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## “GO GREEN ON HALLOWEEN”

CHICAGOWEEN'S HAUNTED VILLAGE  
CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!

Dust off your Harry Potter costume and head out to Daley Plaza. Throughout the city, boo-tification takes place and most especially in the Haunted Village, located at Pumpkin (Daley) Plaza, October 12-31, 2007.

Opening night, (October 12) kicks-off at 5 p.m. with two performances from Midnight Circus. The Haunted Village continues through Halloween with hours of Monday through Wednesday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please note: Extended hours for Wednesday, October 31 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is FREE.

Daley Plaza (Washington and Dearborn Streets), hosts the Haunted Village and is transformed into Pumpkin Plaza, with pumpkin decorating, spooky storytellers and more to thrill and chill. Each day there are performances from the high flying aerial entertainers, Midnight Circus: 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday through Sunday includes evening shows scheduled at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Free pumpkin decorating is offered Saturdays and Sundays (except for parade day, Saturday, October 20) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or while supplies last).

## THINK WICKED. DO GOOD. GO GREEN.

Learn how you can help the environment at the WICKED tent on Pumpkin Plaza. Broadway In Chicago performers, with surprise visits from WICKED cast members, will read an original earth-friendly story. The story is interwoven with kid-friendly environmental ideas and the WICKED tent will include displays highlighting solar-powered ghosts, phantom loads, compact fluorescent bulbs and worm composting.

Kids can join in the on the fun by marching in costume as part of The State Street Halloween Happening Parade on Saturday, October 20. The parade steps off at noon at the corner of State and Randolph streets. Following the parade, kids can enjoy trick-or-treating, a performance by Midnight Circus and a costume contest—all at Pumpkin (Daley) Plaza. (There is no pumpkin decorating on parade day.)

For more information on Chicagoween call the Mayor's Office of Special Events at 312-744-3315, TTY 312-744-2964 or visit the Web: [www.chicagoween.us](http://www.chicagoween.us)

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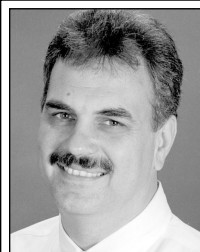
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Once the phone is unlocked, you can buy a pre-paid SIM card which is inserted into the back of your handset and contains minutes for use internationally. To save on the costs, your best bet is to purchase this type of card overseas in an airport or shop when you arrive at your destination. That way your phone can be used in each country and the phone will have a local telephone number and carrier.

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By: Brittney Feiza, Cell Phone Repair, Chicago & Skokie  
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## Tree project part of Chicago Humanities Festival at Wright

The artistic, educational and environmental "afterlife" of a 100-year-old elm tree stricken by Dutch Elm disease will be explained as the city's premiere celebration of ideas makes its second annual stop at Wright College on Nov. 8.

The public is invited to the 7 p.m. presentation in the college's theater, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave., as part of the Chicago Humanities Festival, the city's 17-day annual cultural exploration, covering the fields of art, history and current affairs through lectures, screenings and performances. Admission is \$5.

The event at Wright will tell the story of "Elmo," an elm tree in Rhode Island that was killed by Dutch Elm disease, which is the same arboreal affliction that ravaged Chicago-area trees in the 1960s. Richard Fishman, chair of Brown's Department of Visual Art, will describe the effort that followed the tree's felling to keep its legacy alive by using its 30,000 pounds of wood in classes, art exhibitions, performances and events.

The effort, known as the Elm Tree Project, inspired new perspectives on nature, art, community, environment and the creative process. This year's humanities festival has an environmental theme, "The Climate of Concern." The Chicago Humanities Festival events are concentrated in downtown Chicago, but a cultural institution like Wright College has been able to attract the festival to the Northwest Side. Local schools are being invited to a daytime presentation on The Elm Tree Project.

For more information and tickets to the evening event, call (312) 494-9509 or go to [www.chfestival.org](http://www.chfestival.org). Or call Wright College at (773) 481-8535.

