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Mayor's Cup Youth Soccer Tournament July 14 & 15, 2007 from 9am-6pm

The Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament has become one of the largest Free youth soccer tournaments in America. Soccer matches take place on 36 mini outdoor playing fields. The Soccer Cup is a 5v5 tournament open to pre-registered boys and girls, ages 5-14 of all ability levels. In addition to the games, the festival features two full days of free family entertainment, activities, ethnic dance and demonstrations. There will be a daily awards presentation at 6:30pm. It takes place in Lincoln Park at Montrose Harbor. For more information go to egov.cityofchicago.org or call 312) 744-3315

Chicago Country Music Festival

The 17th Annual Chicago Country Music Festival will once again highlight the opening weekend of Taste of Chicago, Saturday and Sunday, June 30 and July 1, 2007. The best in local and national country music acts will take the stage at the Taste Stage located just south of Jackson at the entrance to the festival and at the main stage, the Petrillo Music Shell. The Taste Stage will also include line dance lessons in between the musical acts.

The Taste of Chicago

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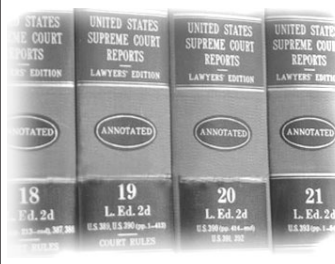
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Wilbur Wright College

by Charles Guengerich, Ph.D.
President, Wright College

Outstanding Students Make the Wright Choice

Congratulations to the 476 graduates of the Wright College Class of 2007. I am always amazed at the quality and enthusiasm of our students here at Wright. Special congratulations go out to the Medsker Scholars and the Dean's Honors graduates. Our Student Government Association honored these outstanding graduates with scholarships for their academic achievements.

The Leland Medsker Scholarship was presented to 11 upcoming graduates who are leaving Wright with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Wright's Student Government Association awarded \$100 to each student.

The students are Michelle Atkinson, of suburban Zion; Susan Cox, of Chicago's Albany Park neighborhood; Nadia Hassler, of Chicago's Irving Park neighborhood; Alan Henderson, of Chicago's West Rogers Park neighborhood; Gina Jarzelski, of Chicago's Portage Park neighborhood; Jennifer Kelly, of Chicago's Oriole Park neighborhood; Barbara Misielak, of Chicago's O'Hare neighborhood; Karla Olson, of Chicago's Jefferson Park neighborhood; Joel Schwartz, of Chicago's Edgebrook neighborhood; Angelica Serna, of Chicago's Bucktown neighborhood; Guillermo Villanueva, of Chicago's Dunning neighborhood.

Dean's Honors were awarded to graduates with at least a 3.85 grade point average. Wright's Student Government Association awarded \$50 to each student. The students are Wilfredo Alvarado, of Chicago's Albany Park neighborhood; Kimberly Cawley, of Chicago's Portage Park neighborhood; Eduardo Flores, of Chicago's Belmont Cragin neighborhood; Joshua Hasseld, of Chicago's Portage Park neighborhood; Maria Markou, of Chicago's Montclare neighborhood.

Thanks to all for a successful semester. And we look forward to welcoming more fine students like these in the fall. Registration for fall classes is already under way. You can see the broad range of educational opportunities in our course catalog at wright.ccc.edu or by calling our registration office at (773) 841-8200.



Dr. Charles Guengerich

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

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, will offer the following health programs and screenings in July.

Free Addiction Education Programs will be held Tuesdays, July 3 and 17, 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.

"All About Knees," a free lecture on knee pain, disease and replacement, will be given Wednesday, July 11, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center A. Orthopedic surgeon Joseph L. D'Silva, M.D., also will discuss new ways to treat knee disease without surgery and recent advances in knee replacement surgery. Topics will include the new female Gender knee implant and minimally invasive knee surgery. A question-and-answer session will be included. Registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free **hearing screenings** for adults will be offered Wednesday, July 18, from 9 a.m. to noon. The screening will take place in the Audiology Department's soundproof booth on the second floor. Registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, July 13, 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 parking is available in the parking facility on Addison across the street from the hospital.

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center is part of Resurrection Health Care, a family of health care services providing advanced medical care and exceptional customer service with compassion and hope. Our hospitals, nursing homes, retirement communities, home health services, behavioral health programs and other services are conveniently located in many Chicagoland neighborhoods.

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.

NEWS FROM RAVENSWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Getting a New Cell Phone?

With the help of the Chicago Department on Aging, Ravenswood Community Council collects old cell phones, refurbishes them, and makes them 911-enabled for use by seniors and victims of domestic abuse. The need for these cell phones is great, and we are always looking for donations. By donating your old cellphone and charger you can ensure that a senior citizen in our community will have a lifeline to help in the case of emergency. If you have a cell phone to donate, you can contact us at 773-784-0400 or by responding to this email at info@ravenswoodcommunity.org. For more information about our cellphone program go to www.ravenswoodcommunity.org.

Business Workshops

Each month, the Chicago Department of Business Affairs hosts a variety of workshops for established and aspiring business owners all at no charge. For this month's list of workshops, go to www.ravenswoodcommunity.org.

Brown Line Update


After evaluating travel patterns, ridership and service over the past six weeks of three-track operation, CTA President Ron Huberman said today that both bus and rail ridership have increased compared to pre-three track levels. Rail service has performed well through the construction zone and the signaling systems have been accommodating trains as planned, with capacity for additional trains to be added back into operation. As a result, a total of seven Brown Line trains--three in the morning and four in the evening--have been added back to the schedule and adjustments will be made to bus service beginning tomorrow to support routes that have experienced the most ridership growth.

