



STREET LEVEL



“Where Life Happens”

Volume II P.O. Box 31391,
Chicago, IL 60631

www.OurVillageChicago.com

Phone: 847/675-6127
Fax: 847/679-8851

Issue 3
October 31, 2008

The Rotary Club of Skokie Valley Begins a New “Rotary Year”



Dr. Mark Kaushal introduces his Board of Directors, Charles Dickson, Chief Barry Silverberg, Joe Walsh, Chief Ralph Czerwinski, Jack Hurwitz, Marty Paltzer, Carolyn Anthony, Joaquin Mejia and Mark Collins.

The Rotary Club of Skokie Valley was founded in December, 1939 as the Niles Center Rotary Club. Now the club comprises of businessmen and women and residents of Skokie, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove and Niles. The club meets every Tuesday for a luncheon meeting at the Holiday Inn Northshore, Skokie.

Rotary International is the world’s first service club organization, founded in Chicago in 1905. Its more than 1.2 million members worldwide volunteer their time and talent to further the Rotary motto, “Service Above Self”. Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service and encourages high ethical standards in all vocations. The Skokie Valley Club number about seventy business men and women.

An original goal of Rotary was to allow club members to meet periodically and enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances. As members of the oldest service club in the world, Rotarians represent a cross-section of their community’s business owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address concerns such as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians regularly experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

Rotary was founded on fellowship, a cornerstone that continues to attract members today. Rotarians enjoy camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects provide opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city of the world.

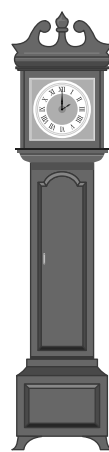
Rotary sponsors some of the world’s largest exchange and educational programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders, and they involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

Encouraging high ethical standards and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Throughout the year Skokie Valley Rotarians organize activities on a local level to help support various charities in our communities. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Skokie Valley Rotary Club please contact Dr. Mark Kaushal at kaushal@mededpathways.com.

Submitted by John Haben, Haben Funeral Home



Fall Back 1 Hour!

DAYLIGHT
SAVINGTIME
ENDS

November 2, 2:00 a.m.

Remember to check your batteries in your smoke alarms, CO2 detectors and all battery operated medical assistance devices.

Vote on November 4th AND REMEMBER VETERANS’ DAY NOVEMBER 11TH

Let us all honor our troops, present and past,
who defend our right to vote



Diabetes and Wound Healing Education Day

Nearly 6 million people don’t know they have diabetes. Are you one of them?

Are you diabetic and interested in finding out how to better manage the disease?

Do you suffer from lower extremity wounds associated with diabetes?

Please join us to get information on these and other issues associated with diabetes and wound healing.

Thursday, November 6, 2008

8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Saint Francis Hospital
Wolf Auditorium and South Conference Room
355 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL

Health Presentations ~ Information Booths ~ Free Diabetes Screening
Plus, refreshments and give aways!

(for best results, please do not eat for at least 12 hours before your test)

Call today to register!

1-877-RES-INFO (1-877-737-4636)

Saint Francis Hospital
355 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, IL 60202
sfh.reshealth.org

 Resurrection
Health Care®
For All of You, All of Your Life

Evanston Stop Smoking Clinic

The Evanston Department of Health and Human Services and Skokie Health Department will be hosting a six-session Stop Smoking Clinic November 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 18. All sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. The clinic is being held at the Evanston Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201. This program is being provided free of charge to people who live or are employed in either Skokie or Evanston.

Participants attend six evening sessions over a two-week period and then are eligible to attend follow-up sessions for long-term reinforcement. Twenty-four-hour live hot line service is available for all participants both during and after the clinic. Group and individual counseling is provided.

There are no shots, record keeping, hypnosis, needles, or any other quick-fix gimmicks. The method is clear and simple. Participants quit smoking completely at the first session and are supported through the worst period of physiological and psychological withdrawal. Long-term reinforcement then provides additional support to maintain abstinence.

Most people have paid fees ranging up to \$150 for this same program. Evanston and Skokie residents and employees are being provided this same quality of service at no charge, making this an unbeatable offer.

Jerry Zabin, L.C.S.W., is conducting the clinic. Mr. Zabin has been working in the field of social work since 1976. As the former Director of two addiction programs, he has a great deal of experience in working with chemical dependency. He has conducted Smoking Cessation Clinics over the past twenty years, helping many people to successfully stop smoking, and has maintained a psychotherapy practice since 1985.

Being a nicotine addict means there is no magic cure, no easy way out. But nicotine addiction - like any other drug dependency - is treatable. This program offers the most comprehensive and sound support to beat that addiction.

For information, go to www.evanstonssc.com or call the Evanston Health Department at (847) 866-2949.

Evanston Vehicle Stickers on Sale November 3

Vehicle stickers and residential parking permits for 2009 will be on sale beginning Monday, Nov. 3 in the City Collector’s Office and Parking Systems, located in Evanston Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.

Vehicle stickers can also be purchased online through the City’s web site, www.cityofevanston.org, for residents who’d rather remain in the comfort of their own homes and not wait in line. The online service, provided by Credentials Order Processing Services, Inc., (COPSI), accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express cards and charges a \$3 convenience fee for each sticker ordered.

Community members who also need residential parking permits cannot take advantage of the online service.

Residents with vehicles, motorcycles, trucks and trailers registered to Evanston addresses and with the Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles will soon receive sticker notifications through the mail. Vehicle sticker purchases can also be made through the mail.

The 2009 vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by January 12, 2009. City of Evanston ordinance requires all vehicles registered to Evanston addresses to properly display valid City vehicle stickers.

Regular business hours for the Collector’s Office and Parking Systems are Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Collector’s Office will be open extended hours for sticker purchases: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6.

Both the Collector’s Office and Parking Services are open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009; and till 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Jan. 5 through 9, 2009.

A penalty of an additional 50 percent of the original fee will be added to all applications received after January 12. (A passenger car vehicle sticker will cost \$120 rather than \$75.)

Senior citizens ages 65 and older are eligible for a 50 percent discount on the purchase of 2009 vehicle stickers if income level qualifications are met. The income levels are singles filing single tax returns, \$30,000 or less; married with joint tax returns, \$50,000 or less. Copies of 2007 tax returns or other verifications of income should be brought in to qualify.

Seniors can apply for discount cards Mondays through Fridays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Commission on Aging office, Room G600 in the Civic Center.

In addition, seniors may also apply for discount cards from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6, 2008, also on Jan. 10, 2009. Vehicle stickers may be purchased on these days, as well as during the week, through the City Collector’s Office.

Seniors who obtained discount cards in 2006 or 2007 may use them to purchase their 2009 stickers at any time.

For more information on the senior discount, contact the Commission on Aging, (847) 866-2919.

Online Service Shows Evanston Polling Places

Evanston residents who plan to cast their votes on Tuesday, Nov. 4 can use the City’s online service “About My Place” to find out the location of their polling places.

Residents can visit www.cityofevanston.org/aboutmyplace and type in their street addresses to learn information that is pertinent them: who their aldermen are; property PINs; whether their properties are in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target areas; the days of the week trash, recycling and yard waste are collected; police beats; street cleaning schedules and more.

Have a heart-to-heart with your neighbor.

NEED CARDIAC CARE?

Then talk to your *neighbors* at Saint Francis Hospital in Evanston.

We have more than 500 internists, cardiologists, primary care physicians and OB/GYNs who are ready to care for you and your family.

To make an appointment with one of our exceptional physicians, call

1-877-RES-INFO (1-877-737-4636).

Saint Francis Hospital
sfh.reshealth.org



8057 Niles Center Road
Skokie, IL 60077-2599
Phone: (847) 673-6111
Fax: (847) 673-8976

Would you like to work with funeral directors who understand how valuable it is for you and your family to have a truly **meaningful funeral experience?**

When the time comes to **honor a loved one’s memory** in a personal way, give us a call.

