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## Remembering September 11, 2001

On a peaceful, clear day, in a matter of minutes, our Country was changed forever, hit in a suicidal mission, killing thousands and bringing havoc and devastation to our shores that had never been seen before.

When called upon, Americans always pull together. Life has changed in many ways since that sneak attack, not only for us, but for future generations.

The determination of the American people is what makes us strong. Others may try to take us down, but they will not succeed. They will find out quickly that they have only awakened a sleeping giant.



The Pentagon September 12, 2001

### Patriots' Day

September 11th is also Patriots' Day, a time reserved to remember all of the patriots, past and present, who have fought and who continue to fight so that our freedom remains intact and that, even with the problems we face, we continue to preserve the greatest country in the world.

The Editor

## 89th GERMAN-AMERICAN FEST AND STEUBEN PARADE (See Pages 5-7)

### Indian Land Dancing Mosaic

Alderman Toni Preckwinkle had the honor of joining Mayor Richard M. Daley and 48th Ward Alderman Mary Ann Smith at the dedication ceremony of "Indian Land Dancing," a 3,400 square foot bricolage located on the walls of the Foster Avenue underpass of Lake Shore Drive.

The work is Chicago's largest direct-application mosaic and the only piece of public art in the City that was designed by Native Americans. Hundreds of ceramic and mirror tiles, paintings and photographs created the images now on display at the Foster underpass.

"First of all, as a former history teacher, it is always a pleasure to celebrate history, especially that of Native Americans in Chicago. The work is absolutely beautiful. Mayor Daley, Alderman Smith, Chicago Public Art Group and Alternative Inc. should all be commended for facilitating the transformation of public space into sacred space," said Alderman Preckwinkle at the dedication.

The mural was part of a Summer Initiative Apprenticeship program, developed by Alternatives Inc. through funding in part by After School Matters. In addition to 30 teen apprentices, Chicago Public Art Group artists Tracy Van Duinen, Todd Osborne and Cynthia Weiss worked with native artists from several tribes and representatives of Chicago-area Indian organizations to develop the themes and images used in the work.

### Irving Park YMCA's Olympics Camp

This week at the Irving Park YMCA, children have been learning about the importance of physical fitness and exercise in a special Olympics-themed summer day camp program. The campers, ages six through fifteen, spent their week with camp counselors and YMCA Fitness Director Kathy Karnuth learning about the Olympics and the many ways in which they can all stay physically fit. The week was also filled with many Olympic-style activities and games.

The children ended their week of camp with a special outing to Caldwell Woods at the Forest Preserve District of Cook County where they hosted their own Olympic competition. One hundred fifty kids participated in various games, including balloon 'n' rings, arm wrestling, shot put, an obstacle course, a three-legged race, a 100-meter relay, jump the creek, Olympic trivia and bozo buckets.

"We wanted to teach the children that staying physically fit is not only important to a healthy lifestyle, but that it can also be tons fun," said Jamie Hamilton, child care director at the Irving Park YMCA. "What better way is there to do that, than by joining in the spirit of the Olympic Games and the enthusiasm of Chicago's 2016 Olympic bid."

## Oktoberfest 2009

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# OUR LADY OF THE RESURRECTION MEDICAL CENTER AND ALDERMAN TOM ALLEN CO-SPONSOR "10th ANNIVERSARY" 5K RUN/WALK

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center and 38th Ward Alderman Tom Allen are co-sponsoring the 10th Annual Fall into Fitness 5K Run/Walk in Portage Park on Sunday, September 27, 2009. Proceeds from the event will go toward providing health care for the indigent who are treated at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center.

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Long and Belle Plaine (near Irving Park Road and Central Avenue) and will follow a route through the 38th Ward neighborhood. The race will conclude in Portage Park and will be followed by a ceremony with awards presented to the top finishers.

"We are pleased to present the Fall into Fitness 5K Run/Walk with Alderman Allen for the tenth year and we look forward to having our neighbors join us for this fun event knowing that their participation is helping to care for those who are less fortunate," said Ivette Estrada, Chief Executive Officer, Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center. Alderman Tom Allen added, "Here in the 38th Ward we like to see our community coming together to participate in this event and our neighbors have been doing just that all these many years. I hope more will come out to celebrate this tenth anniversary as the 5K is a great opportunity to enjoy our beautiful park while contributing to a good cause."

Community sponsors for this year's event include Boston Scientific, Chicago Weight Loss Institute, DEV Medical Associates, S.C., Karin Fiedler, M.D., David L. Fishman, M.D., Fleet Feet Sports, Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, and Rehabilitation Associates of the Midwest.

Registration is required to participate in the Fall into Fitness 5K Run/Walk. Registration forms and additional information are available by calling toll-free 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636) or going online to [olr.reshealth.org/5krun](http://olr.reshealth.org/5krun).

Pre-registration fees range from \$8 for youth and seniors and \$15 for adults to \$35 for families up to five members. Race day registration fees will be slightly higher. Special tenth anniversary gifts are included in the registration fee, including: a long-sleeve, 100 percent cotton T-shirt; large, sporty slingpack with zippered interior; traveling time and temperature clock with alarm and calendar functions; and commemorative pen. Pre-registration is available in the hospital's Cashier's Office through Friday, September 25.