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St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Events

St. Cyprian's Food Pantry

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School has an on-going collection of food items for St. Cyprian's Food Pantry, located at 6535 W. Irving Park Rd. April's need is for rice and various canned beans (changes monthly). Drop off items at the school during school hours.

Eyeglass Clinic

Glasses are being collected for an Eyeglass Clinic Mission Trip to Battambang, Cambodia this summer. No broken, cracked frames; single lens corrections only; also, reading and sunglasses. Bring to St. Paul Lutheran Church & School during school hours.

Shoes & Socks for Ysleta Mission Trip

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School is collecting new tennis or walking shoes (NO NAME BRANDS) and socks for a mission trip this summer. (Buy house brands at Costco; Sam's Club; Walmart; Target; Payless; Penney's.) Children cannot go to school without shoes. They will be distributed among the children of Ciudad, Juarez, Mexico in the Anapra District. Needed before July 24. Drop off at the school during school hours.

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School is located at 5650 N. Canfield. Phone 708-867-5044; www.stpaulcanfield.org.

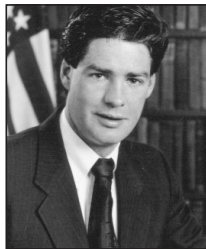
Monument Park Restoration

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

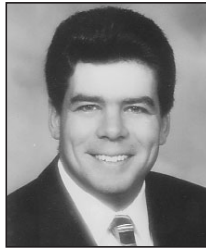
Alderman Doherty and Representative McAuliffe have chosen Jack Barry, a Pearl Harbor Survivor and Jim Del Medico, a Korean War Vet, to head-up a committee to come up with suggestions and options to accomplish the restoration.

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

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



Alderman Brian Doherty, 41st Ward



State Representative Michael McAuliffe, 20th District

30 Years of Excellence Celebrated This Year at Chef Werner's Mirabell



One of the most memorable things from a trip to Europe is the unique cuisine and charming establishments that dot the continent. Food and its preparation is integral to the heritage and culture of people everywhere, no matter what their ethnic background may be.

We in Chicago have been spoiled by the diversity of the many groups who have settled here because we can stay right here and experience a world of choices.

One of the largest of these communities is of German and Austrian descent. Besides the well known beers and wines the delectable and satisfying comfortableness of the cuisine is enjoyed by all who have had the opportunity to dine at a restaurant featuring this fare.

One cannot say they have experienced authentic German/Austrian dishes in Chicago if they have not dined at Chef Werner's Mirabell Restaurant and Lounge on Addison Street. The history of this cozy treasure is known to its faithful followers, but just on the chance you are not one of them, here is your introduction to this well respected spot.

Chef Werner Heil and his family, wife Anita, son Jeffrey, daughter Patricia and grandson Nicholas, invite everyone to come in and join them and their staff in celebrating the 30th anniversary of their ownership of Mirabell.

The restaurant has been previously operated for 10 years by an Austrian couple, hence the name depicting the Mirabell Gardens in Salzburg, Austria.

Werner Heil is a true chef, unlike many who use the title. His formal training was in Germany, his birthplace, where he entered the business of culinary arts when he was a very young man.

He trained as a butcher for three years, a baker for one year and served his apprenticeship as a cook in some of the finest restaurants and hotels in Germany and Switzerland, such as Kaiserslautern, Baden Baden, Obersachsen in Switzerland, the Bern Hotel Solei in Bern Switzerland, and the Kaiserkeller in Frankfurt.

He came to the United States in 1964, upon which he immediately put his extensive training to use at spots like The Golden Ox, The Germania Club, The Wishing Well, The Sea Gull on Lake Shore Drive and the world famous Gaslight Club downtown.

To be trained as Chef Werner has been, and then added to that training his lifetime of experience, it is no wonder that this treasurer called Mirabell is so authentic and pure to its traditions of genuine German preparation and selections. Even the Wiener Schnitzel rivals the dish as it is prepared in the finest places in Europe, so say the Mirabell patrons who rank it #1 in the world, not just Chicago.

The Mirabell menu is extensive with a full range of categories, each more mouthwatering than the last. 18 imported beers and a large selection of imported wines compliment either lunch or dinner. Fine cordials and liquors finish off your meal with grace.

Anita Heil came to America in 1959 from her home in Munich. Having had a sales background in Germany, she decided to venture to a new land with new possibilities.

It was in Chicago that Anita and Werner Heil's paths crossed, and after their first date at the Prudential Building's Top of the Rock Restaurant, their future together was cast, overlooking and atop the beautiful city they had adopted as their new home.

To complete their American Dream, they became business owners and for the past 30 years, while raising their children, began the tradition that is now the Mirabell. It is here that Chef Werner as able to create his own style to perfection.

From the murals of Salzburg adorning the walls of the "Quiet Room" to the display of authentic Hummels in the room of the same name, to the warm and friendly stein filled bar with crystal and pewter accents, to the antler chandeliers, Mirabell is like a visit to Germany, Austria or Switzerland anytime you're in the mood. Their party room also accommodates up to 40 for private gatherings.

Perhaps you'll help the Heil Family celebrate their 30 year anniversary in this jewel of our city and enjoy special entertainment and door prizes, too. For exceptional hospitality from dirndl clad waitresses, outstanding meals and wonderful ambience, Chef Werner's Mirabell Restaurant and Lounge is open six days (closed Sundays) for lunch and dinner; or a drink before or after Cubs games at Wrigley. They are conveniently located at 3454 W Addison Street (3600 North) Phone them at 773-463-1962 or visit online at mirabellrestaurant.com.

As a special treat, direct from Germany, "Gaudi Max" A bavarian show and dance band, will be performing on June 29th and 30th. Call to reserve a place.

Watch for announcements of future special events and entertainment and offerings. It's always "gemütlichkeit" at Mirabell.