For a Life Worth CelebratingSM



–Exams
–X-Rays
–Simple Cleaning
(excluding gum disease conditions.)
\$50⁰⁰

Most Insurances Accepted

PLUS DENTAL

Sukyong Chang, D.D.S.
(773) 777-8686

- Teeth Whitening
- Gum Treatment
- Child Dentistry
- Cosmetic Dentistry
- Endontics
- Implant Services
- Extractions
- Crowns
- Bridges
- Dentures



Se Habla Español

4801 W. Peterson, Ste 309 (Edens’ Plaza Bldg.) Chicago

Village of Skokie Yard Waste Collection Ends and Leaf Collection Begins

Yard waste collection for the 2008 season concluded on October 15, 2008. After this date, residents will need to call the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427 to arrange for a special pick up of the materials.

On Monday, October 20, 2008, the Village begins its annual leaf collection program that continues through mid-December, weather permitting. The leaf collection program provides residents with an alternate way to dispose of leaves. Instead of bagging, or for those who do not mulch leaves, residents may rake leaves next to the curb in front of their home. When weather permits, Village crews make rounds throughout Skokie collecting the leaves on a weekly basis. Please follow the suggested tips to insure collection:

Please do not leave grass piles, twigs and branches or other garden debris within the pile as these items can damage equipment and prevent leaf collection.

- Wetting leaves while piled prevents them from blowing away.
- Be mindful of hydrants and keep them visible.
- Rake leaves away from parked cars and do not park on leaf piles.
- Do not rake leaves onto or in sewer drains.

For more information on leaf collection contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427

Votes for French Fries at Wiener and Still Champion

The November 4 election will be one of the nation's most important in recent memory. To do its part to help turn out the vote, on Tuesday, November 4 only, Wiener and Still Champion, 802 Dempster St. in Evanston, will offer a free order of small French Fries, aka Freedom Fries, to anyone with an "I Voted" sticker, or other proof of casting a vote.

Wiener and Still Champion's French Fries, hand cut from fresh Idaho potatoes and double-fried, have been rated among the top five in Chicagoland by Citysearch.com.

Wiener and Still Champion is open seven days a week, at 802 Dempster Street in Evanston, just 1/2 block west of the Dempster Street El stop.

Village of Skokie Immigration Information Workshop Series

The Village of Skokie offers a monthly Immigrant Information Series focusing on issues that are important to immigrant residents. All workshops are held at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton Street from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

The workshops are free of charge and are conducted in the English language. People who do not speak English are encouraged to attend and bring an interpreter/translator. Children's activities are available for children ages five and up. Light refreshments will be served.

The next workshop, entitled Insuring your Home, Your Property, and Yourself will be held on October 6, 2008. Securing insurance for yourself, your home and your property can be an overwhelming task. Come and find out what your options are. Speakers will be present from the Illinois Department of Insurance.

- Additional upcoming workshops include:
- November 3, 2008: Emergency Services: Protection, Prevention, and Preparedness
 - December 1, 2008: Getting Around: Buses, Trains, and Automobiles
 - January 5, 2009: Village of Skokie's Health Department Personal Health Services
 - February 2, 2009: Health and Wellness - Rush North Shore Medical Center

For a complete description of each session or to register, please e-mail HtmlResAnchor info@skokie.org or call the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8257.

This Immigrant Information Workshop Series is sponsored by the Village of Skokie and funded by a grant from The Chicago Community Trust/Immigrant Integration Initiative. For 93 years, The Chicago Community Trust has connected the generosity of donors with the needs of the community by making grants to organizations working to improve metropolitan Chicago. With assets of \$1.8 billion, the Trust made a record-breaking \$114 million in grants in 2007. From strengthening community schools to assisting local art programs, from building health centers to helping lives affected by violence, the Trust works to enhance our region.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early at Ten Thousand Villages

Saturday November 15, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.
Sunday November 16, 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Come & Shop & Browse

St. Richard's Episcopal Church
5101 W. Devon in Chicago.

All proceeds will go to Ten Thousand Villages. Complementary fair trade coffee and bake goods will be served to all shoppers. For more information call Rev. Fran Holliday at 773-774-4519

Chicago's #1 Car Washes

We do it Faster!
We do it Better!
We do it for Less!

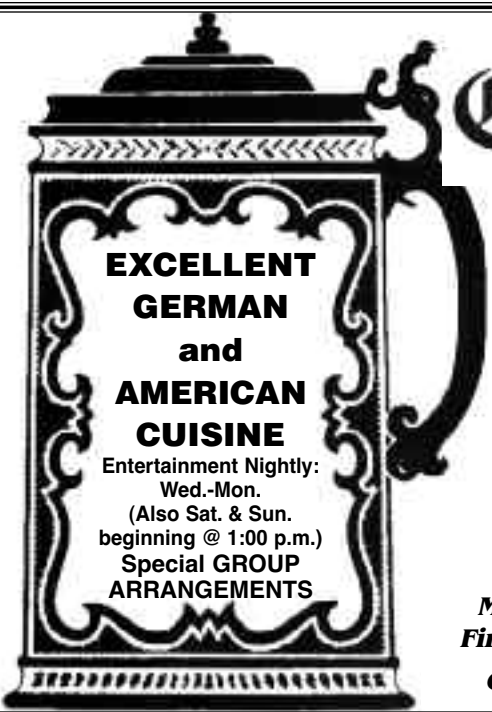


\$3.50
CAR
WASH

25¢ Extra on Fri., Sat., Sun,
Holidays and the day before.
Free Sealer Wax!
With this Coupon and Wash Purchase.
Exp. 11/15/08 One per customer.
Not valid with other offers.

5724 N. Lincoln, Chicago
7130 N. Western, Chicago
4900 N. Broadway, Chicago
900 Civic Center Dr., Niles

Daily 7am-9pm • Sunday 8am-6pm
Interior Cleaning Available!



Chicago Brauhaus

4732 N. Lincoln Avenue — Chicago, IL 60625

LUNCH AND DINNER SPECIALTIES:

- Wiener Schnitzel
- Chicken Schnitzel
- Roast Veal Shank
- Sauerbraten
- Pork Shanks
- Roast Duckling

- Bratwurst
- Steak Tartar
- Homemade Soups
- Homemade Apple Strudel
- Fresh Fish of the Day



Music & Dancing
Fine Food & Drinks
Closed Tuesday

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL:
(773) 784-4444

Open for Lunch
and Dinner
Wednesday thru
Monday

Visit our website at
www.chicagobrauhaus.com

G R E A T O U T D O O R S

Fall Beautiful Fall - Time To Prepare For Winter

By: Nick Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses

The chill of the first cool nights of fall serves as a warning that the growing season is coming to an end. By all means, enjoy your flowers for as long as the weather permits. We can even stubbornly try to protect and cover animals from the onset of cooler temperatures. However, hard frosts will eventually take their toll. At this time I strongly urge gardeners to clean up all dead flowers and vegetable plants. This is the first step towards having a great garden next year.

Then I would suggest adding a two to three inch layer of an organic material to the soil. If you have a compost pile, this would be a good time to work in this material.

Another option is to work the leaves from your yard into the soil. Adding these materials will have several benefits. First, the organic matter will have a chance to further decompose during the long, wet fall and winter. As the organic material naturally breaks down, this will add nutrients to the soil for next years plants.

Second, really digging and working up the soil in the fall aerates and loosens it and prevents the ground from becoming too hard. This is very important because a loose soil allows plants to develop healthy roots systems.

None of this work is very glamorous, however conditioning and preparing soil is one of the most important keys to having success as a gardener. Next spring your flower and vegetable plants will benefit from growing in a nutrient rich, loose soil.

