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DOMINICK'S LINCOLNWOOD RE-GRAND OPENING

On Friday, October 10th Dominick's Finer Foods raise the bar in local grocery retailing once again with the re-grand opening of its store located at 6810 McCormick Avenue in Lincolnwood as a Lifestyle store. Dominick's has been in Chicagoland for more than 80 years and in Lincolnwood since 2001.

"Our new Lincolnwood Lifestyle store features changes in food and domestic wares displays, services and product offerings, including a Kosher Zone, broader selection of natural, organic and wholesome foods, nearly 100 deli cheeses and crusty breads from our new hearth oven," said company president Don Keprta. "The remodel of this store reflects Dominick's continued commitment to our customers as Chicagoland's premier grocery retailer," Keprta added.

Honoring its continuous commitment to supporting the local community, Dominick's will award a \$250 donation check to Niles West High School Choir who performed during the re-grand opening celebration.

Other notable participants in the program included: Lou Lang, Illinois State Representative for the 16th District, Mayor Gerald Turry, President, Village of Lincolnwood and Diana Lass, Executive Director of the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce

Building on the Fresh Store concept that Dominick's is known for, the Lifestyle Store features:

- A produce department that offers products grown locally, when available, and delivered fresh daily;
- A larger Organic food section, with more natural and wholesome product selections - including a new O Organic line of more than 150 items;
- A Kosher Zone featuring over 30 items of meats, products and home good selections;
- A floral department that includes vase ready bouquets, flowers and accessories imported from around the world and floral designers providing personalized service;
- A broad variety of breads and fresh baked goods, as well as gourmet desserts like Tiramisu and a variety of mousses;
- A pre-cooked foods section with a broader selection of healthy and gourmet food choices such as Panini's and gourmet soups;
- A Cheese World, featuring a broader selection of gourmet cheeses and an olive bar;
- A hearth oven for baking wonderful crusty breads;
- A larger wine section with more choices for connoisseurs and 6-pack value discount;
- Full service meat counter with fresh meat and poultry and more customized cuts and choices, including a exclusive Rancher's Reserve selection of beef that offers a money-back guarantee on tenderness;
- A seafood section with a broad array of fresh and packaged product choices;
- As with all Dominick's pharmacies, a licensed pharmacist is always available and there is a greater selection of over-the-counter medications;
- A new Starbucks with café seating.

Dominick's Finer Foods, a division of Safeway Inc., operates 80 stores throughout the Chicagoland area. An important part of Dominick's philosophy is to reinvest in communities through local education programs, food donations and community-based outreach programs. Since 1925, Dominick's has been proud to be Chicagoland's neighborhood grocer.

For more information about Safeway visit their website at www.safeway.com

AUSTRIANS GATHER FOR NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION IN PAPPAS' OFFICE

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas welcomes the musical group the Brauhaus Trio to an Austrian American National Day reception in her downtown Chicago office. From left to right: Gottfried Windischhofer, Max Wagner, Treasurer Pappas and Raimund Werner (Mexi). Pappas praised the Trio for helping the Austrian community maintain its heritage with its music.



Tree planting at Victory Centre of Galewood Symbolizes the Roots that Seniors will Soon be Putting Down at the Community

Victory Centre of Galewood, scheduled to open in spring of 2009, will be the first affordable senior living community in the area to offer both quality accommodations as well as support services like meals, housekeeping, activities and assistance with daily needs. The four-story, 78,317-square-foot community with 102 units is being built at a cost of \$24.3 million and when fully occupied, will employ around 50 full-time staff.

The supportive living community for seniors is currently accepting applications for residency and financial assistance. For more information call at 773-385-5002 or visit the Information Center at 6848 West Grand Avenue, across from the construction site.



