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Members of the Skokie Lions Club in Front of the Skokie Theater. Left to right: Marcie Claus, Mort Paradise, Mira Chander, and Walt Holden.

Since The Skokie Lions Club was chartered in June of 1983, it has served the community in many ways. The Lions work closely with school nurses to help students who have vision or hearing problems. Lions conduct hearing screenings and provide local people with hearing aids and eye glasses. Lions support Camp Lions for sight and hearing impaired children. They promote international understanding with their “Peace Poster Contest.” You may have seen Lions Collection Boxes for used eye glasses in local public places and you might know people who have received glasses, hearing aids, or Seeing Eye Dogs through the Lions. Today the Club has 27 members that represent Skokie’s diversity.

When you join the Lions you become part of the world’s largest charity organization. They have 1.3 million members in 194 countries and geographical areas. They are men and women united in a single cause: to help those who are less fortunate. Lions Clubs are self supporting; we are not connected to any governmental organization.

If you want to learn more about Lions, you can go to mylionsclub.org or call Lion Walt Holden at 847 679 7457.

Remembering September 11, 2001

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

When called upon, Americans always pull together. Life has changed in many ways since that sneak attack, not only for us, but for future generations. The determination of the American people is what makes us strong. Others may try to take us down, but they will not succeed. They will find out quickly that they have only awakened a sleeping giant.

Patriots’ Day

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

The Editor

9/11 Remembrance in Skokie

On Friday, September 11, 2009, the Village of Skokie Fire Department will dedicate a moment of silence with a bell ceremony beginning at 8:58 a.m. at the flagpole of each of its Fire Stations in remembrance of the attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.

Fire Station 16 - (Headquarters) - 7424 Niles Center Rd.

Fire Station 17 - 8157 Central Park Avenue

Fire Station 18 - 9024 Gross Point Road

Ceremony schedule:

8:58 a.m. - Fire Department personnel assemble

8:59 a.m. *”Last Alarm” Bell Ceremony

9:00 a.m. - One minute of silence

For more information, contact the Skokie Fire Department at 847/982-5320



The Pentagon
September 12, 2001

Date Correction for Evanston’s TASTE OF ARMENIA Street Fair SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Over the years, Evanston’s TASTE OF ARMENIA festival--one of the premiere Armenian picnics in the Chicago area-- has become a favorite end-of-summer event for Chicagoans of all ethnic backgrounds. With annual attendance of well over 1000 people, the festival offers a leisurely sunny afternoon of delicious Armenian cooking, rousing music, and great company.

Location: 816 Clark Street (between Benson Ave. & Sherman Ave.)

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Further information: www.tasteofarmenia.org

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FIRST POSITIVE RABID BAT
REPORTED IN EVANSTON

Skokie Health Department to Hold
Influenza Presentations

The Illinois Department of Public Health's state laboratory has confirmed a positive rabid bat found on Evanston's north side.

Bats are the primary carriers of rabies in Illinois; although, a case of human rabies has not been reported in Illinois since 1954.

"The most significant measure people can take is to avoid all contact with bats and to ensure that their pets' vaccinations are up to date," explained Evonda Thomas, Director of Evanston Health and Human Services. "Not only does the vaccine protect the pet, it also serves as barrier of protection for people. Due to the fact that many of the positive bats are discovered indoors, it is important to vaccinate pets even if they never venture out of doors."

Other prevention guidelines include:

Rabid bats may exhibit no obvious abnormalities, so all contact with bats should be avoided;

Where there is a likelihood of encountering bats, such as at children's outdoor camps, people should be instructed not to touch bats;

People should NOT be allowed to occupy a room in which bats are found until it is certain that no bats remain in the room and that it has been sealed to prevent their re-entry.

If a bat is found indoors, the structure should be thoroughly inspected for the presence of other roosting bats. Exclusion remains the best way to prevent and control bats in a structure. Bats can be excluded by sealing exterior openings larger than 1/2-inch, using caulk, expandable foam, plywood, mortar, metal flashing, steel wool or 1/4-inch mesh screen or netting. Make sure doors, windows and vents have screens and are securely framed; chimneys are capped; and gaps around utility lines are plugged. Information about exclusion can be found by logging on to the Illinois Department of Public Health web site at <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/pcbats.htm>.

For more information go to Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at <http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/> or call the Evanston Health and Human Services Department at 847-866-2962 or after hours at 847/866-5000.