Urhausen Greenhouses, Inc. is located at 6973 N. East Prairie Road in Lincolnwood. Phone: 847-675-1573, www.urhausengreenhouses.com

Urban Wildlife Coalition

Here's Your Hat, What's Your Hurry?: Humane Ways to Un-invite a Wildlife Guest

The last edition of Our Village featured tips for how to prevent unwanted wildlife from making your home, their home. But, if it's too late for prevention, and you are hearing the pitter pat of little paws, below are ways to encourage critters to skedaddle humanely.

Who's there? Can you hear animals in your home but cannot see them?

The best way to find out what you've got is to identify their tracks. Sprinkle flour or cornstarch where you hear the noises. Check back the next day.

Raccoons are usually active just before dawn and at dusk, whereas squirrels are lively during the day and quiet at night.

Ballerinas or Sumo wrestlers? Light scampering is likely to be squirrels; thumping and bumping, raccoons.

Live trapping and relocation are not necessarily humane. Many homeowners consider live trapping and removal and relocation as the best ways to deal with wildlife residents. In reality, relocation almost always leads to death. Most animals are very territorial and when moved to another's turf, the new guy in the woods may be met with hostility and find it impossible to secure food or shelter. Moreover, many animals seek refuge in human homes just temporarily as protection for their newborns. If the mother is removed, the babies will die within the walls or chimney of your home. More often than not, the animals will evacuate on their own within a week or two after giving birth, taking their youngsters along. Though it may be a brief inconvenience, patience is often the best cure.

If waiting is not an option or if the animals stay more than two weeks, try gentle annoyance. Generally speaking, animals dislike noise, light, unusual smells, and... well... you. Try theses tips to encourage animals to seek shelter elsewhere: they'll remain in their own territory and may not need to abandon their young.

Place a "foreign" object like a flashlight or ball in the inhabited area. Sometimes, that's all it will take to encourage the visitor to flee.

For chimney inhabitants, tune your radio to a talk station and leave it next to the chimney damper.

Make noise (kids love this one!). Bang pots and pans, rustle papers, open and close doors. Best time to deter raccoons is in the evening.

Consider installing a strobe-like device called a "flasher disk," available at many hardware stores.

Brush your dog and scatter bits of fur in the inhabited space.

Speed up the evacuation process by finding or creating a new home outside your home. Temporarily place a hollow log or box in your backyard, away from your home's entry points.

Never use smoke or fire to drive animals out of a chimney: it will almost always kill young animals that are unable to flee on their own.

Never use ammonia as a scent deterrent during animal birthing seasons.

Once you are absolutely certain the animals are gone (sprinkle flour or cornstarch again to see if more tracks appear; listen for more footsteps), prevent further visits by immediately installing a chew-proof chimney cap and/or repairing and sealing home openings.

In rare cases, it may be necessary to call in the professionals. Our next article will feature tips for choosing a humane wildlife control company.

Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization to help preserve our urban wildlife. For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit urbanwildlifecoalition.org. Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com.

Firewood Sale Begins Nov. 8

The City of Evanston's annual firewood sale begins Saturday, Nov. 8. While firewood supplies last, sale hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at 2310 Oakton St., Evanston (between the former Recycling Center and the Animal Shelter). Prices remain the same as last year. The cost is \$20 per 1/8 face cord; \$30 per 1/4 face cord; \$50 per 1/2 face cord; or \$90 per full face cord. Payment by personal check is preferred although payment can also be made by cash. Credit cards are not accepted, and delivery is not available. Once supplies are depleted, the Saturday sales will be discontinued for the year.

Free woodchips are also available at the base of the hill in adjacent James Park. Residents can take as many woodchips as they would like. For more information, call 847-866-2912.

National Wildlife Federation

Going Wild This Halloween

Halloween is a holiday with lots of creepy wildlife associated with it, but are they really so creepy? From toads to bats to owls, the National Wildlife Federation shares the facts about these animals and what they are up to at this time of year, which might dispel a few myths.

Bats

Blood sucking vampire bats are real – but they mostly feed on chickens and cows and only live in Latin America. Most North American bats are insect eaters, feeding on everything from moths to mosquitoes to beetles. They use echolocation to find their prey, which is kind of like radar, rather than eyesight. They tend to have beady little eyes and weird-shaped faces which makes them look scary. But those faces help capture sound waves bouncing off of prey and other objects and funnel those waves to their ears.

Many bat species are entering into hibernation in caves or hollow trees, but some fly south for the winter just like birds.

Spiders

Spiders, with their eight legs and multiple eyes, are creatures right out of nightmares—and their sticky webs and venomous fangs don't help their public image either. But even though they might look scary, spiders are actually extremely beneficial predators of all sorts of insect pests. And only three species in the U.S. that have venom considered strong enough to hurt people: the black widow, the brown recluse and the hobo, and spider bites from these are very rare.

In the fall, female spiders are guarding egg sacks which hold the next generation of spiders.

Toads

Toads are not just a key ingredient in witches' brew, they are important environmental indicators. All amphibians are susceptible to environmental toxins because of their sensitive skin. They are usually the first species to die out in polluted areas. If you have healthy toad populations in your area, it's a good sign that your neighborhood is fairly unpolluted. And no, you cannot catch warts from touching a toad.

Toads are voracious pest predators in the warm months, but go into underground hibernation by late fall and won't emerge until spring.

Wolves

The howl of the wolf can cause either heart-rending terror or spiritual inspiration. People have either vilified or glorified wolves throughout history, but the real life wild canines are neither hounds from hell or spiritual guides. In reality, gray wolves are top predators that play a key role in balancing the ecosystem. They control deer and other prey populations as well as other predators lower down on the food chain, like coyotes and raccoons.

Once found throughout North America, the only remaining gray wolf populations live in limited regions of the United States and Canada in wilderness areas. They go out of their way to avoid humans. At this time of year, they are in the process of growing their thick winter coats to guard against winter's bitter temperatures.

Snakes

The slithering, legless body. The forked tongue. The lidless eyes. Everything about a snake is decidedly non-human. But even though they strike fear in many people, most snake species are completely harmless. In fact, snakes are enormously beneficial, helping to control insect and rodent pests. The only time a snake will try to bite is if it's cornered or startled. The natural reaction of all snakes to people is to get away or hide.

By late October, most snakes are moving to their underground hibernation grounds, where they will doze away the cold months waiting for the warmer days of spring.

Owls

The nocturnal habits, glowing eyes and utterly silent flight make these predatory birds the epitome of eeriness. It turns out that all of those things are simply adaptations for survival. Owls are nocturnal to avoid competition for prey with day-flying hawks. Their giant eyes and the fringed feathers that make no noise when the bird is flying allow them to hunt in the darkness.

Most owls are year-round residents and don't migrate. Listen for the hoot-hoot-hoot of the great horned owl or the whinnying shriek of the screech owl when you're trick or treating this year!

Now that you know the truth about these valuable wildlife, you might consider attracting them to your yard (except the wolves) The National Wildlife Federation shows how to turn your property into a wildlife habitat at www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife

Copyright 2008 National Wildlife Federation, All Rights Reserved.

Evanston Public Library

1703 Orrington Ave.
847-448-8610 www.epl.org

The African American Literature Book Discussion Group will be discussing *What Next: A Memoir Toward World Peace*, by Walter Mosley on Wednesday, November 12. In *What Next*, Mosley shares a deeply personal and political proposal, offering a common sense approach to the challenge of finding world peace in a post-9/11 world. He explores what the terrorist attacks meant to him and challenges African Americans to use their unique position to help create a new kind of peace between the U.S. and the rest of the world.

Register and pick up copies of the book at the 2nd floor Reader's Services desk, or call 847-8620. The discussion group will meet in the Community Meeting Room at the Main Library at 7:00 pm.

The Lyric Opera Lecture series continues on Saturday, November 15 at the Main Library. John Kohlmeier lectures on *Lulu* by Alban Berg at 2:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room. Members of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps present informative lectures on the 2008-09 Lyric Opera season at both Main and North Branch Libraries. Pick up a complete schedule at any Library branch. For more information call Reader's Services at 847-448-8620.