On Saturday, September 26, pre-registration and packet pick-up will be available in the hospital's Outpatient Center from 9 a.m. until noon. Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center is located at 5645 West Addison, Chicago. Free parking is available in the Outpatient Parking Lot.

Race day festivities include music by Delta Disc Jockeys and product sampling for participants courtesy of Eli's Cheesecake, Frito-Lay/Pepsico, Gonnella Baking Company, Nestle, Specials Produce, Inc., and U.S. Foodservice. Inlander Brothers and Gojo, providers of paper products and hand sanitizers, respectively, are additional sponsors.

## Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers September Health Programs



For All of You, All of Your Life

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, will offer the following health events in September.

The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, September 1, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the second floor Community Education Room. These free sessions are tailored for adults who have Type 2 diabetes and focus on the emotional side of diabetes, allowing participants to share coping strategies, feelings and problems in living with diabetes. For further information about the Diabetes Support Group, call certified diabetes educator Kathy Byrne-Bellavia, R.N., at 773-794-8329.



## Craft Sale at Wright on September 13

Dozens of crafters and other vendors will display their unique wares at the Wright College Craft Fair, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave., on Sunday, Sept. 13.

The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Refreshments will be available. This year marks the 42nd annual craft fair at Wright. For more information, call (773) 481-8914.

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- Worship Service with Communion and Installation of Rev. Todd Roberts at 10:45 AM
- Sunday School Rally Day Kick-Off at 9:30 AM
- Church Picnic at 1:00 PM

Dunk Tank, Face Painting, Music, Games, Cook-Out Food & Buffet

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## CRUISE VACATION LIFESTYLE

Welcome to the new addition to this publication. We hope to provide to readers a very interesting format offering a vacation life style that is unparalleled for value and unique experience. We will provide information pertinent to the seasoned, well-travelled clientele as well as the first-time cruiser.

Cruising as a vacation choice offers more value for the money than a land based vacation. Compare what you would pay for air or ground transportation and then your lodging costs, meals that are not included, entertainment that may or may not be included, and visiting two or more destinations. The latter being one of packing and unpacking and transfer costs. However on a typical 7 night cruise vacation to the Caribbean, Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, the Mediterranean or Northern Europe, you would pay for your air fare and cruise stateroom, pack and unpack departing from home to cruise ship and vice-versa, visit two or more destinations, and not have to transfer to another airport, bus or rail mode of transport. Everything is included in your cruise price.

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So start making plans now for that Fall or Winter vacation to a sun-drenched . fun-filled, relaxing, experience. We have many specials coming up soon as we are registered with all of the major cruise lines of the world, you can begin your search at our website, [www.cruisnow.com](http://www.cruisnow.com) to see what the latest specials are.

Also in our next cruise update, we will introduce you to a new mega-cruise ship that will launch in June of 2010, and we have blocked cabin space on it for December 2010. So be on the look-out for the next Cruise Vacation Lifestyle update.

By James Carter

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## Polish Genealogical Society to Hold Conference

The Polish Genealogical Society of America (PGSA) will hold its 31st annual conference September 18-19, 2009, at the Marriott Schaumburg, 50 N. Martingale Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

Entitled "Unraveling the Mysteries," the conference features many well-known genealogical experts.

Don Litzer, former librarian at the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, will speak on the mysteries of PERSI and resources at the Allen County Library.

Kahlile Mehr, Head of the Slavic/Eastern Collection at the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City, will bring attendees up-to-date on the on-line databases of the Polish State Archives, East European internet sites and Polish online maps.

Dr. Michael J. Mikos, professor of foreign languages and linguistics at University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, will lecture on visiting Poland and explain more about the partitions of Poland.

Cynthia Piech, board member and treasurer of the PGSA, will talk on folk costumes of various regions of Poland.

Craig Pfannkuche, president of Memory Trail Research, Inc. and genealogical archivist at the Chicago and Northwestern Historical Society, will explain what's new with Cook County Records, how to research "bad guys" in your family tree and doing family history research in cemeteries.

Juliana Szucs Smith, editor of Ancestry.com newsletters, will present a case study.

Loretto Szucs, executive editor and vice president of community relations of Ancestry Magazine at Ancestry.com, will lecture on how to jump-start a family history project, how to find naturalization records and how to explore hidden sources for finding family stories.

Non-PGSA members are welcome.

Registrations can be made online at [www.pgsa.org](http://www.pgsa.org) or download the brochure and mail it in. To do this, click on "PGSA's 2009 Conference Brochure Now Available" and then click on "Download the conference brochure." The pre-registration price is \$100 for PGSA members and \$110 for non-members. Prices at the door increase by \$10.

The website also provides detailed information about individual sessions.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Marriott Schaumburg at a special rate of \$89. Call 1 (847) 240-0100 to make reservations.