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Strategies for Business Succession Planning



Chester M. Przybylo

Deciding how to pass on the family business is a complicated issue. Each person is in a unique situation. For example, Henry Durrell was equally fond of each of his three nephews. But, he wanted to keep his holdings together. So, his Will provided that his nephews should decide who would get the holdings using a game of dice. Upon his death in 1921, they did just that.

Today, an estate planning attorney could help Henry achieve his goal, while providing a more equitable distribution. For example, the business could be given to one nephew and other assets could be given to the remaining nephews. If there were no other assets available, life insurance could be utilized to provide liquidity to fund the shares for the other nephews.

In the alternative, if Henry did not mind tying all three nephews' fortunes to the business, he could have put the business in an S Corporation with voting and non-voting shares or in a Family Limited Partnership or Family Limited Liability Company. He could then give each nephew a share in the business, either during life or at his death. This has the advantage of being able to have one or more of the nephews have control of the operations while allowing the remaining nephew(s) to participate in the growth of the business to the extent desired.

Family Limited Partnerships and Family Limited Liability Companies have added advantages. Because of certain restrictions that can be drafted into the partnership or operating agreement, Henry can get a valuation discount on the assets placed into the entity. In order to qualify for such discounts, Henry would have to be willing to give up control over distributions and dissolution. However, he could have control over day-to-day operations. Henry could get valuation discounts of 25% or 40% below true value.

Why would Henry care about valuation discounts? Estate and gift taxes are determined from the value of the property. If Henry had \$3,000,000 of assets and he put them into an entity qualifying for a 1/3 discount, his estate would be valued at \$2,000,000. So, by employing this strategy, Henry would save \$450,000 in estate taxes, if he died in 2007.

While the use of S Corporations, Family Limited Partnerships and Family Limited Liability Companies continue to be important strategies, the Internal Revenue Service has been scrutinizing these entities more carefully. Accordingly, it is essential to consult with an estate planning attorney who is knowledgeable in the use of these advanced planning strategies. Such an attorney can help you secure substantial valuation discounts while helping you achieve your business succession goals.

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

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**Walter Henry Herbert Rittmueller,
Former Principal at St. Paul Lutheran School**

Walter Henry Herbert Rittmueller passed away Friday, June 8th, following a steady decline over the past few months. Born May 19, 1921, he recently celebrated his 86th birthday. He died as he lived, with a love and commitment to his Savior, Jesus Christ. As a career Lutheran elementary school teacher and principal, Walter enjoyed teaching for 45 years and his eighth grade students appreciated his interest and commitment to their upbringing, as well, judging by the outpouring of sentiments shared with him over recent years. His love of U.S. History and literature made those subjects come alive in his classrooms. All five of his children passed through his classroom spanning a period of twelve years. After short teaching stints in Chebanse, Illinois and St. Louis, Walter spent most of his career serving three Lutheran parishes, including Redeemer (Saginaw, Michigan), Bethlehem (Roseville, Michigan), and St. Paul, Canfield (Chicago, Illinois). Following retirement he served with the "Urban Linkage" initiative in the Northern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The first-born of E.F. and Milda Rittmueller's five children in Frankenmuth, Michigan, Walter followed his father's career choice, and attended both high school and college at Concordia in River Forest, Illinois. It was during these years that he became a life-long Cubs and Bears fan, although he also closely followed the Detroit Tiger and University of Michigan Football. Aside from spectator sports, his main hobbies were fishing, visiting his children and sight-seeing throughout North America. Walter is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dorothy Arlene (nee Eater). They were married on August 5, 1944, in Sterling, Illinois, where Dorothy was raised. He is also survived by his four siblings, Gilbert, Franklin, Marion, Eunice, and their spouses. Also surviving him are his five children, Lawrence, Barbara, Marilyn, Joel, and Carol, their spouses, ten grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Interment will be at the Acacia Park Cemetery at 7800 W. Irving Park Road in Chicago. Walters' wishes for memorials are to the Teacher Education scholarship fund at his alma mater, Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois

How Does a "Heat Wave" Affect Your Plants?

by: Nick and Gerard Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses, Lincolnwood
Once again this year our Chicago weather has changed from the cool of Spring to the heat of Summer almost overnight. This sudden and rapid change from cold to hot impacts the growth of your flowering annuals in ways of which you may not be aware. The average gardener often does not understand the role that temperature plays in the performance of his/her plants. What we will focus on today is the impact which temperature has on blooming.

For all plants there is an ideal temperature range consisting of a night time low and a day time high which is optimal for producing blooms and flowers. Having a heat wave the night time low is usually not cool enough, and the day time high is often exceeded. When this occurs, most plants tend to slow down, just like people do, when it is hot. Some plants will either go out of bloom completely or decrease the number of blooms significantly. This is the survival mechanism of the plant kicking in. The plant will shut down blooming to concentrate on just staying alive. Dianthus and snapdragons are some example of plants that often times go out of bloom when the real heat hits. This does not mean that the plant is dead. Continue to water, and when the weather cools the blooms and flowers will magically reappear. In other plants the number of blooms will not decrease, however the size of the flowers will shrink. New Guinea Impatiens and nonstop Begonias will often follow this pattern. Again, keep up the watering and continue feeding the plants every two weeks, and all will be fine when the weather cools down. During a heat wave all a gardener can really do is just wait for the cooler more moderate weather to return.

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Liberty Bank Sponsors Millennium Park and Chinatown Trip

The public is invited to join Liberty Bank for Savings for a trip to Millennium Park in Downtown Chicago, and then on to Chinatown for lunch. The day-trip will take place on Wednesday, July 25, 2007. The bus will depart from Liberty's Foster branch, 7111 W. Foster, at 9:15 a.m. and from the Main branch, 2392 N. Milwaukee, at 9:45 a.m.