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# Spook-tacular Shopping

It's that Spooktacular time of the year when all Halloween Festivities are beginning. It seems that with each coming year more and more people are having a bewitching time celebrating Halloween with gory parties, dressing up, and haunting their homes both inside and out.

At the Antique Resale Shoppe, ghosts and goblins of all ages come in for tricks, treats, and vintage clothes to make their costumes a bit more unique. There are plenty of "dress-up" items from hats, gloves, eyeglasses to beaded sweaters, circle skirts, and army fatigues. And we can't forget the tons and tons of jewelry and accessories that can make a costume bootiful. Suzanna and Jules enjoy looking into their crystal ball for costume advice.

When you ride your broom over don't forget to say, Boo!  
Suzanne and Jules, The Antique & Resale Shoppe, 7214 N. Harlem, Chicago, IL 773/631-1151.

## NORWOOD CROSSING THRIFT SHOP TO HOLD TWO-WEEK GRAND RE-OPENING CELEBRATION

After undergoing interior painting, reorganizing, restocking, and cleaning, the Norwood Crossing Thrift Shop, 6019 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, will celebrate its new cosmetic changes with a two-week grand re-opening from Oct. 15 – 31.

"We're inviting the community to come out and see our 'customer friendly' new look and try their luck at winning some interesting prizes and discounts," said Kara Mollison, Norwood Life Care Foundation executive director of philanthropy. "It'll be a festive two weeks. Shoppers will have a chance to spin-a-wheel for special discounts, ranging from five percent to 50 percent on in-store merchandise and register for raffle prizes. A revolving blue light will signal special sales of items on in-store racks. We also will be offering refreshments and treats daily."

The store will be divided into special sections, such as seasonal items, gently used merchandise, vintage clothing, children's clothing, toys and books, housewares, jewelry, and books. Hours will be Mondays from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The store is staffed by volunteers, like Grace Henmueller of Edison Park, an eight-year volunteer who is very excited about the changes. "The grand re-opening should bring in more friends and neighbors, and our volunteers are always happy to make sure new customers have a pleasant shopping experience. We know you will be pleased with our 'new look' and newly donated merchandise."

Proceeds from the sale of Thrift Shop items are used to fund programs and activities for residents of Norwood Crossing, a not-for profit 501(c)(3) corporation and senior living community since 1896.

Persons interested in volunteering to work in the Thrift Shop or elsewhere at Norwood Crossing, should call Amy Klostermann, Norwood Life Care Foundation development and volunteer coordinator, at (773) 577-5387. Hours are flexible and can be arranged to fit anyone's schedule.

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Liberty Bank for Savings invites all parents, grandparents, their children and grandchildren age 12 and under to attend a free Halloween party at its Norwood office, 6210 N. Milwaukee, on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Kids are invited to wear Halloween costumes for a costume contest. There will also be free games, pumpkin painting and more.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. There is no charge for the event and light refreshments will be provided. For more information on this Liberty Bank for Savings event and other autumn activities, call Susan Andrews at 773-489-4458 or email sandrews@libertybank.com.

## 41st Ward Zoning Advisory Board

The 41st Ward Zoning Advisory Board will meet on the first Wednesday of every month at Olympia Park Fieldhouse, 6566 Avondale Avenue, Chicago.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact

## Halloween "Trunk or Treat"

Supervised fun for the children in the parking lot and gym at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, 5650 N. Canfield on Saturday, October 27; 2-4 p.m.; snacks other activities and door prizes. Public invited 708-867-5044; www.stpaulcanfield.org.