Do you know the difference between avian influenza, pandemic influenza, seasonal influenza and novel influenza A (H1N1)? Better prepare yourself and your family for the influenza season by attending one of three presentations given by the Skokie Health Department. You will receive tips on how to protect yourself and your loved ones, as well as receive the most up-to-date information on novel H1N1 influenza, and the plans for influenza vaccinations in the fall.

The three free presentations will be from 7 to 8 p.m. on the following dates at the following locations:

- *Thursday, September 3, 2009 at Devonshire Park, Greenwood and Kostner Avenues.
- *Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at the Skokie Public Library, Mary Radmacher Room, 5215 Oakton Street.
- *Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at Oakton Park Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street.

The Skokie Health Department is only one of eight state-certified municipal health departments in Illinois and provides a wide range of services to Skokie residents. To learn more about the Skokie Health Department, please visit www.skokie.org or call 847/933-8252.

Niles West Alum's Film Opens Nationwide

Niles West graduate Marc Fienberg's latest film will hit the big screens August 28, when "Play the Game" opens in select theatres in 15 cities. The movie, which stars Andy Griffith and Doris Roberts, was written, directed, and produced by Fienberg, who graduated from Niles West in 1988. He is an award winning screen writer and director of several films and has more than a decade of filmmaking experience.

"Play the Game" is a PG-13 romantic comedy with surprising and clever twists about a young ladies' man, David, who teaches his dating tricks to his lonely, widowed grandfather, Joe, while playing his best mind games to meet Julie, the woman of his dreams. Inspired by the active love-life of his 89-year-old grandfather, this is Fienberg's first feature film. The impressive cast also includes Paul Campbell, Marla Sokoloff, and Liz Sheridan.

"Play the Game" will show at theaters in the Chicago area including Kerasotes Village Crossing 18 in Skokie, Renaissance Place in Highland Park and Pipers Alley 4 in Chicago. A complete listing is available at www.playthegamemovie.com/showtimes_theaters.html.

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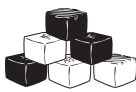
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A Warm Welcome to a Sweet New Neighbor!



Friends and family have known for years of the amazing, delicate wonders that emerge from Tania Averian's kitchen. Now that she's opened her own pastry shop, the rest of us can sample her sumptuous, freshly baked treats, too! "I've always loved to bake and wanted to open a shop for years. I'm so happy to have found the perfect location here in Skokie," Averian excitedly explains. Her pastry shop, Le Patisserie opened just one month ago, and has already become a neighborhood must-visit with happy, repeat customers. Averian's European favorites include amandina, a chocolate cake with subtle rum filling, topped with fondant. "People can't seem to get enough of these," she exclaims. "I've already sold hundreds!" Also admired are her crèmes, delicate flaky pastries filled with vanilla crème, and cozonac, a walnut raisin breakfast bread perfect for toasting. American classics include soft, chewy chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin cookies and buttery pound cakes and bundt cakes available by the whole or slice.

For parties, she creates extraordinary birthday and special event cakes, cupcakes, and mouthwatering petit fours made to order. Heading out to a dinner party or picnic? Le Patisserie is the perfect place to stop for a sweet to please every palate.

The holidays may seem a ways away, but Averian already is planning a cornucopia of Thanksgiving treats like pumpkin bread, pie, and cookies; and in anticipation of Christmas and Hanukkah, she has visions of sugar cookies and special holiday cakes dancing in her head.

Tempt your tastebuds with a visit to Le Patisserie today! 3455 A. W. Dempster in Skokie. Open Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays and Mondays. 847-675-7715.

Brillianteen Jr. Auditions and Rehearsals

6-8th graders will gain experience putting together a Broadway Musical Cabaret. Auditions will take place on Saturday, Sept. 12th from 11am-5pm, & Sunday, Sept. 13th from 12-4pm at the McGaw YMCA. Weekly rehearsals will run through November

Register in person at the McGaw YMCA, 1000 Grove St., Evanston or at www.mcgawymca.org For more information, contact Shun Tucker at 847-475-7400 x225 or ShunT@mcgawymca.org

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September 2, at 1:30pm Georgia on my Mind starring Marcus Gentry
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September 9, at 1:30pm Music of the World Tickets are \$10.