Calling middle school teens to **Scratch Lab** at the Evanston Public Library! Scratch is an MIT-based programming language that makes it easy to create your own digital interactive stories, animations, video games, music and art -- and share your own creations on the web. This program is for teens in middle school. Scratch Lab will be at 2:30 on Tuesday, November 11. Check at The Loft at the Main Library or call 847-448-8625 for more information. November 11 is Veteran's Day and a school holiday.

An **Introduction to the Internet** class is scheduled for Saturday, November 15 at the Main Evanston Public Library at 1703 Orrington Avenue. This class is for students who feel comfortable using the mouse and know a little about computers, but are new to the Internet. Learn how to get "online," visit websites and find information. There's a whole new world online, waiting for you! If you are not comfortable using a mouse or keyboard, please sign up for our Computer Basics class first. The class takes place in the computer lab on the third floor 10:00-11:00am. Call 847-448-8630 for more information.

Reeltime presents *In the Family*, by Joanna Rudnick (2008, 83 min.) Wednesday, November 5 at 7:30pm. What do you do when your own genetic make-up is your enemy? Intensely personal, this documentary follows Chicago filmmaker Joanna Rudnick as she tests positive for the hereditary breast-cancer gene(BRAC). As Joanna reaches out to other women facing a similar predicament, she poses and clarifies the complex issues connected with predictive genetic testing. Filmmaker Joanna Rudnick will appear in person. Join us at the Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Northwestern University Evanston Campus to view this film. Call Reeltime at the Main Library, 847-448-8650, for more information.

Preschool Storytime meets every Wednesday at 10:30 am in the Barbara Friedberg Storytelling Room at the Main Library. For children ages 3-5 years old and parent or caregiver. Drop-in; no registration required. Ticket distribution begins at 10:00. Preferred seating is given to Evanston children who are 3, 4 or 5 years of age and their families or caregivers. Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue in downtown Evanston. For more information, call the Main Children's Room at 847-448-8610

The Evanston Public Library offers **Career Counseling** on the second Monday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. The next session is Monday, November 10. Patrons can schedule a free half-hour consultation with a professional career counselor by calling the Main Library's Reference Desk at 847-448-8630 to reserve a time-slot. Individual career counseling sessions take place in the Small Meeting Room on the ground floor near the Information Desk.

Property Tax Bills Are Due November 3, Pappas Says

Property tax bills for the second installment of tax year 2007 being mailed to property owners are due November 3, 2008, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

Owners of Cook County's 1.7 million homes and other parcels of property can pay electronically from a checking or savings account at cookcountytreasurer.com, Pappas said.

Pappas advised owners to have their 14-digit Property Index Number available when they make on-line payments.

Owners should write the PIN on payment checks and need the bill and stub in making other forms of payment:

In person, at more than 300 Chase Bank locations, including at 68 Dominick's stores.

In person, by direct debit at 217 participating community banks.

By return mail, postmarked no later than November 3, 2008.

Callers to 312.443.5100 also should have the PIN to get the bill amount in English, Polish or Spanish.

<div><p>Maria Pappas Cook County Treasurer</p></div>	<div><p>PAY</p><p>COOK COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES</p><p>ONLINE</p><p>cookcountytreasurer.com</p></div>
<div><p>PAYMENT STATUS</p><p>REFUND INFO</p><p>EXEMPTION HISTORY</p></div>	<div><p>CALL</p><p>312.443.5100</p><p>24-hour automated phone system English ■ Spanish ■ Polish</p><p>or</p><p>VISIT</p><p>cookcountytreasurer.com</p></div>

	Matt Bale Funeral Director Intern	Les Bale Funeral Director
	Christian Funeral Home	
	<i>Family Owned and Operated</i>	
	Personal • Dignified • Affordable Services	
	Save \$2,000-\$4,000 on Funerals in Your Church or Our Funeral Home	
Cremation Starting at \$1,000		
Complete Funeral Including: 1 Night Visitation, Service Next Day, Register Book, Memorial Cards and Casket for \$4,700		
3100 West Irving Park Road Chicago, Illinois 60618 24 Hour Phone (773) 478-3240 www.christianfunerals.net		

"A Theatre Review"

“All Shook Up” Marriott Theatre 10 Marriott Dr. Lincolnshire, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

“All Shook Up” is the perfect musical for regional theatre. While the book may not be strong, the book and songs will entertain. It does take a strong cast to make the magic work and this is something the Marriott theatre has.

Wunderman Marc Robin with his direction and choreography has put together a four star production.

The book is by Joe DiPietro and the Presley estate was so impressed with it that they agreed to release 24 of Elvis Presley’s biggest hits that include “Love Me Tender; “Don’t be Cruel,” “Hound Dog” and “Blue Suede Shoes” to keep you rock’n rolling in your seats.

The multi-talented Broadway actor Tyler Hanes has returned to the Marriott stage after two years of appearing on Broadway in “A Chorus Line.” This man can sing, dance and act and it’s great to see him back on stage as Chad in this show.

Jessie Mueller as Natalie who falls in love with Cad is a star in the making and the chemistry and magic of their performance make this production shine.

The show is a modern rock ‘n roll version of Shakespeare’s romantic comedy “Twelfth Night.”

While “Footloose” dealt with a small town banning rock’n roll dancing “All Shook Up” deals with a roustabout who hits town with his motorcycle and his rock’n roll singing. With the help of the mayor the town believes he is a “devil in disguise.”

Others in the cast are Don Forston as Sheriff Earl, Paula Scrofano as the mayor, Ross Lehman as Jim, and Christine Sherill as the sexy Miss Sandra. Others in the cast are Matt Raftery, Davis Morrison, Ericka Mac, Melody Betts, Chasten Harmon plus several others in the ensemble. Don’t miss the show – if you do you’ll regret it.

“All Shook Up” runs through December 7. For performance days, times and reservations call 847-634-0200. Tickets are \$45 and \$55.

“The Aisle Seat”

By Richard Allen Eisenhardt

On Monday evening October 20 the Jeff Committee celebrated its 40th anniversary honoring Chicago’s equity theatres. The winners are listed below and major awards were broken down into two categories on the budget side of the theatre.

Play-Large: “Comedy of Errors” – Chicago Shakespeare.
Musical-Large: “Les Miserables” – Marriott Theatre
Actor-Principal Role Play: Randy Steinmeyer – “A Steady Rain” Chicago Dramatist
Actress-Principal Role Play: Lois Smith – “The Trip to Beautiful” Goodman Theatre.
Actor Supporting Role Play: Mark Ulrich – “Juno and the Peacock” Artistic Home.
Actress Supporting Role Play: Hallie Foote – “Trip to Bountiful: Goodman
Midsize Play: “A Steady Rain” Chicago Dramatist
Midsize Musical: “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” Bailiwick Rep.
Production Revue: Ella – Northlight Theatre
Director – Play: Barbara Gaines – “Comedy of Errors” Chicago Shakespeare
Director – Musical: Jim Corti – “Sweet Charity” Drury Lane Oakbrook and Dominic
Missmi: “Les Miserables” Marriott Theatre
Director Review: Rob Ruggiero – “Ella” Northlight Theatre
Ensemble: “Funk It Up About Nothing: Chicago Shakespeare
New Work: Keith Huff – “A Steady Rain: Chicago Dramatist
New Adaptation: Ron West – “Comedy of Errors” Chicago Shakespeare
Solo Performance: Nilaja Sun – “No Child” Looking Glass Theatre
Actor – Principal Rose – Musical: John Cudia – “Les Miserables” Marriott
Actress – Principal – Musical: Summer Naomi Smart – “Sweet Charity” Drury Lane Oakbrook
Actor – Supporting Role – Musical: Richard Todd Adams – “Les Miserables” Marriott Theatre
Actress – Supporting Role – Musical: Jessie Mueller “Carousel” Court Theatre
Actor – Revue: James Bank “American Dream Songbrook” Next Theatre
Actress p Revue: E. Faye Butler “Ella” Northlight
Musical Director: Doug Peck – “Carousel” Court Theatre
Choreography: Nick Sandys – “Requiem for a Heavyweight: Shattered Glob Theatre

A special award went to Eileen Boevers for outstanding achievement, founder of Apple tree Theatre.