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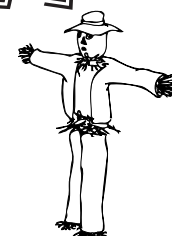
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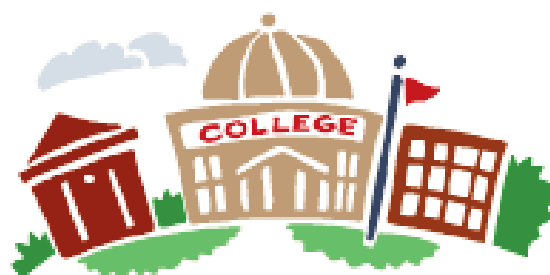
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It is important to continue nurturing your retirement nest egg, even after you've quit work. But in order to do so, you will need to decide how to deal with it in a tax-efficient and financially prudent manner, especially if you are retiring early.

Instead of withdrawing all your retirement plan assets from your employer-sponsored plan – such as a 401(k), you may want to consider rolling all or part of it directly into a tax-deferred traditional IRA.

In general, there are two types of rollovers: direct and indirect. With a direct rollover, all of the assets in your employer sponsored retirement plan are automatically rolled into an IRA, so you won't be subject to any taxes or IRS penalties.

However, with an indirect rollover, you withdraw the full balance of your employer-sponsored plan. You then have 60 days to deposit all or part of these assets into your traditional IRA and maintain your tax deferral status. Because you are withdrawing your assets from your 401(k) without immediately rolling them into another tax-deferred account, however, your employer is required to withhold 20 percent of your balance for federal income taxes and distribute the remaining funds to you.

To complete your rollover, you must replace the 20 percent withheld by your employer with your own funds or with other private funds. If you fail to deposit the entire amount of your 401(k) withdrawal into an IRA during the 60-day rollover period, the amount your employer withheld will be taxed. In addition, if you are younger than 55 when you retire, you may also face a 10 percent IRS early withdrawal penalty on that amount.

If you can afford to replace the 20 percent withholding with other funds, it is in your best interest to do so. You won't owe any additional tax on the distribution and you may be entitled to a refund when you file your tax return. The one setback in the meantime, however, is that you will temporarily lose the use of those replacement funds.

The rollover of your assets from a 401(k) into an IRA may include your employee contributions made on both a pretax and after-tax basis; any employer contributions, including matching contributions; and all earnings on your account. It is important to remember that when you roll over retirement assets into an IRA, the amount you roll over is not included in your taxable income for the year, so it does not increase your tax liability.

Whatever you choose, remember, in order for your nest egg to carry you into the future, continue to evaluate what is best for your retirement portfolio. As things change, you must adapt accordingly to make the most of your assets. With careful attention and advice from your local financial consultant, you can begin working towards achieving your retirement goals.

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By Cynthia Sliwa

**Malachite: Studies in Green**

A popular gemstone this fall is malachite – a rich-looking patterned green stone that typically includes alternating bands of lighter and darker green. Sometimes the bands appear as stripes; other times as circles, swirls or ovals. It can be fun to look at a variety of stones to find the one you like best.

Malachite was popular with the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. According to legend, malachite may help ease the pain of a woman in labor or a child teething, and may protect the wearer from danger. The stone also is said to create a sense of calm and peace in anyone who holds it or gazes upon it.

A strand of malachite beads makes a beautiful necklace or bracelet. You can also find various smooth polished shapes of this opaque gemstone used in pendants, brooches and earrings. Malachite is not the best choice for rings, however, as it is a relatively soft stone and can easily be chipped or scratched.

In jewelry, malachite is often beautifully paired with sterling silver. This fall, a number of high-end jewelry designers are also showing malachite set in yellow gold or rose gold. If you like malachite but you are blonde and fair or have warm, peach tones in your skin, choosing yellow or rose gold may make the gemstone easier to wear with your coloring.

Clean malachite by rubbing it with a soft, dry cloth. Do not clean malachite in a home ultrasonic cleaner. Never bring malachite into contact with any product containing ammonia, as it will remove the polish and lessen the beauty of the stone. Malachite is also sensitive to heat and hot water, so keep it out of the sauna and hot tub.