September 12, at 8pm SONS OF THE NEVER WRONG Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

September 13, at 2 pm Jeff Hedberg and C11 Celebrate Mel Torme's Birthday Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

September 13, at 7:30 pm THE SPECIAL CONSENSUS Bluegrass Band Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

September 16 at 1:30pm SILVER SCREEN CROONERS Tickets are \$10

September 19 at 8pm A TRIBUTE TO PATSY CLINE starring Sherrill Douglas "Crazy 'Bout Patsy" - Musical Tribute to Patsy Cline. Tickets are \$20 adv \$25 door

September 20 at 2pm A TRIBUTE TO DOLLY PARTON starring Sherrill Douglas Tickets are \$20 adv \$25 door

September 23 at 1:30pm THAT'S AMORE - salutes America's great Italian Crooners with Jack Miuccio Tickets are \$10

September 25, at 8pm TONY BERNARD - A musical journey THROUGH THE YEARS Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

September 26, at 8pm The Pin-Ups present - A NIGHT OF TENDER ROMANCE Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

September 30, at 1:30pm Forever Frank - Peter Oprisko Tickets are \$10.

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Date: Saturdays, May 16 - Nov. 7, 2009 Time: 7:30am to 1pm

Place: Intersection of University Place and Oak Avenue

Enjoy the bounty of Midwest farmers every Saturday throughout the summer. For over 30 years, the Evanston Farmers' Market has been a crowd-pleaser with 30+ vendors of fruit, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese and bakery items. Now We're Cookin' and Home Grown Artists are going to be at the Market certain Saturdays throughout the summer. Free parking is available in the Maple Avenue Parking Garage. Senior coupons for Farmers' Markets are available through the Commission on Aging.

Home Grown Artists

Home Grown Artists began in 2005 as a showcase for Evanston artists and their work at the busy and thriving Farmers' Market. In 2005 a survey funded by the Illinois Arts Council and the Evanston Community Foundation determined that Evanston has ten times the national average of artists living and working here. 75% of them support themselves with their art. And in the year of the survey, artists generated \$25 million in the Evanston economy.

Each year the Farmers' Market hosts local artists who display for sale a wide variety of their works including pottery, paintings, sketches, home made paper making, and many other mediums. A portion of the proceeds from the artists renting spaces is used to provide art scholarships.

In 2008, the City Council made Home Grown Artists a permanent part of the Farmers Market. The Market is located at University Place between Railroad and Maple Avenues, north of the municipal garage that serves the Century movie theaters at Church and Maple. It is one block south of Emerson Street/Golf Road and east of Green Bay Road and Ridge Avenue. The hours are Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through November 7, 2009.

Home Grown Artists will appear at the Farmers Market from 7:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on September 12 and 26; and October 3.

LINCOLNWOOD

Beginning Thursday, June 4, the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will be operating Lincolnwood's 3rd Annual Farmers Market. The market will run every Thursday through August 20th, between the hours of 8 am – 1 pm, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 4707 W. Pratt Avenue. This location was chosen because of its visibility from Pratt Avenue, accessibility of parking, and neighborhood location.

The goal of the Lincolnwood Farmers Market is to offer an event that brings residents and the business community together, while offering the opportunity for individuals living and working in Lincolnwood to buy fresh produce and natural products. Our vendors will set up displays that may include fruits, vegetables, bread, pastries, cheese, flowers, honey, and more.

Thursdays, June 4 – August 20, 8:00am – 1:00pm St. John's Lutheran Church, 4707 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, IL FREE – Open to the Public

For more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

SKOKIE

Visit the "Best on the North Shore" Skokie Farmers' Market held on Sundays beginning Sunday, June 28 through Sunday, October 25. The market is open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The market is conveniently located in the Village Hall parking lot, 5127 Oakton Street. The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission, a volunteer commission, hosts the Skokie Farmers' Market. For more information on the Skokie Farmers' Market, contact Terry Oline, Market Master at 847/933-8224 or visit www.skokie.org.

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(Almost) Fall Book Sale at EPL

Friday-Sunday, September 11-13, Book Sale Room, Third Floor, Main Library Named "Best Used Book Sale" by the Chicago Reader, the next BIG EPL book sale will be held September 11th through 13th in the third floor book sale room.

Hours are Friday, September 11th from 10 am to 5:30 pm (\$5 cost to get in from 10 am to noon), Saturday from 10 am to 5:30 pm and Sunday from noon to 5:30 pm (all books will be half price).