The cost is \$43 per person and reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations on this Liberty Bank for Savings event and other summer activities, call Susan Andrews at 773-489-4458.

St Paul Lutheran VBS

St. Paul Vacation Bible School will be held July 16-20, 9-Noon. Children age 3 to 6th Grade are welcome. Theme is SonForce Kids. Registrations are taken now, \$10 per child; bible stories; songs; crafts; games; fun activities; snacks. 5650 N. Canfield. Info: 708-867-5044; www.stpaulcanfield.org.

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Bucktown - A Walk-Through (Part III)

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

As we turn down Armitage, the Wojtas Deli is now another classic restaurant, Rio de Subamerica. At the other end of the block the first Bucktown condos were erected, replacing Joe's Gas Station (Armitage & Hoyne). On the opposite corner, where once was a tavern, now we can enter a widely-known and popular Map Room, an eatery and barroom.

Behind Maday's hardware Store was another empty lot which was replaced with condos. Continuing down Armitage at Leavitt was Hriljac Bakery and Lorenz Meat Market, while Kutza's Drug Store was replaced with a liquor store. A candy store and Colonial Kolonite Co., a plastic manufacturing company, is replaced with condos. At Oakley & Armitage a large factory building was converted into condos, while the Jewish House of Worship and several homes were replaced with another condo building.

On the corner of Armitage and Western is the city-wide known Margie's Candy and Ice Cream Parlor. During the summer months, people wait in line to get into the ice cream parlor, which maintains its quality of the "best" ice cream in town. Established in 1923, there is little change in decor and one could feel the same as he entered into the ice cream parlor in the 30's and 40's.

Oak Theater, on another corner, is replaced as a parking lot for Walgreens. Another corner housed a restaurant, which is now a Mexican restaurant. A next-door restaurant replaces Walburg's bakery.

Western was and is pretty much a street of commercial buildings. However, the Urynowicz family had a Family Craft Store near Dickens. Mildred, a daughter, entered the Ursuline Convent and had recently died. The Michalak, especially Ben, and the Tepper families had been very active in the Buckton / St. Hedwig organizations. There was John's Pizza and Bar, which remains the same to this day, although a dining room was added to the tavern section of the business. Northwestern Bank is now Mid-America Bank.

At Fullerton, Logan Hardware Store, a neighborhood restaurant, Quenchers, a tavern that boasts a variety of beers, as well as the Gypsy House were on Fullerton. Through all these years the Berteau Lowell Plating and Abbott Adhesive Co. continue in the same locations. At the corner of Oakley and Fullerton was another active family, the Franzaks. Tom and Mike were active in neighborhood athletics and one of the girls, entered the convent, is now Sr. Michael Marie of the Holy Family of Nazareth. She was principal at St. Anne's grade school for years and is now a member of the Provincial Council of the Nazareth Sisters.

We've made a full circle of boundary streets of Bucktown: Damen, Armitage, Western and Fullerton. Now, for a further peek into Bucktown.

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July 25 *Missing in Tokyo* by Graham Marks Adam Grey gets a phone call that changes his life forever. His sister has disappeared into the teeming, exotic streets of Tokyo. Adam is determined to go there and find her himself. There are lots of twists and turns in this edgy thriller.

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Zomo Manga club presents Zomo Theater! Superhero Summer! On Friday, July 20th, come to the movie Superman Returns! Movie will be shown from 2-4. There is charge, and refreshments may be purchased. Collect a sticker for each movie this summer and be entered in a drawing to win an action figure!

Join us on Monday, July 30th from 10:30-12:30 for Grab Bag for Guys. Meet others, enjoy breakfast, play chess, read the financial pages, plan programs - it's up to you! This group will meet on the last Monday of each month.

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"A Theatre Review"

"The Aisle Seat"

Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The 34th Annual Jeff Citations for professional non-equity theatres was held on Monday June 11th at the Park West. The House Theatre received eight awards and Timeline and Bohemian Theatre received five each. Lifeline and Stage Left received Special Awards.

Best Play: "Blues for an Alabama Sky" - Eclipse Theatre and "The Sparrow" - The House Theatre Musical - "Fioretto" - Timeline Theatre - "Sideshow" - Bohemian Theatre; New Work - "The Sparrow" - House Theatre - "In Times of War" - Stage Left Theatre. New Adaptation - "Gaudy Nights" - Lifeline Theatre - "Homes and Watson" - City Life Theatre. Ensemble - "Marathon 33" - Stage Left Theatre - "The Sparrow" - House Theatre. Director Play - Nathan Allen - "The Sparrow" and Steven Fedoruk - "Blues for an Alabama Sky" - Eclipse Theatre Company.

Director Musical: Nick Bowlin - "Fioretto" - Timeline Theatre, Stephen M. Genovese "Side Show" - Bohemian Theatre.

Actor-Play: Peter Oylof for "Equus" - Actors Workshop - This young actor gave a brilliant and sensitive performance in the show after seeing it and I was very impressed as this was his first play in the Chicago area and he was up against some stiff competition. Watch for this gentleman in future shows as he is marked for stardom.

Actress-Play: Michelle Courvais - "Boy Gets Girl" - Eclipse Theatre and Deborah Hearst for "Fat Pit" - Profiles Theatre.

Actor-Musical: Michael Mahler - "My Favorite Year" - Bailiwick Rep Theatre - A Northwestern University graduate who is a first rate actor, singer and playwright - another star-is-born.

Actress Musical: Cat Davis - "Mack and Mabel" - Circle Theatre - Vanessa Panerosa and Andrea Prestinario for "Side Show" - Bohemian Theatre - Two female performers that have great futures ahead of them.