And the brings “The Aisle Seat” column to an end saluting the fantastic Joseph Jefferson Committee and most of the winners.

porchlight music theatre
chicago

Candide


Funny.
Irreverent Satire... Sophisticated Operetta.

Book by Hugh Wheeler
Lyrics by John Latouche, Richard Wilbur & Stephen Sondheim
Music by Leonard Bernstein / Based on the novel *Candide* by Voltaire

The Best of all Possible Worlds!

Part sophisticated operetta, part wacky screwball comedy with shades of Monty Python, this funny, irreverent satire is the perfect musical expression of Voltaire’s tongue-in-cheek send-up of optimistic philosophies.

September 13 through November 2
Fridays and Saturdays at 7:45pm Sundays at 2:30pm

 Theatre Building Chicago, 1225 W. Belmont Avenue
For tickets, CALL **773.327.5252**
www.theatrebuildingchicago.com
Groups 15+ call Group Theater Tix at **312-423-6612**
Also Ticketmaster **312-902-1500** and ticketmaster.com www.Porchlighttheatre.com

TREAT YOURSELF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

November 12 – December 21

meet me in st. louis

“ARTFUL, GORGEOUS, IMPRESSIVE, SUPERB!”
Chicago Tribune

“Take your family -- kids, grandkids, whomever -- to see "Meet Me in St. Louis" at Drury Lane. Beautiful costumes, crisp choreography, and MEMORABLE songs like "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and "The Trolley Song" add to the enjoyment.” – The Northwest Indiana Times

 **FOR TICKETS CALL 312.642.2000**
www.drurylanewatertower.com
WATER TOWER PLACE **ticketmaster** 312.902.1500 www.ticketmaster.com



Skokie Theatre Music Foundation

847-677-7761
7924 N. Lincoln Ave.
Skokie, IL 60077
www.skokietheatre.com



Plenty of free parking!
Group Rate Available

Ticket prices do not include service fees
Buy tickets online at www.skokietheatre.org

- November 7 · 8pm Laugh Tour
- November 8 · 8pm & 9 at 2 pm A Conversation with Teddy Roosevelt
- November 9 · 7pm Jeff Hedberg & C11
- November 14 · 8 pm Doug Lofstrom and the New Quartet
- November 15 · 7:30 pm Bounding Main
- November 16 · 2 pm Kimber Leigh Nussbaum
- November 16 · 7 pm Sons of the Never Wron
- November 21-23 Polish Film Festival in America Fri-Sat 8pm / Sun 2pm
- November 28-29 · 8pm Jim Post in Concert with Randy Sabien

Wednesday Afternoon Concert Series

- November 5 · 1:30 pm Big Band Cavalcade
- November 12 · 1:30 pm Best of Broadway

Guess Who’s Coming to the Skokie Theatre?

JOE WIEGAND WHO WILL BE APPEARING ON NOV 8-9 in CONVERSATION WITH TEDDY ROOSEVELT will be presenting his program at the WHITE HOUSE next Monday for PRESIDENT & MRS GEORGE W BUSH and their guests celebrating TR’s 150th birthday

Hope you’ll see this great show at the Skokie Theatre - TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Submitted by Al Curtis

SKOKIE ART GUILD

FIGURE DRAWING WORKSHOPS

THURSDAYS -7:00 PM - 9:45 PM, SATURDAYS 10:00 AM- 1:00PM
Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie
Live Models/No Instructor. Fees per session:
Skokie Art Guild Members \$10: non-members \$15. For information call:
Richard Wilberg 847-677-3461

Skokie Art Guild Fall Exhibit

Now Showing at Skokie Library 5215 Oakton St. through November 22
Enjoy 35 artists’ original works: Paintings, Sculpture and other media

Steve Gal
Bank of Lincolnwood, 4433 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood

Ellen M. Greene
Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie

Come In & Enjoy Our Halloween Decorations!



Annie’s



Old Fashion Pancake House

4900 W. Oakton
located in the heart of Downtown Skokie

Daily Specials Mon-Fri

Cheerful Staff And Great Home Cooked Meals Await You!

Open Daily 6am-4pm

Phone: 847-675-7562

New Luncheon Features

Fax: 847-675-7564

Robin Hood and Maid Marian Opens November 21 at Evanston Children’s Theater

The Sheriff of Nottingham may be up to his dirty deeds, but Robin Hood and Little John are determined to save the day for the common folk. The Evanston Children’s Theatre presents this exciting adventure tale straight from the Sherwood Forest. Will Robin Hood stop the sheriff? Can Maid Marian and Robin Hood find happiness? Performances of this family show will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21; 3 & 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Tickets for Robin Hood and Maid Marian are \$8 and are available at the door. For more information, call 847-448-8250.

SKOKIE THEATRE

Presents

CHARLENE BROOKS in

"LIFE STINKS!!!"

and other things my mother taught me....

December 6 & 7


Saturday at 8pm - Sunday at 2pm

Hilarious! Moving!

A rollercoaster ride through the life of a woman surrounded by colorful and over-the-top characters. This dynamic chanteuse sings songs of stage and screen amid her stories that everyone can relate to.

Tickets:
\$15 in advance available at 847-677-7761
\$20 at the door

At the beautifully renovated
Skokie Theatre
7924 N. Lincoln Avenue Skokie
847-677-7761 visit skokietheatre.com





A-OK Business Service

Providing Business Solutions Since 1969

4524 Oakton Street • Skokie, IL 60076-3143
Phone 847.674.4010 • Fax 847.674.4577
aokbusiness@sbcglobal.net

Stephanie Bockhol

Specialists in:

- **Personalized Letters • Word Processing**
- **Mail Preparation • Laser Envelope Addressing**

In the Skokie area for 39 years

Our Move has been postponed!

🐾 We are still at our Higgins location. 🐾



featuring:
Dog & Cat grooming by our Friendly
& Certified Staff!

Now Open
Monday-Saturday 8-5

CANINE CORRAL

7040 W. Higgins * Chicago **773-775-1040**

Pet Howliday Tips

By Bosley

The following are some thoughts for my furry friends. Humans please skip to the bottom.

As mentioned before, the howlolidays are a very busy time for our humans. Either they are busy going too or hosting parties. This is a purrfect opportunity for us to maximize what we want most; love, attention, and treats! The following are some tips that I use on my own family to get the most out of this season.



Look your best! Humans love a clean pet; so make sure to get you’re grooming appointment in.

Tolerate the bandanna, bow, or outfit your human dresses you in. Humans find this adorable and will load on extra love because of it.

Constantly keep your tail waggin’. If you don’t have one, the whole back end works even better.

Stare longingly and loving into the humans eyes. Humans will melt for the pound puppy look, so practice now.

Keep your paws off everything and don’t be too pushy. You will gain more by being patient.

Try your hardest to keep the yapping and barking to a minimum. However, for attention humans do love some good yodeling or talking!

Perform any trick you know. Yes, giving Paw is beneath us, but the human like it and they always give a treat for it.

Pose for the pictures don’t run. Humans love a good pet shot!

If you have friends in your home, work together. Eight paws are better then four!

For the humans, please remember us in this busy time. A little extra attention makes a happy and well-behaved pet. Also, remember our pet friends that don’t have the human family we do. We get plenty, so please share. Donate to your local animal shelter or Pet loving organization it will make you feel so good! Happy Howlolidays!

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

Halloween Hazards for Your Pets

by Peter S. Sakas, DVM
Niles Animal Hospital and Bird Medical Center,
7278 N. Milwaukee, Niles

Halloween is a festive holiday with parties, decorations, trick or treating and other fun-filled activities. However, it can be a time of potential danger for your pets. With precautions, you can also make it a safe holiday for your pets. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center has provided pet owners some helpful hints to keep their pets healthy and safe during Halloween.