## Metropolitan Planning Council

### "What Makes Your Place Great?"

I'm pleased to share with you that several communities in your coverage area answered Metropolitan Planning Council's call for photos and videos of their favorite public places, and became finalists in our "What Makes Your Place Great?" contest. Now through Sept. 14, it's time to vote for the winners. The complete list of finalists is below, but I'm 99 percent sure these five are located within your two zones:

Indian Boundary Park, West Ridge

2227 North Monticello Avenue, a community garden, Logan Square

Drake Garden, Albany Park

New Wave Coffee, Logan Square

Waters School and Community Garden, Lincoln Square

The finalists' photos and videos are all available on our Web site, [Place-makingChicago.com](http://Place-makingChicago.com). We also developed a Google map of all of the places that entered, to serve as a guide for voters and as a fun resource for people "stay-cationing" this year.

## McAuliffe Invites Residents to Voice Opinion

State Representative Michael McAuliffe (R-Chicago) invites residents to visit a new website allowing residents to submit ideas on how to reform state government.

The website, [www.ReinventIllinois.com](http://www.ReinventIllinois.com), is an effort by McAuliffe and the House Republicans to reform state priorities and promote fiscal responsibility. To join the ongoing budget discussions to reform Illinois, please visit [www.reinventillinois.com](http://www.reinventillinois.com) and register for a free login to submit your ideas.

For more information, contact Rep. McAuliffe's office at (773) 792-0749.

## ATTENTION

### U. S. Military Veterans

American Legion Edison Park Post #541 is having a meeting on Thursday Sept. 10th starting at 7:30 PM at the Edison Park Field House located at 6755 Northwest Hwy. (just west of Harlem Ave.) Chicago.

We are a medium size active post. Feel free to stop by and sit in at our meeting. You just might find that our post is for you.

For additional information please contact:

Post Commander Gerald Skotzko at 773-693-3448

Senior Vice Commander Robert Fuggiti at 773-736-8738

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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## Neighborhood Farmers' Markets

### Norwood Park

Chicago's Farmers Markets bring more than 70 vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers to over 20 neighborhoods throughout the City of Chicago.

Dates: May 30: Jun 27: Jul 25: Aug 29 Hours: 8 am - 12 pm

Location: Century 21 McMullen Parking Lot, 6400 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL 60631 Admission: FREE

Website: For additional information please visit, [www.norwoodpark.org](http://www.norwoodpark.org)

### Logan Square

Chicago's Farmers Markets bring more than 70 vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers to over 20 neighborhoods throughout the City of Chicago.

Dates: Weekly: Every Sunday

From: Jun 7, 2009 to Oct 25, 2009 Hours: Sundays, 10 am - 3 pm

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### Independence Park

Chicago's Farmers Markets bring more than 70 vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers to over 20 neighborhoods throughout the City of Chicago.

Dates: Jun 14: Jun 28: Jul 12: Jul 26: Aug 9; Aug 23: Sep 13: Sep 27: Oct 11 Hours: 9 am - 1 pm

Location: South side of Irving Park btwn. Springfield and Hamlin, W. Irving Park Rd. & Springfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60631 Admission: FREE

Website: For additional information please visit, [www.independence-park.com](http://www.independence-park.com)

### Lincoln Square

Chicago's Farmers Markets bring more than 70 vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers to over 20 neighborhoods throughout the City of Chicago.

Dates: Every Tuesday From: Jun 9, 2009 to Oct 27, 2009

Hours: 7 am - 2 pm

Location: City Parking Lot adjacent to Brown Line Station, 4700 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60625 Admission: FREE

Website: For additional information please visit, [www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us](http://www.chicagofarmersmarkets.us)

### Lincolnwood

Lincolnwood's 3rd Annual Farmers Market will run every Thursday through August 20th, between the hours of 8 am - 1 pm, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 4707 W. Pratt Avenue. This location was chosen because of its visibility from Pratt Avenue, accessibility of parking, and neighborhood location. The goal of the Lincolnwood Farmers Market is to offer an event that brings residents and the business community together, while offering the opportunity for individuals living and working in Lincolnwood to buy fresh produce and natural products. Our vendors will set up displays that may include fruits, vegetables, bread, pastries, cheese, flowers, honey, and more.

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## Canoe Fund Raiser For Clark Park

Come out for an evening of paddling in the quiet moonlight; enjoy the finest natural scenery and wildlife of the North Branch of the Chicago River. A riverine tour will be given by Ryan Chew of Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, followed by a delicious catered dinner by SemiRamis. (Rain or Shine - If weather is unsafe for canoeing, dinner will be held in the historic main hall of Revere Park - 2509 W. Irving Prk).



What: Moonlight canoe on the North Branch, includes all canoe equipment and catered dinner.

When: Sunday September 13th, 5:30pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Richard Clark Park- Rockwell and Roscoe (2600 W/3400 N)

Cost: \$50 per person payable to: Clark Park Advisory Council/Friends of the Parks, Attn: William Donahue, 2334 W Melrose, Chicago, IL 60618

\*\*Please RSVP your attendance, BY Aug 24th, via e-mail to

Donah150@aol.com and mail your payment to the address provided above.