Actor Supporting Role: Alfred Kemp - "Blues for an Alabama Sky" - Eclipse Theatre actress. Supporting Role Play - Danica Ivancevic "Faith Healer" - Uma Productions Charlotte Speigner - "Blues for an Alabama Sky" - Eclipse Theatre and Lindsay Weisberg "on Fe Day" Stage Left.

Actor Supporting Role: Musical - Terry Hamilton - "Fioretto" - Timeline Theatre, Eric Lindahl "Shoe Show" - Bohemian Theatre.

Actress in a Supporting Role: Musical: Danielle Brothers - "Flora, the Red Meance" - Theo ubique in association with Michael James.

Most of these theatre's charge under \$35 to attend their shows. What a powerful evening of non-equity theatre awards. This is the "Aisle Seat" for this issue.

The Chicago Park District Takes Fun On The Road

Chicago children can create unique arts and crafts outdoors when the Chicago Park District drives its "Craftmobile" into local playlots. This touring four-wheeled wonder is filled with fun art projects and activities for children ages 6 and under. Art instructors will help kids create sidewalk murals, wax-resistant drawings, stained glass window hangings and more. And it's free! All supplies are provided.

The drop-in program is scheduled to stop at 18 local playlots. In the event of rain, the Craftmobile will stop at the nearest park fieldhouse.

Mondays (June 25 - July 30, 2007)

- * 10:00 - 11:30 am @ Ravenswood Manor Park, 4604 N. Manor (rain site: Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose)
- * 12:00 - 1:30 pm @ ParkView, 3823 W. School St. (rain site: Avondale Park, 3516 W. School St.)
- * 2:30 - 4:00 pm @ Jacob Park, 4674 N. Virginia Ave. (rain site: Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave.)

Tuesdays (June 26 - July 31)

- * 9:30 - 10:30 am @ Dickinson Park, 4101 N. Laverne Ave. (rain site: Portage Park, 4100 N. Long Ave.)
- * 11:00 am - 12:00 pm @ Roberts Square Park, 5200 W. Argyle (rain site: Jefferson Park, 4822 N. Long)
- * 1:00 - 2:00 pm @ Forest Glen Park, 5069 W. Berwyn (rain site: Gladstone Park, 5421 N. Menard Ave.)
- * 2:30 - 3:30 pm @ Jeffrey S. Green Park, 6500 N. Algonquin Ave. (rain site: Edgebrook Park, 6525 N. Hiawatha Ave.)

Wednesdays (June 27 - August 1, except July 4)

- * 10:00 - 11:30 am @ Wendt Park, 667 W. Roscoe St. (rain site: Gill Park, 825 W. Sheridan Rd.)
- * 12:30 - 2:00 pm @ Fellger Park, 2000 W. Belmont Ave. (rain site: Hamlin Park, 3035 N. Hoyne Ave.)
- * 2:30 - 4:00 pm @ Park West Playground, 745 W. Wrightwood (rain site: Wrightwood Park, 2534 N. Greenview Ave.)

Thursdays (June 28 - August 2)

- * 10:00 - 11:00 am @ Senn Park, 5887 N. Ridge Ave. (rain site: Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway St.)
- * 11:30 - 12:30 pm @ Cedar Playlot, 5311 N. Winthrop Ave. (rain site: Broadway Armory Park, 5917 N. Broadway St.)
- * 1:00 - 2:00 pm @ Andersonville Playlot, 5233 N. Ashland Ave. (rain site: Emerson Park, 1820 W. Granville Ave.)
- * 2:30 - 3:30 pm @ Matanky Playlot, 6925 N. Ridge Ave. (rain site: Paschen Park, 1932 W. School St.)

Fridays (June 29 - August 3)

- * 10:00 - 11:00 am @ North Mayfair Park, 4533 W. Carmen Ave. (rain site: Gompers Park, 4222 W. Foster Ave.)
- * 11:30 - 12:30 pm @ Kolmar Park, 4143 N. Kolmar Ave. (rain site: Mayfair Park, 4550 W. Sunnyside Ave.)
- * 1:30 - 2:30 pm @ Aiello Park, 2133 N. McVicker Ave. (rain site: Riis Park, 6100 W. Fullerton Ave.)
- * 3:00 - 4:00 pm @ Greenbaum Park, 4300 W. Wabansia Ave. (rain site: Hermosa Park, 2240 N. Kilbourn Ave.)

For more information on summer activities in the parks, call 312/742-PLAY, 312/747-2001 (TTY) or visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com.

"Memphis Soul"

The Story of Stax Records

Black Ensemble Theatre, 4520 N. Beacon Street, Chicago
Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

If you're into high energy shows you won't be disappointed with the current production by the Black Ensemble, "Memphis Soul" (The Story of Stax Records).

Jackie Taylor and playwright David Barr III have assembled a cast of fourteen performers and nine musicians to tell us in this musical production about the artists who recorded for Stax Records.

I must be honest and say I have never heard of Stax Records of the 30's and 40's so to discover they were second only to Motown and had 167 hit songs in Billboard Hot 100 pop charts as well as 243 hits on the R&B charts was all musical history to me.

Rick Stone and Nikkieli Damone are the narrators of the show and Stone as Rufus Thomas rendition of "Do the Funky Chicken" is a knockout. Other standout performances are given by Cynthia Carter, Magellan Watts, and Aisha McIntosy a family that owns "Pop's Place." They fight and argue but bring humor to the story as the husband wants to sell the place, the wife doesn't and the daughter is in love with a married man but at first she is unaware of this.

I'm familiar with Isaac Hayes and the Staples Singers, Sam and Dave and the Emotions played by Dwayne Lonzo as Isaac Hayes, Lawrence R. Thompson and Magellan Watts as Sam and Dave and Toi Overton as Mavis Staples. The show offers five top dancers and you'll be inclined to want to join them onstage.