Malachite is typically found in copper-producing areas in regions as diverse as Siberia, France, Namibia and Arizona. Malachite is an inexpensive and abundant stone and because of its relative softness is easy to carve. It is often used for decorative items such as eggs and spheres. It has even been fashioned into columns, doors and decorative panels. Russian tsars devoted an entire room to malachite at the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg! Consider adding this intriguingly colored gemstone to your jewelry wardrobe.

**Cynthia Sliwa, AICI, is an image consultant, jewelry designer and co-author of the new book Jewelry Savvy: What Every Jewelry Wearer Should Know. Have a Question?..Story of interest..Contact me at CSliwa@aol.com or call 847-675-6127**

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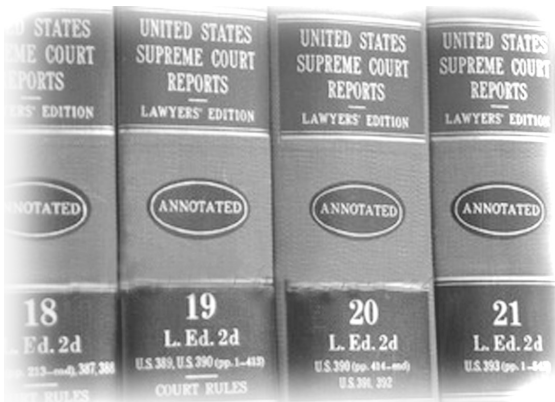
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## Lisa's Loot & Antiques Has Two Reasons To Celebrate In October:

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Prior to opening an antiques business Lisa started out as most antiques dealers do: As a collector mainly of Fire King glassware. She then began selling glassware to existing antiques dealers and stores eventually moving onto EBay sales. Eventually this led to booth rentals in venues such monthly fairs and then an antique mall. These were all valuable learning experiences for the 2004 establishment of her first small store in the Ravenswood area. In 2006 Lisa's Loot & Antiques relocated to a larger store.

There is a whimsical light-hearted vibe in the air when you enter the store, nothing too serious says Lisa "Life is already tough enough." We want people to feel at home and remember items from their Grandma's house. You'll find a wide mix of furniture, from primitive, Art Deco, 40's, 50's, 60's, Danish Modern, and traditional too. There is also lighting, lamps, art, glassware & loads of uncommon decor. Lisa believes pieces don't have to be in perfect condition to look great and she often mixes furniture of different styles to demonstrate this idea in her fun window displays. Hey they deliver too!

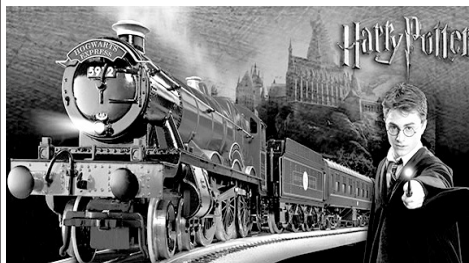
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# "A Theatre Review"

## "The Passion Play"

A Cycle in Three Parts Goodman Theatre  
170 N. Dearborn St.  
Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Anyone who has been attending productions at the Goodman Theatre over the years knows that you get your monies worth for the price of the ticket.

"The Passion Play" by Sarah Ruhl that has opened the 2007-2008 theatre season is no exception as it runs three and a half hours with two intermissions.

It first opened in 2005 in Washington D.C. and it needs a lot of trimming as you do a Christmas tree. It is not a play for everyone's tastes as many left at each intermission.

Part One takes place in England, Part Two in Germany and Part Three in South Dakota. It takes sixteen accomplished actors to tell what the playwright is telling the audience.

Each part of the story runs an hour and the live of the amateur actors and the biblical characters they portray in the location of the scenes are at odds with each other.

Characters making guest appearances in the show are Queen Elizabeth I in Part One, Adolf Hitler in Part 2 and Ronald Reagan. One might wonder what that had to do with the story of Christ.

The show offers anti-Semitism and anti-Catholicism also a village idiot who sees everything and sometimes becomes the sacrificial lamb. The show focuses on Pontius Pilate as the mirror image of God.