Most people know that chocolate is toxic for pets. The chemical, theobromine, found in chocolate is what leads to the poisoning. Depending on the amount ingested, chocolate (bakers, semi sweet, milk and dark) can be potentially poisonous to many animals. Theobromine levels are especially high in dark chocolates. In general, the less sweet the chocolate, the more toxic it could be. In fact, unsweetened baking chocolate contains almost seven times more theobromine than milk chocolate. Vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, hyperactivity and increased thirst, urination and heart rate can be seen with the ingestion of as little as 1/4 ounce of baking chocolate by a 10-pound dog. Halloween treats with chocolate are not appropriate for pets.

Xylitol, a sweetener found in some candies and gum can be toxic to pets if taken in large amounts. Ingestion of significant quantities can produce a fairly sudden drop in blood sugar, resulting in depression, incoordination and seizures. Foods containing Xylitol should be kept well out of reach of your pets.

Animals are attracted to unusual or shiny objects which may be found around the house during Halloween used for decorations or wrapping. Keep aluminum foil and cellophane candy wrappers away from pets. Pets may swallow such material, leading to gastrointestinal irritation, causing vomiting or may even pass into the intestinal tract producing an intestinal blockage.

Too often during the holidays there are all sorts of foods around the home. It can be quite a temptation to give your pet some of these foods as a special treat. Your pet should be kept on its normal diet. Any change of diet, even for one meal, may give your dog or cat severe indigestion and diarrhea. This is particularly true for older animals that have more delicate digestive systems and nutritional requirements. Some pets may have a severe reaction to rich, fatty foods leading to an extremely dangerous condition called pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas).

Although some people may think it is humorous, never offer or allow your pets to access alcoholic beverages. Due to Halloween parties there may be alcoholic drinks carelessly left in areas where pets may be able to reach them. Place these unattended drinks in a safe location where pets cannot reach them. If enough alcohol is ingested, the animal could become very ill and weak. In severe cases they may go into a coma, possibly resulting in death due to respiratory failure.

During Halloween decorative plants, such as pumpkins or decorative foods, such as corn are placed around the home to provide a festive holiday setting. These plants and foods though considered to be relatively non-toxic, can potentially cause gastrointestinal upset and may even result in intestinal blockage if large pieces are ingested.

Halloween has become a very popular holiday for decorating your home, second only to Christmas. Needless to say, this can lead to a host of dangers for curious pets. Lights, electrical cords, decorations and other unique objects used to set a spooky Halloween mood around the home can lead to serious injuries. Keep wires and cords from electric lights and other decorations out of the reach of your pets. If chewed, your pet could experience damage to its mouth from shards of glass or plastic, or receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock.

Liquid potpourri, commonly used to add pleasant scent to the home during certain holidays, can be hazardous to pets. Potentially severe damage to the mouth, skin and eyes could result from exposure to both heated and cool liquid product.

If you suspect your pet may have become exposed to a potentially toxic product or substance, contact your local veterinarian, a veterinary emergency clinic (if it is after hours for your regular veterinarian) or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center immediately for assistance.

Referenced from an informational flyer provided by the Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana, IL

Oakton's Skokie Pavilion Wins Architectural Honor

Ross Barney Architects is the winner of an award from the Chicago chapter of the American Institute of Architects for the Art, Science, and Technology Pavilion at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, officials announced. The AIA Chicago 2008 Design Excellence Awards issued Ross Barney a "citation of merit" in the Distinguished Building category for its work on the Pavilion, which opened in January 2006.

A total of 42 awards in four categories were presented Oct. 24 in ceremonies at Chicago's Navy Pier. Jurors reviewed a total of 379 entries to determine the winning designs.

The 59,000-square-foot Pavilion is home to Oakton's programs in architecture and construction management, art and graphic design, computer networking and systems, computer technology and information systems, electronics, engineering, and manufacturing. A \$75,000 Illinois Clean Energy Fuel Foundation grant allowed Ross Barney to incorporate numerous energy efficient features into the Pavilion design, including building materials that reduce heat transfer; occupancy sensors for lighting and temperature control; low flow technologies to reduce water consumption; and bamboo flooring and other sustainable materials.

For more information, contact the Office of College Advancement at 847-635-1806.

Oakton College Bowl Team Wins Conference

The College Bowl team at Oakton Community College has captured the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference championship for the seventh time in nine years.

Led by Cheryl Valloni of Des Plaines, the Oakton team won six of seven matches held at Elgin Community College on Friday, Oct. 17. Team members also included Pourya (Peter) Assem of Northbrook, Pinal Chokshi of Des Plaines, and Derek Newhouse of Skokie, the tourney's highest scorer. Newhouse and Chokshi also were named to the All-Region Team.

"Our team demonstrated an amazing command in all academic areas," said Gary Newhouse, dean of library and media services and team coach. "We're very proud of them."

Also competing were College of Lake County, Elgin Community College, McHenry County College, Morton College, Moraine Valley Community College, Prairie State College, and Waubensee Community College.

Oakton is slated to host a regional College Bowl tournament in December.

College Bowl is an intercollegiate academic quiz competition that challenges participants in their knowledge of current events, history, math, geography, sports, and literature.

For more information, contact Gary Newhouse at 847-635-1640, garyn@oakton.edu, or Ann Marie Barry at 847-635-1699, annmarie@oakton.edu.

Words! Words! Words!

Do you think English is easy?
Can you read these right the first time?

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting, I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Submitted by: Becker Professional Pharmacy, 4744 N. Western Avenue, Chicago, 773-561-4486

Becker Professional Pharmacy

(773) 561-4486
24 hr. voice & fax (773) 334-3162

FREE PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY

4744 N Western Ave. • Chicago, IL 60625

Bucktown A Joy-FULL Celebration of Friendship Dinner

Sunday, November 9, 2008

The White Eagle Banquet & Restaurant
6845 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois

\$38.00 per person

Cocktails – 3:00 pm Dinner – 4:00 pm

Friendship – until 7:00 pm

Please make early reservations

Write to: Rev. Francis S. Rog, C.R.

3636 W. Wolfram – Chicago, IL 60618

More details of the Joy-FULL Celebration to follow

STREET LEVEL

Published by Village Publications

P.O. Box 31391, Chicago, IL 60631

Tel: 847-675-6127

FAX: 847-679-8851

www.ourvillagechicago.com

email:

contact@ourvillagechicago.com

Copyright ©2008 *Street Level*

News. All rights reserved as to

entire content. All articles, letters,

pictures sent to *Street Level* are

sent at own risk.

WANTED

TO BUY:

- Old Holiday Items
- Old Costume Jewelry
- Old "Pretty" Things (Purses, Hats, etc.)

The Antique and Resale Shope Inc.

7214 N. Harlem
Chicago, IL 60631
(773) 631-1151

Mon - Sat.
10:30 am - 4:30 pm

• FREE APPRAISALS •

Recently rehabbed, vintage
1923 1-1/2 story brick bungalow in
beautiful North Center. 8 rooms,
3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths
(1 bath in Master Bedroom).
Hardwood floors in Living Room
and Dining Room.
Finished basement/family room.
Enclosed porch, 2 car garage.
Coonley Elementary School.
\$449,000



4021 N Maplewood



Prudential
KAREN DUMAIS

Prudential American Heritage Real Estate
office 847-806-8334 cell 847-778-7846

A Trust Can Help Protect You from a Financial Crisis



Chester M. Przybylo

Recently, there has been tremendous turmoil in financial markets and financial institutions. This leads many to ask whether their accounts are safe. Now, more than ever, it is important to protect yourself and your loved ones from the uncertainties in the world. You can start with your financial institution assets. There are several different systems of protection in place, depending on the type of asset and institution. Here is a brief summary of each type of protection.