They perform such numbers as "So I Can Love You," "Cheaper to Keep Her," "Respect Yourself," "Touch a Hand Make a Friend," "Do Your Thing," "Shaft," and these are only a few of the twenty-one numbers in the production.

It's a fast two hours and ten minutes with intermission and you don't want it to come to an end.

Jackie Taylor's direction couldn't be any better and David Barr III book tells audiences about Stax Records and several of their artists that made a name for themselves.

It should be a must see production for audiences who love high energy singing and dancing that the artists give the "Black Ensemble" audiences. The show runs through July 1st as the theatre celebrates its 30th anniversary on the northside of Chicago. The closing can also get extended. Performances are 7:30 on Saturday, 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$40.00. For reservations call 773-769-4451 or Ticketmaster at 312-902-1500. It's a production theatergoers shouldn't miss.

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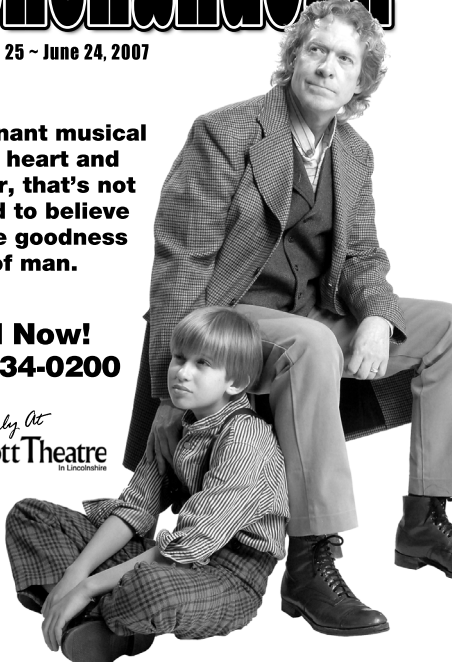
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It's Round-up Time for Kids – Good Shepherd to Host Avalanche Ranch Kids Camp

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Good Shepherd's Kids Camp Program, "Avalanche Ranch" is designed to assist preschool children through fifth grade students to discover and share Jesus' love to others. "The program will include music, crafts, storytelling, games, snacks and fun for all," said The Rev. Mary Graves, pastor of the congregation. "We'd love to see a stampede of curious neighborhood kids enjoy Avalanche Ranch," she noted.

Although the curriculum is geared for the younger child, Pastor Graves noted that "we need ranch hands - so older students, from sixth grade through high school, as well as adults are welcome to volunteer."

The registration fee for the week is \$10 per child; for a family with three or more children, the fee is \$25. Program and registration information is available either by calling the church at 773-637-5800 or by visiting the church's website: <http://www.goodshepherdchicago.org>.

A festive street fair will cap the week on Saturday, July 14 from noon to 4 p.m. that will feature games, country-western music, camp cookin', horses, a jumping jack, dunk tank and more!

"The Good Shepherd" Original Sculpture to be Dedicated at Good Shepherd

On Sunday, July 8th an original sculpture by Dr. Ron Felt of Oak Park will be dedicated at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7116 W. Palmer, Chicago following their 10 am worship service.

Dr. Ron Felt is a retired dentist whose avocation is sculpting in wood and metals. He is a member of United Lutheran Church of Oak Park, and has created several sculptures for churches in the Midwest. A picture book of his work will be available at the dedication.

Good Shepherd's pastor, Mary Appelt-Graves, recalls, "When I first accepted the call to pastor at Good Shepherd, I shared my dream of having a sculpture of the Good Shepherd for the entrance of the church. It was not a necessity, just a dream, so I never thought anything more about it. Then Dr. Felt called, and God answered my dream through his generosity!"

The public is invited to view the sculpture, celebrate its installation, and meet Dr. Felt during a reception at 11 am. For more information, please call the church at 773-637-5800.

KN Gallery Extends Hans Hofmann Exhibition with New Paintings HANS HOFMANN | EXUBERANT EYE Through July 13

Due to popular demand, KN Gallery is pleased to extend its critically acclaimed exhibition Hans Hofmann | Exuberant Eye through July 13. KN Gallery's show is Chicago's first solo Hans Hofmann exhibition since 1980. It follows Hofmann's career from representation to abstraction as it explores his signature aesthetic styles and techniques that made him a magnificent colorist and a leading figure of the Abstract Expressionist movement. Four new works have been added to the exhibition—three expressive and experimental oils from the 1940s and a late work from 1963.

"The Chicago art community and its collectors have enthusiastically embraced our Hofmann exhibition, and we are delighted to extend our show, as well as enhance it with more paintings," stated KN Gallery Director Lara Niemira. "Our visitors appreciate the rare opportunity to see so many museum-quality Hofmann paintings at once, and many leave invigorated and enlivened by Hofmann's exuberant canvases."

KN Gallery's gathering of nearly 20 works by one of the 20th century's major artists comprises a rare, museum-quality exhibition that includes prime examples from Hofmann's (1880-1966) career, from his brilliantly colored Provincetown landscapes to his late slab paintings. Heraldic Call (1963), one of Hofmann's signature slab works, has been graciously lent to KN Gallery from the Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive of the University of California. This magnificent canvas is one of the crowning masterpiece of the exhibition. A fully illustrated catalogue with an original essay by Tina Dickey, foremost scholar of Hans Hofmann, is available upon request to visitors of the exhibition.

About KN Gallery

KN Gallery debuted December 2006 and is located in Chicago's historic John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2515. KN Gallery specializes in 20th century masters of the modern, post-war and contemporary periods. KN Gallery hours are: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Thursdays; and 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Additional information is available online at kngallery.com.