I must admit that this is not my cup of tea and would have loved to leave early but I stuck it out as it was a valiant effort by Ruhl but for those who like the show, my hat goes off to them.

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## "Fiction"

Remy Bumpo Think Theatre at the Victory Gardens  
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2257 N. Lincoln Ave.  
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Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The Remy Bumpo Theatre is opening their 2007-2008 season with Steven Dietz' new play "Fiction," under the direction of actor Nick Sandys.

Sandys' direction of the show proves he will not only be in demand for his direction as well as for his acting and fight choreography. The show offers the talent of three of Remy Bumpo's ensemble of performers and they are veteran actors Annabel Armour and David Darlow as Linda and Michael Waterman and Linda Gillum has the role of Abby Drake.

Michael and Linda are two successful and seemingly happily married novelists. When they find out that Linda has only a few weeks left to live, they decide to share their private diaries with one another. The play is constructed with flashbacks and twists and the show moves at a brisk pace. Most people might feel that if they knew Michael and Linda you might not let them in your circle of friends for long periods of time or might wonder why you have.

What Linda reads in Michael's diary shakes the foundation of what she thought she knew about her marriage and leaves both of them questioning the nature of truth. The show deals with past, present, fact and fiction. When Linda reads his private journal she finds a secret that she is sorry to find out and the secret's name is Abby played by Linda Gillum.


Abby is a sexy woman that Michael meets years ago at a writer's gathering and while he is attracted to her she may seem to smart to be attracted to him. The secrets that are revealed don't exactly shock or surprise but we realize they are not artificial. It is a sophisticated drama and an engrossing two hours of theatre with a fifteen minute intermission.

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## Bugs Beware

My furry friends, we need to be aware of the impending danger that is amongst us. Our humans do not always understand, so it is up to us to put up the fight. My friends, we are at War With Bugs!! I know this is more dramatic than I usually am, but this is vitally important. Because of our excessively humid summer, the bug population is exploding. This is NOT good for us dogs! We NEED to protect ourselves from the danger these bugs possess.

Mosquitoes are often considered a human problem, because when they bite they itch. Sometimes humans don't realize that we pooches get bite too, and it itches as much for us. Also, mosquitoes can carry heartworms. These are little buggers that grow in our canine hearts, which cause obvious problems for us! Have your human talk to your Veterinarian about what is the best protective treatment for you. Also, remind those ever-forgetful humans to get us a heartworm test once a year. That way if you do have the buggers, treatment can begin. Please note that mosquitoes are nondiscriminatory. They attack whoever and whatever is in their path. Any of us lovable pooches can fall victim.

Fleas are the second bug that posse problem for us. First off, they itch like crazy! Secondly, did I mention they itch? Thirdly, they are gross. The feed off our blood and crawl all over our body, UCK! Fourth, they can cause some pooches to become severely allergic to the saliva of the flea, thus causing even more problems. By now some of you are thinking, well I will never get them. I don't go anywhere! WRONG! Like mosquitoes, fleas will find any dog or cat to feast upon. We all are at risk.

For example, let's say that I have fleas. (This is purely hypothetical!) I go outside to use the potty and I sometimes go on walks. Well the fleas that are on me lay eggs. As I am walking around the eggs fall off. Birds then do their bird thing on the ground. The eggs stick to the bird's feet. The birds then fly into YOUR yard, and the eggs fall off. As the fleas grow, the look for their next meal, YOU! I know, now your saying I never go outside or it won't happen to me. Well, your human goes outside, don't they? Well, your human's shoes can act just like the birds. The eggs come home with them.

As you can see anyone of you pooches can get fleas or mosquito bites. You MUST protect yourself. My human likes Heartgard, Frontline, and Advantage products. But, she STRONGLY RECOMMENDS talking with your Veterinarians before starting any treatment. Your human wants to protect you, but they probably won't like the price. The cheap stuff DOESN'T work in my opinion, neither do flea collars. Again that is my, er., my humans opinion only.