Sponsored by: Clark Park Advisory Council, Chicago River Canoe and Kayak, Chicago Park District, Roscoe Village Neighbors, REI, INC., CAMbr West, Friends of the Parks, DeVry University, Friends of The Chicago River, and Ald Eugene Schuller

## Urban Wildlife Coalition: Coexisting with Urban Wildlife

Surrounded by tall buildings, cropped lawns, minivans, and cell phone towers, it's easy to forget we humans are just one small segment of a larger ecosystem - one that supports wondrous varieties of flora and fauna. Our urban environment seems dominated by homo sapiens, but it's important to remember that we are deeply connected to all those that live in our community - maples, oaks, and aspen; raccoons, squirrels, and robins - and to be respectful neighbors. Inevitably, conflicts will arise, but far too often our human-led "solutions" to problems with urban plants and animals result in unanticipated, long-term, far-reaching repercussions, disruptions that can be catastrophic to nature's balance.

Those of us fortunate enough to live near tranquil natural areas find sanctuary just steps from our front door and the privilege to reconnect with the "wild" world, while enjoying the perks of urban living. Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured city wildlife and to suggest ways we can live in harmony with the non-human living things that also call Chicagoland home.

*A few guidelines to living peacefully with our "wild" neighbors:*

Realize they are a lot like us. Deer eating your plants? Raccoon trapped in your attic? It's easy to think of these animals as "pests," critters bent on annoying us, when really, they are very much like us, motivated by hunger and thirst and the desire to shelter and protect their families.

Determine what is truly a threat or problem. Seeing more deer, coyotes, or bats in our neighborhood is not cause for alarm. Like human populations, animal populations ebb and flow. Moreover, as we continue to destroy natural animal habitats, it is no surprise that those creatures most able to adapt will venture into our backyards, even our homes, to find food and shelter. Take time to find out... how likely is it really that an urban animal is dangerous? In the greater scheme, how serious is a little garden damage?

Consider humane, non-lethal action first. If we believe humans are more intelligent than other animals, then let's act that way. When presented with a wildlife problem or conflict, let us avoid shooting first and asking questions later. Generally, the humane solution is easy and more effective over time. Learn how to prevent, deter, or remove unwanted guests without inflicting unnecessary pain or anguish. These are living beings that happen to share our community, not enemies that need to be eliminated.

Look to future issues of *Our Village* for information and resources, tips for enjoying urban wildlife, while staying safe and mindful. For more information, visit [www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org](http://www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org). Have a wildlife question or problem? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at [urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com).

State Representative

**Michael McAuliffe**, 20th District  
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**September  
 11th, 12th and  
 13th, 2009  
 Lincoln, Leland &  
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**Join us for the Parade  
 2:00 pm Saturday,  
 September 12  
 Lincoln Ave**  
 From Irving Park Road  
 North to Eastwood – West to  
 Western – North to  
 Lawrence

**German American Fest Schedule of Events, Sept. 11th thru 13th, 2009**

**Friday September 11th**

7:00 pm Opening Ceremonies

**Saturday September 12th**

12:00 pm Festival Grounds Opening  
 2:00 pm Parade – Lincoln Ave.  
 North from Irving to Eastwood  
 Eastwood to Western  
 North to Lawrence  
 3:00 Vereinigte Choere von Chicago  
 3:15 Deutsch Americanisher Kinderchor  
 3:30 Schuhplattler Verein Edelweis  
 3:45 Holzhacker Baum von Chicago  
 4:00 Rheinischer Verein von Chicago  
 S.T. Prinz Bobby 1  
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**Sunday September 13th**

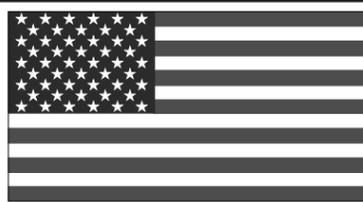
11:00 am Sunday Mass at the Festival  
 12:00 Festival Grounds Open  
 Musik im Zelt  
 2:00 Begrüßungsworte  
 2:15 Deutsch Americanisher Kinderchor  
 2:30 American Aid Society Kindergruppe  
 2:45 American Aid Society Jugendgruppe  
 3:00 Donauschwaben Kindergruppe  
 3:15 Donauschwaben Jugendgruppe  
 3:30 Donauschwaben Volkstanzgruppe  
 4:45 Egerlaender Volkstanzgruppe  
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*The German Day Association would like to thank the following for their sponsorship and support. United German American Societies of Greater Chicago, Alderman Gene Schuller, 47th Ward, Mayor Richard M. Daley, City of Chicago and the cooperation of Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce*

**National German Day  
 Celebration**  
**October 4, 2009 2:30 pm**  
**Saint Benedict Church**  
**2215 W. Irving Park Road**  
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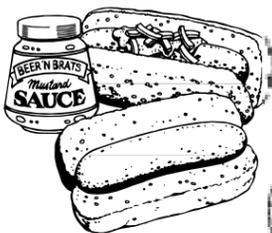







# German-American Fest

## September 11-12-13, 2009





**ADMISSION IS FREE**

Friday - 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm  
 7:00 pm Official Opening Ceremony  
 Saturday - Noon to 11:00 pm  
 Sunday - Noon to 10:00 pm  
**11:00 am German Mass and Service**

**German Commemoration Day**  
 Sunday October 4th at 2:30 pm  
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The DANK-Haus in historic Lincoln Square will present “Lost German Chicago” in its newly created museum space. The exhibition features art, artifacts and memorabilia from within Chicago’s German American community. The items record what has been lost in the Chicago German community while archiving and preserving that which has been entrusted to DANK. Highlights include: exquisite wood carvings dedicated by the Germania Club by the Oscar Mayer family, relics from the Deutsches Haus at the Columbian Exposition, Hessen Verein standards, items from dozens of restaurants including the original Red Star Inn, Schulien’s Math Iglers Casino, the Golden Ox, memories of St. Boniface Church, Deli Meyer, FC Hansa, the Schiller Liedertafel, Schoenhofen Brewery, Lincoln Park Turner Hall and many more.