There are many great books at bargain prices and all proceeds benefit the Library. Be sure to check it out!

The Book Sale Room is on the 3rd floor at the Main Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue in downtown Evanston. For more information call 847-448-8600.

There will also be a sale at the Evanston Farmer's Market on Saturday, September 26th, 7:30am to 1pm, intersection of University Place and Oak Ave.

Computer Training Classes

Learn to use the Internet at the library by taking our free 10 am Saturday morning classes, or coming to our Wednesday night drop in sessions. All classes meet in the 3rd floor Training Room. To register, call the Reference Desk at 847-448-8630

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Film Series

September: Those Who Can, Teach

September 4 To Sir with Love

Novice high school teacher (Sidney Poitier), assigned to the roughest school in London, gradually earns his students' respect. Pop star Lulu, who sings the memorable title song, also plays one of the rowdy students. (1967, 105 min, not rated)

FIRST-EVER "FAMILY FUN FEST" TO BE HELD AT SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL

Join Saint Francis Hospital for a first-ever "Family Fun Fest" on Sunday, September 13 from Noon until 4 p.m., 355 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. The festival will include games, prizes, giveaways, face painting, a clown, special treats, rides for little ones, and lots of health information and safety tips, including the following:

Free car seat safety checks, Free health screenings for blood pressure and blood sugar, Baby, family, and household safety information, First Aid Booth, Poison Control Information, Nutrition station, Real fire truck, emergency preparedness truck, and decontamination tent, and Heart and Stroke information

The Family Fun Fest is free and open to the public.



Polish National Alliance North Side Seniors Meeting

Vice President Paul C. Odrobina of the Polish National Alliance announces that the PNA North Side Seniors meeting will once again resume in September. The "Welcome Back Seniors" meetings will be held:

North Side Meeting – Wednesday, September 6, 2009 starting at 10:00 a.m. – at the Polish National Alliance (Cafeteria) 6100 N. Cicero Avenue – Chicago, Illinois

The topic to be discussed is the planned Seniors Casino Trip to the Majestic Star Casino in Gary, Indiana in November, the Seniors Christmas Parties both to be held in December, and the PNA's "Back To School Promotion for Students".

We invite all seniors 55 plus to join us for a morning of fun and fraternalism. Refreshments will be served.

The Polish National Alliance is the largest Polish ethnic Fraternal Insurance Organization and was founded in 1880. For additional information about the PNA and their activities, please call the PNA (773) 286-0500 ext. 316, or visit the PNA website at www.pna-znp.org and click on "EVENTS".

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North to Eastwood – West to
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German American Fest Schedule of Events, Sept. 11th thru 13th, 2009

Friday September 11th

7:00 pm Opening Ceremonies

Saturday September 12th

12:00 pm Festival Grounds Opening

2:00 pm Parade – Lincoln Ave.

North from Irving to Eastwood

Eastwood to Western

North to Lawrence

3:00 Vereinigte Choere von Chicago

3:15 Deutsch Americanisher Kinderchor

3:30 Schuhplattler Verein Edelweis

3:45 Holzhacker Baum von Chicago

4:00 Rheinischer Verein von Chicago

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Sunday September 13th

11:00 am Sunday Mass at the Festival

12:00 Festival Grounds Open

Musik im Zelt

2:00 Begruessungsworte

2:15 Deutsch Americanisher Kinderchor

2:30 American Aid Society Kindergruppe

2:45 American Aid Society Jugendgruppe

3:00 Donauschwaben Kindergruppe

3:15 Donauschwaben Jugendgruppe

3:30 Donauschwaben Volkstanzgruppe

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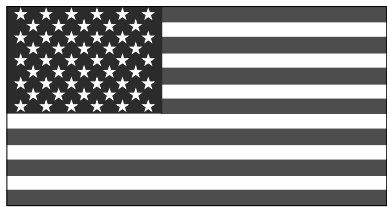
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National German Day Celebration

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German-American Fest September 11-12-13, 2009

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7:00 pm Official Opening Ceremony

Saturday - Noon to 11:00 pm

Sunday - Noon to 10:00 pm

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44TH ANNUAL STEUBEN PARADE

Saturday, September 12th, 2:00 pm, Lincoln Ave & Irving Park Rd



**September 13, 11:00 am
Sunday Mass in
German (on the
Festival Grounds)**

GERMAN-AMERICAN FEST

DANK-Haus Opens “Lost German Chicago”

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

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



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



Schellenbaumtrager – parade percussion instrument used in the Franco Prussian War displayed at the Deutsches Haus – World Columbian Exposition, passed to the German World War I veterans, entrusted to DANK



Singing Waiters Math Igler’s Casino: Located at Belmont, near the cross street of Ashland and Lincoln Avenue, Matt Igler’s Casino and Restaurant featured dinner with entertainment. Their famed singing waiters would engage their audience in German song, encouraging participation from their audience. The restaurant closed in the early 1980s.