The important thing is to get PROTECTED! These buggers are not only a nuisance, but dangerous to us. Be Safe! Play Hard! And Stay off the furniture! (at least when your human is looking!)

-Bosley

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

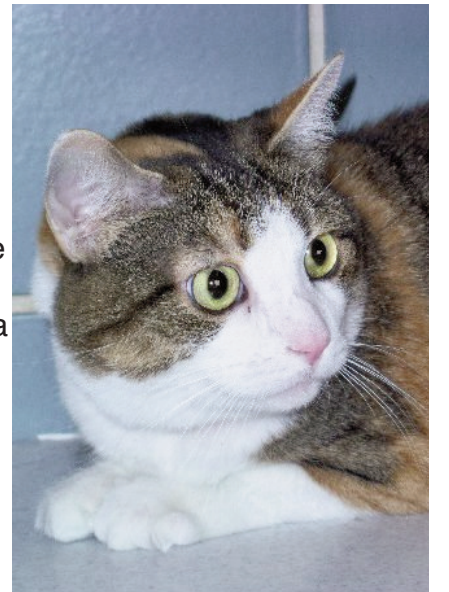
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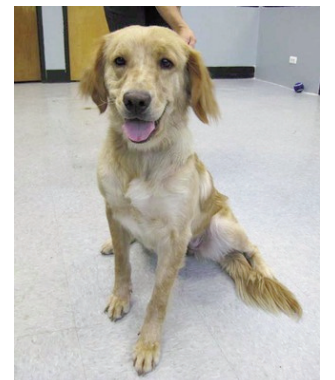
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### How Can I Tell If Someone May Have Dyslexia?

The problems displayed by individuals with dyslexia involve difficulties in acquiring and using language--reading and writing letters in the wrong order is just one manifestation of dyslexia and does not occur in all cases. Other problems experienced by dyslexics include learning to speak, organizing written and spoken language, learning letters and their sounds, memorizing number facts, spelling, reading, learning a foreign language, or correctly doing math operations. Not all individuals who have difficulties with these skills are dyslexic. Formal testing is the only way to confirm a diagnosis of suspected dyslexia.

#### Adults

The difficulties noted below are often associated with dyslexia if they are unexpected for the individual's age, educational level, or cognitive abilities. A qualified diagnostician can test a person to determine if he or she is truly dyslexic. Adult dyslexics may hide reading problems, may spell poorly; relies on others to correct spelling, avoids writing; may not be able to write, often very competent in oral language, relies on memory; may have an excellent memory, often has good "people" skills, often is spatially talented; professions include, but are not limited, to engineers, architects, designers, artists and craftspeople, mathematicians, physicists, physicians (esp. surgeons and orthopedists), and dentists, may be very good at "reading" people (intuitive), in jobs is often working well below their intellectual capacity, may have difficulty with planning, organization and management of time, materials and tasks, and are often entrepreneurs.

#### Young Children

Signs of dyslexia in young, preschool children include talking later than expected, a slowness to add new words, difficulty rhyming, and trouble following multistep directions. After a child begins school, the signs of dyslexia include: difficulty reading single words, such as a word on a flashcard, difficulty learning the connection between letters and sounds, confusing small words, such as at and to, letter reversals, such as d for b, word reversals, such as tip for pit.

Having one of these signs does not mean your child has dyslexia; many children reverse letters before the age of 7. But, if several signs exist and reading problems persist, or if you have a family history of dyslexia, you may want to have your child evaluated.

For older children, does your 1st, 2nd or 3rd-Grader: remember simple sequences such as counting to 20, naming the days of the week, or reciting the alphabet? Have an understanding of rhyming words, such as knowing that fat rhymes with cat? Recognize words that begin with the same sound (for example, that bird, baby, and big all start with b)? Easily clap hands to the rhythm of a song? Frequently use specific words to name objects rather than words like "stuff" and "that thing"? Easily remember spoken directions? Remember names of places and people? Show understanding of right-left, up-down, front-back? Sit still for a reasonable period of time? Make and keep friends easily?