The exhibition opens on Friday, October 2 and runs through October 2011. The public is invited to Opening Night, Friday October 2, 2009 at 7:30 pm, group entry every 30 minutes until 11:30 pm. Free and open to the public.



World War Veterans - Pictured are club members of the Verein Deutscher Weltkriegs Veteranen des Chicago, a fraternal men’s veterans organization. They are posed with their silver standard, first brought to Chicago for the World’s Columbian Exposition in 1893.



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# GERMAN-AMERICAN FEST

## German-American Business Community Welcomes New German Consul General Onno Hückmann in Chicago

More than 100 members of the German-American business community, several members of the Chicago Consular Corps and representatives of the Office of the Mayor of the City of Chicago welcomed the new German Consul General, Mr. Onno Hückmann, at a reception organized in close cooperation with the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest (GACCoM). The event was hosted by Deputy Consul General Roland Herrmann and took place at the premises of Drinker, Biddle and Reath LLP.

Consul General Onno Hückmann took up his duties in Chicago on August 3, 2009 after completing a one-year tenure as Harvard Fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge.

For decades, the German Consulate General in Chicago and the German-American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest have enjoyed close ties. GACCoM, founded in 1963, is an integral part of the network of German Chambers of Commerce Abroad (AHKs) with 120 offices in 80 countries around the globe. Its continuing mission is to further, promote and assist in the expansion of bilateral trade and investment between Germany and the United States, especially the Midwest.

## German-American Kinderchor and Jugendchor

The German-American Kinderchor and Jugendchor choruses, will resume practice on Saturday, September 19th at St. John's Lutheran Church, 4939 W. Montrose Ave., Chicago.

Kinderchor members (ages 4-13) will be starting at 9:30 am to 11am. The Jugendchor (ages 13-18) will practice from 11am until Noon.

For further information go to our website at, [www.gakinderchor.org](http://www.gakinderchor.org).

## Scharpenberg Gallery to Present German-American Histories

The Scharpenberg Gallery in Lincoln Square's DANK-Haus will present the first installation of "The Legacy Project." Opening on Friday, October 2, the exhibition features photographic portraits and transcribed oral histories of 10 German-born, senior DANK members in the community. "The Legacy Project" showcases the commonality of individual struggles and triumphs of immigrants to the United States through various applications of technology. The project utilizes generational cooperation for preservation of oral and visual history. "The Legacy Project" runs through XX. By revisiting the project as a yearly installation, DANK members plan to preserve and maintain living oral history within the museum archives.

Members of DANK Chicago's Fine Arts Committee created the multimedia "Legacy Project" using photography, printed material and XX. Committee members include Scott Will, Susan Barton Heinen, Ed Ott, Mui Baltrunas, Charlotta Koppányi and Lothar Speer.

"The Legacy Project" is connected with the Ravenswood Art Walk and "Chicago Artists Month 2.0", a citywide event coordinated by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs. The 2.0 theme refers to the concepts of interactivity and connectivity associated with Web 2.0, and highlights the ways in which artists interact with their audiences, interface with other artists and use technology in order to create and distribute their work.

## Holiday Spectacular Christkindlmarket Chicago Celebrates 14 Years

Nestled in between Chicago's downtown sky scrapers, Daley Plaza is aglow with twinkling lights and filled with red and white striped huts during the holiday season. The Christkindlmarket Chicago returns to the heart of the Windy City starting on Thanksgiving Day, November 26 and is open daily until December 24, 2009.

Since 1996, the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest has been hosting the largest traditional Christmas market outside of Germany in Chicago. More than 65% of the vendors travel all the way from Germany to participate in this cultural event. Visitors will have plenty of opportunity to not only practice their German but to learn more about German culture, without having to travel far. With free admission, it comes as no surprise that this event is frequented by thousands of individuals and families from the greater Chicago metropolitan area, the nation and around the world, every season.

Vendor tables shine with an abundance of one-of-a-kind treasures that are destined to become gifts for young and old, family and friends. Holiday ornaments of all shapes and sizes, Nutcrackers, cuckoo-clocks, beer steins, wooden and plush toys, jewelry, wood carvings and European chocolates are just a few of the items for sale from more than 50 vendors. While you admire the gifts and goodies, the smell of simmering sweets and savory treats wafts through the air. German delicacies, such as bratwurst, potato pancakes, and schnitzel are sizzling at all corners as the aroma of stollen, strudel, pretzels, and roasted nuts seize your senses. Visitors can quench their thirst with a refreshing imported German beer or warm up with a cup of Glühwein (hot spiced wine) which is served in a 2009 souvenir boot-mug.