Brokerage accounts — SIPC

The Securities Investors Protection Corporation (“SIPC”) protects against the loss or theft of brokerage assets by the broker. The SIPC is not a governmental

agency, rather it is a nonprofit membership organization of securities brokerages. The protection of SIPC extends to loss of cash or securities (stocks and bonds) in a brokerage account, but not, for example, commodity futures contracts or foreign currency. The return of securities registered in the account owner’s name is guaranteed. In addition, securities registered in “street name” are guaranteed up to \$500,000 per customer, and cash is guaranteed up to \$100,000 per customer. By holding an account in the name of a Trust and one in your individual name, you can split assets between the accounts, thereby doubling your protection. www.sipc.org.

Bank and Savings & Loan accounts – FDIC

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) insures bank and savings & loan deposits up to a limit of \$250,000 per owner (\$250,000 for retirement accounts like IRAs). Trusts can be especially useful under the FDIC rules because it can provide expanded insurance coverage based on your beneficiaries. For example, if you have a Trust and are leaving everything to your three children (depending on the Trust terms), you would qualify for \$250,000 coverage per beneficiary, or \$750,000, rather than the \$250,000 protection it would have had in your individual name. www.fdic.gov. This recently increased FDIC coverage is only until December 31, 2009, and on January 1, 2010, it reverts back to previous levels of coverage.

Credit union accounts – NCUSIF

National credit unions are chartered and regulated by the National Credit Union Association (“NCUA”). The National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (“NCUSIF”) insures all members of the NCUA, and some state-chartered credit unions, with share with insurance parallel to the insurance provided by the FDIC. As with the FDIC, the NCUSIF is a government agency backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government. While technically not covered by the FDIC, the same rules of coverage apply. www.ncua.gov. So, as with FDIC, Trusts may have expanded insurance coverage.

As we have seen, a Trust can help expand insurance protection under FDIC and NCUSIF. In addition, a Trust can help make sure your assets are not only protected now, but continue to be protected for your loved ones in the future. A qualified estate planning attorney can explain how a Trust can help protect your assets and your loved ones from future financial risks.

Chester M. Przybylo is a member of the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. For more information or to attend an upcoming seminar, call (773)631-2525.

INVESTMENT IDEAS

Don’t Follow the Herd

There’s a theory on Wall Street that goes something like this: If you follow the crowd and buy the hot investment of the day, chances are you’ll be scooping up shares when most others are about to sell. This natural “herd instinct” of buying when everyone is euphoric may mean you’ve entered the game too late and are buying at the wrong time.

Investors often jump in at the wrong time because they’re worried about what others are doing instead of focusing on good old-fashioned fundamentals such as a company’s earning potential and its management.

History continually shows us that when individuals choose investments without a prudent basis for doing so, they often wind up losing money that can take many years to recover. We saw this from 1998-2000, when investors drove the Nasdaq composite over 5,000 -- only to see it fall to less than 2,000 over the following year.

History has also shown that when individuals avoid investments because the popular thinking is to steer clear of them, opportunities are often overlooked. We saw this in early 1982, when interest rates were high and companies had a difficult time impressing analysts with their earning potential. That period proved to be the beginning of a bull market that lasted more than fifteen years.

Good Advice

In response to market downturns, some investors shift a greater percentage of their assets to liquid investments. Time and again, this strategy has also proven to be a mistake.

Keep in mind that, over its history, the stock market has experienced nearly twice as many bullish periods as bearish periods. And while past performance is no guarantee of future investment results, the stock market has bounced back from every major market downturn to date.

When times get tough for stocks, we generally recommend that you maintain your confidence in their long-term growth potential and use these simple strategies:

Reduce your cost by averaging down. If one of your stocks declines in value, but the underlying business still appears sound, consider buying more shares. You will reduce your overall cost basis; you do, of course, increase your losses should the stock value continue to fall.

Stay diversified. Keep your assets spread among investments which have historically performed differently under the same market conditions. Profits from appreciated investments can help offset losses from any losing investments.

Stay focused on your long-term goal. Don’t try to avoid the downturn by jumping out of the market. No one can accurately predict when it will rebound. Remembering why you invested in the first place will help you stay calm during times of market uncertainty.

A.G. Edwards does not render legal, accounting or tax preparation advice. You should consult your tax and legal advisors for questions regarding your specific situation.

This article was provided by Vimal M. Prajapati, AAMS, Financial Consultant, A.G. Edwards, a division of Wachovia Securities, LLC. Member SIPC., 5215 Old Orchard Road Suite 960, Skokie, IL 60077, 847-967-8505

ESTATE PLANNINGWILLS AND TRUSTS

CHESTER M. PRZYBYLO

COUNSELOR AND ATTORNEY AT LAW

5339 N. Milwaukee AvenueTel (773) 631-7100
Chicago, Illinois 60630

Call for a **FREE Initial Consultation**

We also have a Palos Heights Location

Becker Professional Pharmacy

(773) 561-4486
24 hr. voice & fax (773) 334-3162

FREE PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY

We are a Family Owned, Independent Pharmacy Serving the Health Care Needs of the Community since 1943

- Blood Glucose Monitors
- Braces & Supports
- Ostomy Supplies
- Jobst Hose
- Jodee Breast Forms
- Cervical Pillows
- Commodore

- Post Op. Surgical Supplies
- Compression Stockings (expertly fitted)
- Bathroom Safety
- Traction Equipment
- Therapeutic Shoes
- Crutches & Canes

4744 N Western Ave. • Chicago, IL 60625

THE JOY OF JEWELRY

Fun and Flair for Your Outerwear



By Cynthia Sliwa

As the days get shorter with the change of seasons and you take your winter paraphernalia out of storage, you might consider adopting a new trend that can make wearing those autumn jackets and winter coats a bit more fun. Major designers are showing coats and jackets accessorized with jewelry this season.

Likely you're familiar with the idea of adding a brooch or pin up near your face on a coat or jacket. For many women, there is an annual holiday tradition of wearing a Christmas tree or snowflake pin. This year, bigger and bolder the brooch, the better. Or try clustering two or more medium or large brooches for bigger impact – a collection of trees, a flurry of snowflakes. I love clustering starburst brooches to add dazzle.

To adorn your fur, real or faux, look for vintage fur clips, brooches designed with double prongs in the back that securely pin into the garment without a clasp.

The Balenciaga designer line is accessorizing all manner of outerwear coats with big, chunky necklaces, both long and short. To adopt this style, work with the collar and neckline of the coat to determine what style of necklace might work best for you. A collarless coat gives you the most options. Be sure the necklace isn't too fragile. Metal is generally a better choice than beads. Optimally the necklace will work with what you're wearing under the coat as well.

The Burberry designer line is showing bracelet-style watches worn over the wrists of long knit gloves. Of course, bracelets work equally well. Here too, try wearing more than one. The look is fresh and unexpected.

These aren't ideas you'll want to try with your down jacket during bitterly cold weather or to wear in heavy rain or snow, but they do present some fun, new ways to dress up the garments you wear the most this time of year.

Cynthia Sliwa, AICI CIP, is an image consultant, jewelry designer and co-author of the book *Jewelry Savvy: What Every Jewelry Wearer Should Know*. Have a question or a story of interest? Contact me at CynthiaSliwa@aol.com or call 310-379-1742.

Village Cooking Corner

White Eagle Mushroom Barley Soup

8 cups of Chicken/Beef Stock (Special)

6 oz. of Dried Mushrooms

2/3 cup of Pearl Barley

3 cups of Cream

1 Cup finely diced Carrots

1 Cup finely diced Potatoes

1 Cup finely chopped Celery

1 cup finely chopped Onions (browned)

Desired spices – salt – pepper & other

Add barley to stock and cook until almost tender. Add mushrooms (washed), carrots, potatoes, celery and onion. Cook all until tender.

Add cream to desired thickness. Add spices to taste. Serves 12 – 6 oz. Portions.