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In most instances, you will generally have four options when dealing with multiple 401(k) plans. The first option requires you to do nothing. You can simply leave the assets in an existing plan if the plan allows funds to remain after separation from service and it offers strong performing investments. The second would require you to roll them over into an IRA. The third option is taking a cash distribution, and the fourth would involve moving the assets to your new employer's plan.

Leaving Assets In Your Former Employer's Plan. Before you decide to leave assets in your former employer's retirement plan, keep in mind that you will continue to be limited by the plan's investment alternatives, which may not provide the flexibility you need to execute an effective retirement savings strategy. If your investments in the plan are not allocated properly to reflect your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon, your savings might suffer from too much volatility or provide returns that are inconsistent with your retirement income needs. Keep in mind that even if funds are left in the plan after you leave service, the IRS will require minimum distributions to begin at age 70 ½. Failure to take the required amount can result in substantial IRS penalties.

Rolling Assets Into An IRA. If you're changing jobs or retiring, the best decision is usually to roll the assets over into an IRA. Doing so lets you retain the funds' tax-deferred growth potential. And to make managing your retirement assets more convenient, you can maintain all of your IRAs in one place, which also makes it easier to analyze your overall asset allocation. An IRA also offers a number of other benefits, such as possible conversion to a Roth IRA if you are eligible, access to your money when you need it (taxes and IRA penalties may still apply), and if structured properly, penalty-free withdrawals before the age of 59 ½. In addition, an IRA will usually provide more investment choices than those in the 401(k) plan.

Cashing Out. This option should be a last resort. If you cash out each time you change jobs, you'll systematically erode one of your most valuable sources of retirement income. You will also owe income taxes on the amount you receive, and if you're younger than 55 when you separate from service, you typically will owe a 10 percent IRS penalty as well.

Moving Assets Into A New Employer's Plan. Before you decide on this option, make sure your new employer's plan permits transfers or rollovers from other types of plans before you proceed. Also, be aware that transferred balances may not carry the same benefits provided under your former employer's plan and the investment and distribution options of your new employer's plan will apply to the amounts transferred or rolled into that plan. If your new employer does not offer a retirement plan, consider rolling your retirement plan assets into an IRA.

When it comes to multiple 401(k) plans, be sure to pick the option that's right for you. After all your hard work, you want to be sure to make the most of your investments.

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He's Having a Seizure... What Should I Do?

Imagine you're out shopping with a friend. Suddenly—and without warning—that friend has a seizure. Would you know how to respond? If you said no, you are not alone. Studies show that two out of three people admit they would not know how to help someone during a seizure. And many who say they know the proper response would actually do the wrong thing, like putting something—a pencil or a ruler, for example—into someone's mouth. People with epilepsy have suffered from cut lips, broken teeth, and even broken jaws, when objects have been forced into their mouths.

Epilepsy is more common than most people realize. Today, nearly 3 million people have epilepsy, which is defined as recurring seizures. Seizures are energy surges among your brain cells—like when your lights flicker during a thunderstorm. Although epilepsy means a person is more likely to have seizures, having a single seizure—which occurs in close to 10% of the population—does not mean that a person has epilepsy.

However, it is important to understand that "epilepsy can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time," according to Debbie Goss, President and CEO of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago, "and it is a lot easier than most people think to help someone who is having a seizure."

Goss points out that all seizures are not the same, and that their severity and manifestation depend on how much—and which part—of the brain is affected. "Sometimes people have muscle spasms," she notes. "They may mumble; smell, hear or taste things that do not exist; or display repetitive behaviors. Other times, people may black out, stop speaking and stare for a few seconds. Finally, some people become unconscious, fall, and shake uncontrollably."

If someone you're with experiences this type of convulsive seizure (a tonic-clonic seizure, or what used to be known as a 'grand mal'), stay calm and explain the situation to others. Be sure to stay with the person until the seizure ends.

Here are other do's and don'ts for helping someone in this situation:

Do:

Cushion the person's head and roll him or her to the side.

Remove eyeglasses, and loosen tight clothing such as a necktie or necklace.

Provide a safe environment by securing enough space for the person to move, while ensuring that they do get into in harm's way during the course of the seizure.

Look for identification—typically a bracelet—indicating that the person has epilepsy.

Time how long the seizure lasts.

When the seizure ends, calmly tell the person what has happened and offer help.

Do not:

Put anything into a person's mouth.

Restrain the person.

While it is not always necessary to get emergency medical assistance, you should call 911 if the seizure lasts more than five minutes. Other times to get help are when a person:

Is hurt.

Is pregnant.

Does not regain consciousness.

Asks for help.

Seems not to breathe after one minute.

Has one seizure after another.

Has no identification indicating they have epilepsy.

Once the seizure ends, the person will gradually become re-acclimated to his or her surroundings, although he or she may remain confused and in need of assistance for several minutes afterwards. More information about epilepsy can be obtained by visiting the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago's web site at www.epilepsy-chicago.org, or by calling 312-939-8622.

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Coming Up: In the next issue, we'll meet a Norwood Park family whose son is living with a rare—and largely untreatable—form of epilepsy, and learn how the diagnosis changed their lives. We'll also explore the types of support available for people and families living with epilepsy.



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*July 7th- Paws on Parade

What: The Anti-Cruelty Society will be on hand with adoptable dogs at this adoption event which includes fun and activities for the entire family.
Where: Wood Oaks Park in Northbrook, IL.

When: Saturday, July 7th

More info: www.anticruelty.org or 312.644.8338 Ext 307

July 8th- Dog Parks: A Visitors' Guide

What: Two of The Anti-Cruelty Society's behavior specialists will discuss what is appropriate and what is just beastly behavior at the dog park and how to help your pooch be on his best behavior.