The holiday spirit will be stirred and awakened by the sounds and activities occurring at the market. Events are scheduled throughout the duration of the Market that will include singing, music, dancing and special appearances. Special events include an appearance by the real Christkindl from Nürnberg, Germany: the annual Children's Lantern Parade; and the 5th annual Consumer Travel Show. Several walk-in cabins offer a warm place to shop for unique gifts, whereas the Lufthansa Festival Tent and the Timber House provide a place to relax, warm up, enjoy your goodies and meet with friends.

The market will be open daily from 11am to 8pm Sunday through Thursday, and from 11am to 9pm on Fridays and Saturdays. On the first and last days, Thursday November 26, and Thursday December 24, the market's hours will be from 11am to 4pm. For further information please visit the official Christkindlmarket website at [www.christkindlmarket.com](http://www.christkindlmarket.com) or call us at (312)494-2175. Admission is always FREE!



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# "A Theatre Review"

## "The Light in the Piazza"

Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

"The Light in the Piazza" is the current show at the Marriott Theatre. I've seen the show three times and Marriott's production is a hundred times better than the one that premiered at the Goodman or the road production that played also in downtown Chicago.

The show was first developed in Seattle before moving on to New York and winning several Tony Awards. It also had productions in San Francisco, Japan and the United Kingdom. Adam Guettel is the composer and lyricist and the show has a book by Craig Lucas who weaves a pleasantly diverting story that is based on a novella by Elizabeth Spencer.

Joe Lombardo has assembled a strong cast as it is a difficult production to stage and the cast and the director can be well satisfied with the outcome.

The story deals with a vacation to Italy by a mother and her daughter. Veteran actress Mary Ernster plays Elizabeth and Clara her daughter is played by the Beautiful Summer Smart who won a Jeff Award for "Sweet Charity."

I must admit previous viewings of the show which is a romantic musical I was not impressed with, but the Marriott production is exceptional and I loved it and highly recommend it.

The mother and daughter hail from North Carolina and use their guide books as they tour the city. When Fabrizio, the handsome young Italian spots Clara he sweeps her off her feet. Fabrizio is played by Max Quinlan and he is a bright young talent you'll be hearing a lot of. He has a strong singing voice and audiences will be amazed with his talent. Other leads are Alexander Aguilar as Fabrizio's brother Giuseppe, his jealous wife who has spitfire personality Jennifer T. Gurf as Franca. Other standout performances are by veterans Gene Weygant and Paula Scrofano as the boys' parents. The father is an Italian womanizer who operates a men's store. The show has a cast of 16 that includes Catherine Lord, Michael Accardo, George Andrew Wolff, to name a few of the actors.

The show offers comedy and tragedy but as with all romantic comedies this two hour 15 minutes show is very uplifting. "Light in the Piazza" runs until September 20. For performance schedule, show times and reservations call 847-634-0200. Tickets are \$45.00. The theatre is wheelchair accessible and offers free parking as well as valet parking. **Four Stars**

## "Aladdin"

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre  
800 East Grand Avenue on Navy Pier  
Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Walt Disney's "Aladdin" has flown into Chicago at the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. The show has a book by Jim Luigs with music and lyrics by Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice.

The Chicago production is being directed by Devanand Janki and he has assembled a stellar cast for the show with Tony Clarno as Aladdin, Larry Yando as the evil Jafar, Derek Hasenstab as his cohort Iago. The Genie is Bill Larkin and the heroine who plays Princess Jasmine is Melissa Espinosa. The Sultan and father of Princess Jasmine is Jeff Award Winner Joseph Anthony Forenda. Yando and Hasenstab both toured in Disney's "Lion King" for over two years and both are Chicagoans. Aladdin runs 65 minutes and features such songs as "A Whole New World," "Why Me?" "Friend Like Me," and "One Jump."

We find that Aladdin is a very clever street urchin who gets accused of kidnapping the beautiful princess which is not true and because of this is locked up in a dungeon. While in his imprisonment he discovers the wonders of the cave and he discovers a magical lamp. When he rubs the lamp it releases the Genie who grants Aladdin three wishes.

Yando and Hasenstab as the two villains Jafar and Iago are a perfect match. Clarno and Espinosa look and sing beautifully as the hero and heroine of the show. They have magic and look young enough for their roles.

Jafar with Iago plan to take over the kingdom but with the help of the Genie they don't succeed. Forenda as the Sultan is perfectly cast and Chicago Shakespeare has a summer hot for families on their hands. "Aladdin" runs through August 30. Call the box office for who schedule and performance times at 312-595-5600. Tickets are \$23 and \$18 for children 12 and younger.



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# Passport. Hotel Reservations. Living Trust? What No Vacation is Complete Without



**Chester M. Przybylo**

When the inhabitants of Gilligan's Island went out for their three-hour tour aboard the S. S. Minnow, chances are they were not prepared for what was about to befall them. Of course, Thurston and Eunice "Lovey" Howell (being the money-savvy individuals they were) probably had a comprehensive estate plan, complete with a Revocable Living Trust. But what about the rest of them? If they had never been rescued—or worse yet, died at sea—would Mary Ann's family be stuck in probate court attempting to divide her property even today?

It's easy to discuss life after disaster when we're dealing with fictional characters, but what if it were you? Before you take a trip, you need to ask yourself some important questions: What measures have I taken to protect my legacy if something were to happen to me? Who would make medical decisions for me if I were incapacitated? Is my family aware of my wishes regarding my kids, health, and finances?