Answering "no" to some or most of these questions may indicate a learning disability. Not all students who have difficulties with these skills are dyslexic. Formal testing is the only way to confirm a diagnosis of suspected dyslexia.

For more information about dyslexia and learning disabilities, contact the International Dyslexia Association in Baltimore, MD at (410) 296-0232 or log onto the website [www.interdys.org](http://www.interdys.org). To contact the Illinois Branch of IDA regarding the Fall Conference and other statewide programs and services, call (630) 469-6900 or log onto [www.readibida.org](http://www.readibida.org).

## Village Cooking Corner

### Israeli Salad

When my family lived in Israel they came back with this recipe. There is no lettuce used in their salads.

- 2 lg. Seedless cucumbers
- 3 med. Green peppers
- 1 carton cherry tomatoes (or) 1 lb. Plum tomatoes (sliced)
- 1/2 bunch green onions
- 1/2 15oz jar green olives w/pimentos
- 1 tsp. Garlic powder and ground pepper
- 1/4 c olive oil
- 1/4 c wine vinegar

Cut vegetables into cubes. ( I peel the cucumbers, but it's optional.) In a large bowl, combine vegetables, add olives.\* Then add garlic and pepper. Add oil & vinegar. Toss, adding more garlic powder or pepper if needed. The vegetables stay fresh because there is no salt. The olives replace the salt. It's really better to toss an hour before serving.

\*Just before you are ready to add seasoning, drain any excess liquids from bowl

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## Bucktown – A Final Note (for Now)

by: The Rev. Francis S. Rog, C.R.

A few months ago, Vivian Kolpak, one of the Przybylo's House of the White Eagle family, advised the editors of Our Village to speak with me about Bucktown. What followed was a sequence of articles: 1. Bucktown: the Name and a Changing Neighborhood; 2. A Four-Square Block "Community" and the Other Side of the Tracks and Forced Departure; 3. A Bucktown Wedding and Mores; 4. Champions (part 1); 5. Champions (part 2); 6. Of Taverns and Funeral Parlors; 7. The Kind is Dead; 8. The People of Bucktown; 9. A Walk-Through of Bucktown; and 10. Today's Final Note (for Now).

At the outset I did not realize it would be ten columns to capture and frame my experiences ... but it came easily. I chose to express much of historical, local facts and events. Moreover, these articles brought to my mind: THE PEOPLE OF BUCKTOWN.. So many from the first 17 years of my life in Bucktown and later the years of my ministry, as a priest at St. Hedwig Church. Most frequently as I meet with others of Bucktown at weddings, funerals and other family occasions, these reminiscences are part of the discussions. For it was from these people, of whom I frequently expressed is a specialness of the love and care as "one extended family."

Data will not express the faith and courage of the people as it became more visible in the writings of these articles in OUR VILLAGE. I came to reflect and realize what it meant "to be from Bucktown." The words of events did not properly express the LOVE that was the network of our lives. As I complete this work, I am most deeply grateful for the opportunity and for many who expressed concern from one issue to the next issue of OUR VILLAGE.

Perhaps other readers might feel that there is nothing unique. Still I want to express, although not unusual nor exceptional the vents, it is the people of Bucktown that touched me – and I know many others of my Bucktown friends – with the mystery of human life, that which binds us together.

Sometimes now I find myself daydreaming about radical changes, the old and the new, the yeas from open fields to a densely populated Polish neighborhood, which turned in greater percentage to be Hispanic and now to what some might call a "Yuppy" neighborhood. A great deal has happened in these years, and what can be expected to happen in the years to come! As Henri Nouwen once wrote: "I am still waiting, yet already receiving; wondering, yet already knowing."

Perhaps although fragmented we have a unity, from many aspects of life to one necessary element: we do NO cling to each other so as to entertain ourselves, but as fellow human beings in a restless and hectic world, in the midst of pains and joys, we are one in His Spirit, the Spirit of heart-knowledge, of LOVE.