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GERMAN-AMERICAN FEST

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

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

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

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

German-American Kinderchor and Jugendchor

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

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

For further information go to our website at, www.gakinderchor.org.

Scharpenberg Gallery to Present German-American Histories

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

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

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

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Holiday Spectacular Christkindlmarket Chicago Celebrates 14 Years

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

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

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

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

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



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"A Theatre Review"

“The Light in the Piazza”

Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Aladdin”

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

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Investing Lessons From the Vineyards

As an investor, you can get plenty of advice from financial experts on the evening news or cable financial shows. But you may actually be able to learn some deeper truths about investing by observing other professionals — such as winemakers.

At first glance, you might not see what these "guardians of the grape" can teach you about building an investment portfolio. After all, they're shaping Sangiovese while you're seeking stocks, they're bottling Burgundy while you're buying bonds, and they're mastering Malbec while you're monitoring mutual funds. Where's the connection?

Start by considering the life cycle of wine and the concept of "vintage." For example, a particular wine is labeled a 2005 vintage if it is made from grapes that were predominantly grown and harvested in 2005. Yet given the requirements of wine production, this 2005 vintage may not actually hit the markets until 2008 — and some aficionados may think the wine won't taste its best until 2018.

If you translated this type of scenario to the financial world, you could say that the 2008 investment "vintage" was not promising, given that the value of almost all investments — even the quality ones — fell last year. But if you were to hold these quality investments for the long term — as you should, because investing is a long-term activity — you might find that the 2008 vintage investments may eventually become productive vehicles that can help you achieve your financial goals.

So, what lessons can you learn from winemakers? Here are a few suggestions:

- **Be patient.** Winemakers put a lot of time, effort and money into planting today's grapes — for which they will not see one penny of profit for many years. Yet they have the discipline to wait patiently until the products of their labors come to fruition. Are all their wines successful? No — and all your investments may not be, either. But given enough time, quality investments can usually help you work toward your financial goals.

- **Have faith in your strategy.** Wine drinkers' tastes can change from year to year. Yet winemakers don't rip out their vineyards and replant them with today's "hot" varietal. Instead, they cultivate the grapes they've planted, make the best wine they can and maintain their belief that their products will find a market. As an investor, you can't allow yourself to be swayed by today's hot tips and trends. Instead, build a portfolio of quality investments that can stand the test of time.

- **Adapt your goals to your situation.** One of the most famous wine-making regions in the world, Napa Valley, contains a number of microclimates that vary by temperature, rainfall and soil. Napa Valley winemakers know which grapes will do best in which microclimate, and they concentrate their efforts accordingly. And you, as an individual investor, should make your investment decisions based on your own "microclimate" — your risk tolerance, family situation, time horizon and other factors. In other words, you should choose those investments that are best suited for you and that have the best chance to help you meet your goals.

Investing, like winemaking, is filled with challenges. But by observing how winemakers work, you may learn some things that can eventually help you raise a glass to your own success.

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RSVP is required. Email your RSVP to rsvp@stimulussocialclub.com

Dog vs. Cat & Dog Wins!

By Bosley

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

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

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

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

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

Play on, Bosley

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

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Canine Distemper

by Peter S. Sakas DVM, MS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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September 13th NIPSTA Public Safety Awareness Day Held in Glenview

On Sunday, September 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) hosts a Public Safety Awareness Day event at the NIPSTA Campus, 2300 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview.

NIPSTA provides a 20-acre facility for fire, police, public works and other emergency response training. The September 13 event features hands-on activities for all ages, including search dog demonstrations, high-rise fire rescues, touch-a-truck displays and more. This event provides an opportunity to meet police, fire and public works professionals and get a close-up look at the tools of their trade.

Admission is free and open to the general public.

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