You may have booked your flight, reserved your hotel and arranged for a private tour of the Louvre, but if you haven't made legal provisions for yourself and your family, you haven't planned well enough. A postcard of the Champs-Élysées will not be enough to remind your loved ones of your individuality, your values, and your legacy.

So let's take a leaf out of the Howells' book. Here's what you should have in place before you pack your bags: First of all, you should have a Will. A Will designates guardians for your minor children, as well as divides and distributes your assets among your beneficiaries.

In addition to a Will, you should establish a General Durable Power of Attorney and a Health Care Directive. These documents name an "agent" who will take charge of your financial affairs and medical decisions if you are unable to do so.

Finally, you should set up a Revocable Living Trust. Among the many benefits of a Living Trust is the fact that your loved ones will not have to deal with the possible delays and costs of probate. Furthermore, you will be able to designate not only to whom your assets are given, but when, and how. You may also establish guidelines for the use of the inheritance and protect it from things like divorce, creditors, remarriage, and unwise spending of your heirs.

Once these measures are put in place, you will be able to relax and enjoy the lights of Paris, the beaches of Hawaii, or even the oasis of the Sahara the way they were meant to be enjoyed: worry-free!

*Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious 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.*

# Social Security: SPOUSES CAN APPLY ONLINE, TOO

By Andrew Salata

*Social Security Public Affairs Specialist for the Metropolitan Chicago Area*

You probably already know that when it comes time to apply for retirement, you can do it online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline). But did you know that spouses can apply online, too?

That's right. If you are a spouse applying for benefits based on your husband's or wife's record, you can do it online from the convenience of your own home. It's so easy!

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Remember that if you are a spouse who is taking care of a minor child (16 or under) or a child who is disabled and gets Social Security benefits on your or your spouse's record, you can receive a benefit, regardless of your retirement age.

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RSVP is required. Email your RSVP to [rsvp@stimulussocialclub.com](mailto:rsvp@stimulussocialclub.com)

## Dog vs. Cat & Dog Wins!

By Bosley

Hello my furry friends, is everyone enjoying the summer? Well, I have certainly been a busy pooch! My Human has me meeting and greeting everyone at the new place; it's great to make some new friends but I think I am do for a vacation!

Speaking of which, I might just take one by myself, turns out that I got in trouble recently. I will only confess to you my friends that I am somewhat guilty; I did say somewhat. One of the cats, Tootsie, I am forced to live with was in the garbage can at home; curious (curiosity kills cats not dogs!) I went to investigate. Well, she was happily enjoying the leftovers from my Humans supper; there were some great bones in there so I thought I would share in the treasure! Unfortunately, that is when my Human came in and caught me! Of course the sneaky Tootsie was nowhere to be found and didn't share in the punishment. I was very angry at that cat, I know I am partly to blame, but it's her fault too!

So, I devised a woofing good plan! Now all of you must raise your paw and not confess to any Humans what I am about to tell you! Ready? Did you really raise your paw? So I thought, how can I get back at her, then the magic milkbone appeared over my head! I have to continually push the cats away from my favorite bed; well this time I invited Tootsie to join in the comfort! Yes, I know that is against the dog code, but remember I have a plan! As we cuddled (I know gross) I began to lick Tootsie; I normally wouldn't be caught dead doing such behavior with a cat, but desperate times call for desperate measures! Anyway, Tootsie has a very thick long coat, after spending so much time at my Human's Grooming Shop I know that by me licking the coat I would cause tangles to form. Now tangles aren't good for any animal, they hurt, but remember revenge is sweet! So, after degrading myself to the cat, I secretly snickered.

Later that evening my Human was petting Tootsie when she proclaimed, "Wow when did you get to be such a mess? You are coming with me tomorrow to the shop for a good grooming!" Yes, my Human grooms cats all the time at the shop; and yes, cats do need grooming, but some hate it more than others. Ahh sweet revenge, you see what Tootsie hates most in the world is grooming and the bath!

Well, I showed her, don't mess with the Poodle! Ok I know revenge isn't the good dog thing to do, but I am talking about a cat here; so I think I am still a good pup (and very clever one too)!

Play on, Bosley

Submitted by Bosley's mom, Nicole Carfora, CMG, owner of Canine Corral.

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## Canine Distemper

by Peter S. Sakas DVM, MS

In the next series of columns we will discuss some of the routine vaccinations given to your pets and which diseases they protect against.

One of the most important vaccinations to give to your dog is the distemper vaccination. Due to it's name people quite often believe that somehow this vaccination relates to the dog's temperament and is a means to keep it from becoming aggressive. It has no association with controlling the demeanor of the dog, but rather protects it against a very serious and deadly disease.

Distemper is caused by a virus which affects the respiratory, gastrointestinal and central nervous systems. It is very contagious, incurable and often fatal. It has a worldwide distribution and was a leading cause of death in unvaccinated puppies, which are most susceptible to the infection. In the 1960s a vaccination preventing distemper was introduced which caused a dramatic reduction in cases in pet dogs. Due to widespread vaccination programs utilized currently the incidence of distemper has been greatly reduced.