### Epilogue

As I approach the final pages of this visit with you and our reminiscence of BUCKTOWN, I realize that many other topics could have been included. It has, however, been a magical enterprise for me. I was asked to write about BUCKTOWN ... and the more I wrote I was captivated by the "love" of the people who made "me." The BUCKTOWN people – individually and collectively – made me aware of the GOODNESS and BEAUTY of our lives. It strengthened my awareness that we can make a difference in our lives – united through the love of God ... but as importantly, ... to love one another.

While many have removed themselves from the four-block enclave (BUCKTOWN), I pray these pages have reminded you, as it did me, that we carry with ourselves a message of hope, that we move beyond distrust and fear, as we have experienced a magical rootedness in BUCKTOWN.

Having read these pages, I hope you have experienced a serenity within yourself – for what began as a mere historical presentation of our lives of 50 and more years ago, has become a return to the "WHY?" – our relationships with million acts of kindness, care and concern. Although separated from BUCKTOWN may we go beyond the statistics of crime, greed, inconsiderate people with increased dependence on drugs and alcohol, twisted values and distorted patterns of indifference.

I have frequently reflected on the diabolical and insidious thinking which has infiltrated many communities, which was manifested in the Beatles song of the 60s: I'm a No Where Man, in a No Where Land, with a No Where plan for No body!" to this end I want to emphasize St. Paul's words (Col. 3:12-13) "YOU are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourself with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meakness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive grievances. Forgive as the Lord forgives."

If we felt anxiety, stress, fear, anger and tension, may the remembering of our BUCKTOWN days reenergize us to love, harmony and peace.

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## What's the Worst That Can Happen?



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We often think that estate planning only deals with our assets at our death. This article debunks that myth and shows how a lack of planning can have negative consequences even during your life and not just on your assets.

Often, people procrastinate with estate planning. We think, "What's the worst that can happen?" We think it will not really affect us, only what happens to our money after we've passed. Unfortunately, that's not true. Of course, it will affect our money, causing delays, expenses, and potential infighting. However, the lack of planning can also affect us.

Perry Whatley, known by his friends as "Bit," was a refinery worker in Baytown, Texas. Bit lived an ordinary life, living frugally in a modest home. Bit made a shrewd investment in Humble Oil, which became Exxon, and later Exxon Mobil. That small investment ended up worth millions.

However, like many of us, Bit did not have a good estate plan. He had had a power of attorney, but had even revoked that. Bit, who was a widower, slowly declined in health and had a caretaker. His niece, Jeannie Anderson, the daughter of his only brother, became concerned when the caretaker began to exert increasing control over her uncle, who she knew had various health issues. When Bit married the caretaker, Dawn Johnson Whatley, Jeannie decided it was time to ask the probate court to step in to determine his capacity and appoint someone to manage his assets. Bit was in the middle of a fight between his new wife and his niece. His new wife took Bit out of state and away from family in order to avoid an order of the probate court. After more than two years, three-fourths of Bit's fortune had been spent on legal fees and court battles. And then, he died, far from family.

This is not how most of us would want to spend our final days: Isolated from family, on the run from a court order, and in the middle of an exhausting, expensive legal battle. How could Bit have avoided this problem? He could have done estate planning which would have provided for potential incapacity. First, Bit could have put his assets in a Revocable Living Trust. Such a Trust would have allowed Bit to manage the assets when well, and would have allowed a successor trustee (selected by him up front) to manage the assets for him during his incapacity. Powers of attorney would have complemented the trust. This would have avoided the costly and emotionally draining court battle.

Estate planning certainly helps ensure that your assets are distributed the way you want after your death. However, more importantly, estate planning ensures that the people whom you trust are in place with the power to manage things when you are no longer able to do so for yourself. An attorney who focuses practice on estate planning can help you put things in order so that you can rest easy knowing that Bit's fate is not in your future.

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