess a particular type of key used to break locks.

"According to the National Crime Prevention Council nearly two thirds of all break-ins occur with no sign of forced entry. Naturally some of these break-ins may be the result of an unlocked door, however experts say that lock bumping is often the case," McAuliffe said.

House Bill 2859 makes it a Class 4 felony to possess a key used for "lock bumping." A Class 4 felony carries one to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The bill unanimously passed the House on May 1 and awaits a vote from the Senate.

Rep. McAuliffe said lock bumping is a lock picking technique with a specially-crafted key used to open various kinds of locks including a pin tumbler lock.

"After speaking with a police officer in the district about this new burglary technique, I decided it is equally as dangerous as other tools used to break into homes, vehicles and other private property," McAuliffe said.

The current law states that a person commits the offense of possession of burglary tools when he possesses any key, tool, instrument, device or any explosive that could be used to break into a home, building, vehicle, etc. The person must also have the intent to enter the place and steal items.

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By Bosley

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A few weeks ago, the day started normal. We got to go to work with our human. She left somewhat suddenly and things didn't seem right. Later that evening my human uncle picked me up. I thought I was going for a play date with my doggy cousin. Instead we pulled up on the street where puppy paradise is. Yes, I know the street. We all know streets and where we are going, why don't humans find this so hard to believe? Anyway, I was very excited, but when I entered the house something was wrong. My human and everyone else seemed sad. They where all happy to see me and I greeted everyone eagerly. Then I realized that Adam wasn't in his usual chair. Something was wrong.

Humans don't understand that we pooches feel loss just as much as they do. Why wouldn't we? Adam was one of my favorite people; I will not see him again until we meet again at the Rainbow Bridge. This concept is hard for our humans to chew on. They are feeling their own sadness and hurt. They don't see that we too our hurting. I was very sad to know that I would not see my friend again. Then I started to remember all those great furry and human friends that are no longer with us, and became even sadder. At some point, my human called me over. She whispered to me that I was needed to be the wonderful dog that I am. She told me that I needed to help Cheryl and Auntie Jen. I really didn't need to be told that, it is what us canines do best! We take care of our humans more then they realize!

At times like these it is important to remember that we will see our friends again. And that it is ok to fell sad, we have that right just like our humans. Our job of man's best friend becomes even more important. Our humans need us even more during these times. Give them extra hugs, kisses, and do all the great tricks you know! Cheryl called me her furry angel, she is right. We dogs are angels whose job it is to make humans feel the unconditional love of God. We are a daily gift for them, but during times of sadness we are needed even more.

I know this is a sad topic, but humans and us need to know that it is ok to be sad when we loose a friend, either human or canine (or feline). Plus, I wanted to remember my friend Adam. You may be gone, but never forgotten, and one day I will see you again at the Rainbow Bridge.

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They all run and play together, but the day come when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body begins to quiver. Suddenly, he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

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Author Unknown

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The Incredible Edible Egg...plant?

That's right, eggplant. What is an eggplant? I couldn't even phathom such a question. However, for the sake of argument, let's assume you've never seen, heard of, or tasted an eggplant.

An eggplant is a vegetable that comes from a plant bearing the same name. It comes in various shapes, colors, and sizes. Traditionally, though, it is a large, pendulous, glossy, purple vegetable. Inside is white and fleshy and contains seeds.

The name "eggplant" came about because the fruits of some 18th century European cultivars were yellow or white, and resembled goose or hen's eggs. Naturally eggplants are low in energy, protein, and vitamin C, but rich in potassium and calcium.

Eggplants are used in cuisine from Japan to Spain. I, however, can only give you an Italian's perspective. If you're interested in the other cuisines, you'll have to research it yourself!

Here, at Rex Italian Foods, we prepare eggplant in several ways. First off, breaded. We peel the eggplant, slice it (on the thicker side), dip it in flour, then egg, then seasoned breadcrumbs, then fry it. We sell that as "breaded eggplant". We also take that "breaded eggplant", put it on a sub sandwich, add marinara sauce and provolone cheese, and "Voila!", "eggplant parmesan sandwich". We also take "breaded eggplant", layer it with marinara sauce and mozzarella cheese. Keep layering until you fill the pan and you have "eggplant parmesan". We bake that and sell it by the slice.