Distemper still is a serious risk to all unvaccinated dogs. Young puppies between 3 and 6 months of age are the most susceptible to infection and are more likely to die than infected adults. Non-vaccinated older dogs are also highly susceptible to infection.

The virus exists in the environment, especially in unvaccinated dogs and wild animals such as raccoons, skunks and foxes. The infection is spread by airborne viral particles passed in bodily secretions, especially those from the respiratory tract.

Symptoms of the disease usually begin as a fever and eventually develop into gastrointestinal and respiratory signs, such as runny nose, conjunctivitis, diarrhea, vomiting and pneumonia. As the disease progresses neurological signs develop including seizures, incoordination, staggering, twitching, spasms and paralysis.

There is no specific treatment for the viral infection, just supportive care. Most dogs die from the disease and those that survive may have permanent central nervous system damage.

The best way to avoid this deadly disease is through vaccination. Puppies should be put on a vaccination schedule outlined by your veterinarian. You should keep to this schedule as puppies are at the greatest risk to develop the disease. The protection provided by the vaccinations begins to wane over time so booster vaccinations are essential to maintain immunity to distemper at effective levels. Depending upon the vaccinations used by your veterinarian boosters are given yearly or every three years.

Do not take any chances with this disease. Distemper is a real threat that exists for your pets. It is easily prevented by properly vaccinating your dogs and maintaining their booster vaccinations. Make sure your dog is up to date on their vaccines.

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**The Adult Book Discussion Group** will be meeting on Monday, September 14 from 7-8:45 p.m. or Tuesday, September 15 from 2-3:34 p.m. Attend either session to discuss *Killer Smile* by Lisa Scottoline.

**Computer classes for September:** Thursday, September 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This class costs \$10.00. Computer Class Review: Give us your suggestions for future computer classes. Free. Tuesday, September 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Free Computer Classes:** Mouse Clinic: Tuesday, September 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. or Wednesday, September 9, 2:30-3:30 p.m. What Does This Button Do? (navigating your computer) Wednesday, September 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Save Yourself (saving documents) Thursday, September 17, 2:30-3:30 p.m. How do I get Online? Wednesday, September 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Search Engines, Thursday, September 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Classic Films continue at Eisenhower:** *Maltese Falcon*, with Humphrey Bogart, and Mary Astor, Thursday, September 10, 1-3:45 p.m. *Lonely are the Brave* with Kirk Douglas and Gina Rowlands, Thursday, September 24, 1-3:45 p.m. Discussions with Ralph J Amelio. Free popcorn at all movies!

**Poetry Writing Workshop** Join other aspiring poets and learn how to craft your own poems. This program begins our six months of Random Acts of Poetry! Monday, September 14, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Real Pirates at the Field Museum.** Experience the classic age of piracy come to life. Discover the perils and privileges of pirate life as you explore more than 200 artifacts from the pirate ship *Whydah*, the first to be discovered in U.S. waters. Captured on her maiden voyage as a slave ship, the *Whydah* became the ship of pirate Sam Bellamy, leading raids throughout the Caribbean and up the Atlantic coast. In this exhibit you'll learn how men lived and died during the Golden Age of Piracy. We'll eat at the food court in the Museum. Friday, Sept. 18 · 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. · \$20 fee, limit 25.

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**The Sherlock Holmes book discussion group** will meet on Thursday, September 10th, at 7 p.m. to discuss the short story, "The Adventure of the Crooked Man," by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Discussion leader and long-time Sherlockian, Nicholas De Leonardis, invites all newcomers to join them for a look at this tale of treachery and revenge at Chicago Public Library's Edgebrook Branch, 5331 W. Devon Avenue. For more information, please telephone 312.744.8313.

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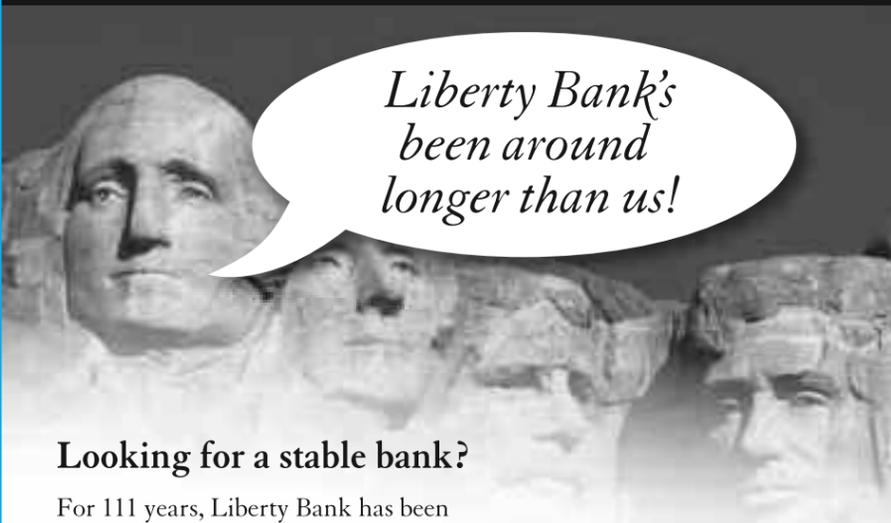
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