Where: The Anti-Cruelty Society Education & Training Center located at 169 W. Grand Avenue. Free parking is available in The Anti-Cruelty Society parking garage. Enter from Wells Street.

When: Sunday July 8th from 1 PM- 2:30 PM

Cost: Free

More info: Call Tammie Bouschor at 312.644.8338 Ext 344 to pre-register.

July 21st- Pet First Aid & CPR Class

What: This course is taught by an American Red Cross certified instructor, will cover pet first aid and CPR techniques. The focus will be on dogs and cats; mannequins will be used. Please do not bring your pet to class.

Where: The Anti-Cruelty Society Education & Training Center located at 169 W. Grand Avenue. Free parking is available in The Anti-Cruelty Society parking garage. Enter from Wells Street.

When: Saturday July 21st from 9 AM - 1 PM

Cost: \$40 includes all class materials

More info: Cancellations must be received at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled class date to receive a full refund. Call Tammie Bouschor to pre-register, at 312.644.8338 Ext 344

*July 22nd -7th Annual Let's Pet Together Festival - (Rain or Shine)

What: A dog friendly street festival with great food, refreshments, entertainment, raffles and much more.

Where: The Anti-Cruelty Society's rooftop

When: Sunday, July 22nd from 12 Noon - 4 PM

Cost: \$10 Adults, \$5 for Children

More info: Purchase tickets online at www.anticruelty.org or call 312.644.8338 Ext 307

*Dog Friendly event. All dogs must be current on vaccinations and on leash at all times. No dogs in heat or aggressive dogs, please.

PETS AND FIREWORKS DON'T MIX, THE ANTI-CRUELTY SOCIETY WARNS

With the Fourth of July holiday coming up quickly, The Anti-Cruelty Society warns Chicago area residents that pets and fireworks don't mix.

Dogs and cats are frequently sensitive to loud noises, such as fireworks, and may try to run away. Even fireworks heard from a distance can cause pets to panic. They may try to escape enclosures or chew through leashes.

To ensure a safe and secure Fourth of July, The Anti-Cruelty Society urges pet owners to keep their animals indoors during fireworks displays, with curtains drawn and windows closed if possible. A television or radio playing in the background will help distract the pet. And make sure dogs and cats are wearing current license tags in case they do manage to get loose.

Home of the Chicago areas oldest and largest low-cost spay/neuter clinic, The Anti-Cruelty Society helps more than 50,000 animals and people each year through shelter and adoption, veterinary and rehabilitation & treatment, cruelty investigation and rescue, a free behavior hotline, and dog training programs.

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Thursday June 28th, 7:30pm-9pm



Board at Michigan Avenue & Wacker Drive. Southwest Corner of the Michigan Avenue Bridge on the river. (Look for the Blue Awning.)



\$35 per person (with or w/o dog), dogs* ride free! (Space is limited. Reservations required.)

All proceeds will benefit The Anti-Cruelty Society's life-saving programs. For tickets or more information, please visit www.anticruelty.org or call 312/ 644-8338, ext. 307.



* No aggressive dogs or dogs in heat. Vaccinations MUST BE current. ALL DOGS must remain on leash.



Available for Adoption

For more info on The Anti-Cruelty Society and our adoption process, please visit our website www.anticruelty.org or call (312) 644-8338.

Hello, my name is Emily (#658907) and I am 6 years old. My most recent family didn't want me and couldn't find a home for me. I don't have any claws, I'm altered and I'd rather be in a home without children. As you can see me eyes are large and beautiful. I am somewhat on the shy side but come when I want attention.



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Summerfests

Well for those of you who haven't checked your calendars lately, or if the latest heat wave hasn't made you sit up and take notice : Summer is here! Yes, summer is back, and in full swing. Along with the heat, blockbuster movies, and camp for kids, there's also another sign of summer, your local neighborhood fests.

These fests differ one from the other. Some are large, some are small. Some have a religious significance, others don't. Some have carnival rides, live bands, clowns, wine tastings, arts & crafts, etc. One thing always rings true: they have food vendors.

Most of us take that fact for granted. I'm not trying to say that food vendors are unappreciated but I just want to inform the public that we didn't just pop up there in the morning. There are several steps a food vendor needs to take before they participate in one of these fests.

First, they need to contact whomever is organizing the fest i.e. the village, chamber of commerce, church, etc. They do this to see if there is any availability in the first place. If so, they need to fill out an application with the organizing body and put down a deposit. If the fest is located within the city of Chicago, they need to attend a 3hr seminar in which you receive a certificate of sanitation for summer festivals. This certificate needs to be renewed yearly and classes are usually downtown. Once your application is approved the organizing body sends you a "Temporary Food Vendor" application. On this application the food vendor needs to fill out what foods he/she plans to sell, where they will be prepared, where they purchased the ingredients from, how they plan to bring the food to the event location, how they plan to keep the food hot, and how they plan to keep the food cold. A week or so before the fest, the vendor receives a letter with his/her "set up" time. The vendor usually has several hours to set up equipment, staff, and get the food to proper serving temperature, before they open. This is all done under a tent that is only about 10' x 10'.

These fests are a great time though. Most of the work goes into the planning, setting up and taking down. However, if you participate in larger fests, when that crowd hits, you really need to move. I've enjoyed all the fests that I've been a part.

Speaking of fests, please check out our food booth at the Edison Park Fest, Friday, August 18th - Sunday, August 20th. The fest is held on Olmsted Ave. between Oliphant Ave. and Oshkosh Ave. Or Visit us at Rex Italian Foods, at 4431 N. Harlem Ave., located in Norridge, IL. (708) 457-0177, www.rexitalianfoods.com.



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