Pumpkin Chiffon Pie

1 envelope plain gelatin

1/4 cup cold water

Mix and let stand

1 1/4 cups pumpkin

1/2 cup milk

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

3 egg yolks

Salt

1/4 teaspoon ginger

1/2 teaspoon nutmet

Cook in double boiler, add dissolved gelatin. Cool. Add beaten egg whites to which 1/2 cup sugar has been added. Put into a previously baked pie shell. Keeps well in ice box.

Submitted by Bernice Faye

SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL TO OFFER FREE DIABETES FAIR

According to the American Diabetes Association, more than five million people have Diabetes and don't even know it. In honor of American Diabetes Month in November, Saint Francis Hospital will hold a Diabetes and Wound Healing Fair with health presentations and FREE Diabetes screenings on November 6, 2008 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., in the South Conference Room and Wolf Auditorium, 355 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL. Space is limited and pre-registration is suggested. Call 1-877-RES-INFO (1-877-737-4636) to register.

Many patients with diabetes have hard-to-heal skin ulcers and wounds. The hospital, which recently opened a state-of-the-art Wound Healing Center, will also provide information about how patients with diabetes can care for and heal wounds.

Diabetes educators will be on hand to administer a simple finger stick test and advise patients on healthy blood sugar ranges. For best results, a 12-hour fast is recommended before the test. Patients do not need to have diabetes to attend the fair. It is free and open to the public.

Diabetes symptoms can include the following: excessive thirst; frequent urination; extreme hunger; unusual weight loss; increased fatigue; irritability; blurry vision, and wounds that do not heal quickly. Screenings are free and open to the public on November 6.

Saint Francis Hospital's Diabetes Education Program was recently awarded a prestigious Education Recognition award through 2011 from the American Diabetes Association (ADA).

The ADA's Education Recognition designation is a rigorous program that hospitals or other Diabetes Centers may participate in voluntarily to ensure that their diabetes educational programs meet the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education Programs. The standards were developed and tested under the auspices of the National Diabetes Advisory Board in 1983 and revised in 2000.

Saint Francis Hospital also holds a monthly Diabetes Support Group. For more information about Diabetes support or to register for the Diabetes Fair, call 1-877-RES-INFO (1-877-737-4636)

Saint Francis Hospital, a leader in cardiac medicine on Chicago's North Shore, was the first hospital in the entire Chicagoland area to offer cardiac bypass surgery. The hospital is a Level I Trauma Center and is home to the first and only accredited chest pain center in Illinois. For further information, visit www.sfh.reshealth.org. Saint Francis Hospital is a 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.

White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant

A Przybylo family tradition

6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles www.thewhiteeagle.com

Thanksgiving November 27th 2008

Our Traditional Thanksgiving Host Family Style Dinner

• Choice of Soup -

Mushroom Barley, Chicken Noodle or Czarnina

• Assorted Salad • Vegetable of the Day

• Mashed Potatoes • Sweet Potatoes

• Homemade Stuffing • Cranberry

Sauce • Pierogi (Choice of Kraut or Potato/Cheese)

• Roast Turkey, Dark & Light Meat with Gravy

• Baked Smoked Ham • Asst. Polish Sausage w/ Kraut

• Pumpkin Pie & Asst. Polish Pastries • Coffee, Tea, Milk

Complimentary Gift Basket Raffle

Adults \$23.00 Plus tax & 18% Gratuity
Children half price (Ages 3 to 12 yrs old)

Call for Reservations (847) 647-0660

Call Early To Book Your
Holiday Parties, Family
Celebrations & Business
Occasions

(Catering Packages Available)

VISIT
OUR GIFT
SHOP FOR
UNIQUE
HANDMADE
IMPORTS
FROM
POLAND

OUR
DELI IS
NOW
OPEN!


Independent for 110 Years

*All this
banking chaos is
making me dizzy!*

Head spinning from bank changes?
For 110 years Liberty Bank has been
locally managed and family operated.
We've never been sold or merged, and
we're not changing our name. For the
kind of independence and stability
established by our founding fathers,
come to Liberty Bank.

Liberty Bank
Trust & Integrity
Since 1898

For more information on Liberty Bank, visit
www.libertybank.com

 2392 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60647 773.384.4000
7111 W. Foster Ave. Chicago, IL 60656 773.792.2211
6210 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60646 773.763.4360
6666 N. Lincoln Ave. Lincolnwood, IL 60712 847.674.1300
1018 W. Touhy Ave. Park Ridge, IL 60068 847.825.0693 **FDIC**

**Appearing November 22nd, 8:00 p.m. at
Mirabell Restaurant and Lounge**

Mirabell Restaurant
presents
ELVIS
PERFORMED BY MICHAEL ST. ANGEL

Call for Reservations (773) 463-1962



Chef Werner's
Mirabell
Restaurant & Lounge
German & American Cuisine

Bring in this Ad for
50% OFF
on a 2nd Entree, Lunch or Dinner (Excludes Veal Dishes and Steaks)
1 coupon per table. (Not valid on Holidays or for special performances)

*Enjoy the Best
"Wiener Schnitzel"*

Open Mon-Sat.
Lunch 11:30-3:00pm
3:00-5:00pm For
Select Items

Dinner 5-10pm
Closed Sundays
Except Mother's Day

Gift Certificates
Party Room Available
Parking Available In The Lot Across the Street

3454 W. Addison, Chicago (773)463-1962
www.mirabellrestaurant.com

EDGEBROOK'S DRY CLEANING AND LAUNDRY

5353 WEST DEVON, CHICAGO

***Our Business Closed
as of October 25th***

Thank you, thank you, one and all,
for your business both big and small.
It meant a lot, I hope you know,
but now it is time for us to go.

Helen

773-775-2411

Mike and Helen Schrantz, owners

**ARE YOU READY FOR PURE SIEMENS:
STATE OF THE-ART
HEARING TECHNOLOGY**
Two Styles To Choose From Receiver-In-Canal or
Completely in The Canal. Options Included At No
Charge : Charging Unit, Remote Control, e2e Wireless
and Tek Wireless Enhancement System
(ONE REMOTE, ONE CHARGER AND ONE TEK SYSTEM PER CUSTOMER)



Hearing Aids Starting At
\$525.00 To \$3300.00 Each.
NOW OFFERING 12 MONTH NO INTEREST To Qualified Applicants
Thru Citi Health Card. Citi Health Card is a part of Citibank,
apply on line www.healthcardcitibank.com
OR Phone 1 800 444-2484

CAN'T COME TO US — WE COME TO YOU

CHICAGO (773) 588-4200
SKOKIE (847) 675-4201

HEARING AIDS & TESTING SERVICES



70TH ANNIVERSARY

Birch
optical

Where

**FASHIONS
& VISION**

5493 Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60630
(773) 775-3300

has been in sight
for 3 generations

WE NOW HONOR MOST MAJOR
INSURANCE PLANS
Professional Certified Opticians
Quality Eyewear • Contact Lenses • Eye Examinations
ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

Please Present Coupon At Time Of Order
\$25.00 Off on Complete Eyewear
Not Valid With Any Other Offer

ARRESTED? AVOID JAIL

Call (312) 922-0070

Law Office of Martha J. White, P.C.



"I'll fight for you"

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DUI & TRAFFIC | <input type="checkbox"/> POLICE BRUTALITY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRUG CASES | <input type="checkbox"/> FALSE ARREST |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GUN CASES/
WEAPON
POSSESSION | <input type="checkbox"/> THEFT/BURGLARY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASSAULT/BATTERY | <input type="checkbox"/> MISDEMEANORS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEX CRIMES | <input type="checkbox"/> FELONIES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC BATTERY | <input type="checkbox"/> PROBATION
VIOLATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RETAIL THEFT | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPUNGEMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STOLEN CARS | <input type="checkbox"/> IMMIGRATION |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> CHILD SUPPORT |

47 West Polk Street, Suite 100-316
Chicago, IL 60605 at Polk and Dearborn