We also make "eggplant rolls". Its the result of taking an eggplant, leaving the skin on, slicing it lengthwise (on the thin side), pan frying the slices, then rolling up a filling in the slice. Ours are filled with spinach and ricotta, or, roasted peppers and provolone.

Although I can't get into all the particulars, we also offer "marinated (or pickled) eggplant", "sicilian eggplant", "eggplant salad", and "caponata", which is an eggplant appetizer.

We hope you'll stop by and enjoy this incredible, and very much so, edible vegetable!

A Presto, Anthony Pinello, Rex Italian Foods, Inc., Co-Owner



Grow Great Geraniums!

First of all, use a potting soil that drains well so roots don't rot from over watering.

They should be exposed to direct sunlight when daytime temperatures are in the mid-80's or below. In really hot weather move the plants where they'll get afternoon shade.

Fertilize frequently with liquid fertilizer, or blend time-release fertilizer into your potting soil because geraniums are heavy feeders.

TWO IMPORTANT DONT'S:

Don't hang baskets under overhangs; they won't get enough light.

Don't use rocks or other filters in the bottom of the pot because this reduces the amount of space available for the root system.

Marlene Kroll, Norwood Park Garden Club

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect ... it means you decide to see beyond the imperfections.

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Village Cooking Corner

California Walnut Bread

3 C sifted all purpose flour	1 1/2 C chopped walnuts, divided
1 C granulated sugar	1 egg beaten
4 tsps. Baking powder	1 1/2 C milk
1 1/2 tsps. Salt	1 tsp. vanilla

Resift flour with sugar, baking powder, and salt into mixing bowl. Stir in 1 1/4 C of the walnuts. Add egg, shortening, milk, and vanilla. Mix just until ingredients are blended. Turn into greased and floured loaf pan, 9 x 5 x inches. Sprinkle remaining 1/4 C walnuts over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 to 70 minutes. Let loaf stand in pan 10 minutes, then turn out onto wire rack to cool. Makes 1 large loaf.

From the kitchen of Flo Foster

Container Gardening

By Nick Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses

Even if you live in a condo and only have a confined space like a balcony or a small deck, you can still experience a bit of nature with a container garden. A container garden is a collection of plants grown in a container or planter.

Whether you choose to buy a container which is already planted, or you decide to plant your own, there are a few things to remember.

First, realize that the size of the container will impact how frequently you will have to water. There is an old saying that "container gardening is container watering" implying that in a container, unlike the soil in the ground, you must supply all the water. I think larger containers are easier to care for over a long season.

Second, determine how much sun and shade your area has. This is very important because it will impact how your plants perform. If you put a sun loving plant in the shade it will not bloom as well as it should. Conversely shade loving plants may not be able to take the heat generated by the sun, and will struggle to live. You must determine the level of light over the course of a whole day from sun-up to sun down. With the information you will be able to select the right plants for your space.

Third, try to come up with a theme for your container. Your theme could be simple, symmetrical and elegant with a combination of something like geraniums and petunias or it could be more sophisticated with an asymmetrical blend of many different plants. Many people are copying the natural look best demonstrated by the public planters seen around the City of Chicago. On higher balconies, I would limit the use of really tall plants as one must consider the effect of the wind.

Fourth, you must maintain the planter. Any spent blooms should be discarded along with yellow leaves. Water the container when you see wilt in the plants or when the soil mix feels dry to the touch. Observe the weather - hot windy periods will always require more watering than rainy cooler periods.

The easiest way to keep your planter looking good is to fertilize the plants every two weeks with a well balance fertilize. There are many brands to choose from and they all get the job done. Follow the directions - don't fall in the trap of thinking if it says 1 scoop per gallon, then I'll really make my planter beautiful by using 2 scoops. This is wrong because too much fertilizer could make your planter perform as poorly as neglecting it would.

Fifth, enjoy your little slice of nature both visually and sensually with the various fragrances the plants give off.

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