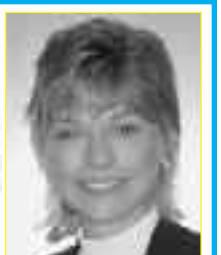
(Left to right) Brian Cloch and Bob Helle, Principals of Pathway Senior Living; Jane Bilger, Assistant Executive Director of the Illinois Housing Development Authority; Alderman William Banks of the 36th Ward; Cindy Holler, President of Mercy Housing Lakefront; James Keledjian, Principal of Pathway Senior Living and Jo Petruncio, Director of Sales for the new Victory Centre of Galewood, plant a symbolic tree at the topping off ceremony for the new supportive living community that is being built on the corner of Newcastle and Grand avenues for seniors with "deep roots" in the Galewood community.



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Adult Book Club

Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Fall 2008 One Book, One Chicago selection is *The Right Stuff* by Tom Wolfe.

Great Books Club

10/23/08 The Confidence Man by Herman Melville

Preschool Story Time

Mondays, October 20, 27, 2008, 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM.

This program is for children ages 2-4 and their parents or caregivers. It includes books, finger plays, songs and crafts. Registration suggested.

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Adults and teens are invited to join Jim Brostos, veteran Illinois and national chess leader and professional instructor, for **Chess Club** every Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Chicago Public Library's Edgemark Branch at 5331 W. Devon Avenue. Jim will teach you how to play or engage you in an expert game. To ensure a chance to play, please bring your own chess set. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information please telephone the library at 312-744-8313.

A member of the **Lyric Opera Lecture Corps** will present *Lulu* by Alban Berg will be presented on Saturday, October 25th at 1 p.m.

The **Adult Book Club** will discuss *The Right Stuff* by Tom Wolfe, our fall 2008 One Book, One Chicago selection on Thursday, October 30 from 7 to 8 p.m.

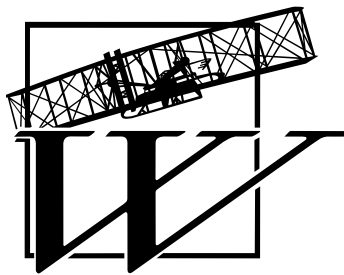
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Toddler Story Time, an engaging program of stories, songs, rhymes and games for children ages 2-3, will meet at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, October 7 through November 18th with Children's Librarian, Sandy. (There will be no Story Time on Tuesday, November 4th, Election Day).

Preschool Story Time, for children ages 3-5, will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays, October 2nd through November 13th, with Children's Associate, Sharon. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver; no registration is required.

CALLING ALL TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Teen volunteers are needed and service learning hours are available for all teens between the ages of 15 and 18. To register as a teen volunteer, please call the library at 312-744-8313.



Pioneering Female Astronaut to Speak at Wright

A community college graduate who was the first female space shuttle commander will speak at Wilbur Wright College on Oct. 30 as part of Thinking Big: The 19th Annual Chicago Humanities Festival.

The talk, titled "Leadership Lessons from Apollo to Discovery," will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Wright College theater, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave. Admission is \$5, except for educators and students who get in free.

The first woman to pilot and command an American spacecraft, Collins has led a life of adventure and achievement, culminating with her final mission, in which she commanded Space Shuttle Discovery's historic 2005 "Return to Flight."

Tickets can be ordered by phone, (312) 494-9509 or via the Chicago Humanities Festival website, www.chfestival.org. For the first time this year, ticket buyers may also create and manage an online itinerary at www.chfestival.org and share it via email with friends.

Scholarship Dinner Dance to Feature Latin Music

A scholarship dinner dance in honor of a beloved Wright College advisor who passed away in 2006 will be held 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24, at the college, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave.

Sponsored by the Wright College Hispanic Heritage Committee, the benefit will fund the Fernando Prieto Scholarship, which was founded after the death of a longtime Wright employee who endeared himself to students with his dedication to their success. The scholarship fund, which helps pay tuition for hard-working students dedicated to earning an associate's degree at Wright, launched after people spontaneously began sending donations to Wright in Prieto's memory.

Yankatino, a live Latin orchestra, will perform at the event. There will also be free salsa dance lessons, a DJ and great food.

Advance tickets are \$25, \$15 for Wright students. Admission at the door is \$35, \$20 for Wright students.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (773) 481-8146.

Northwest Symphony's First Fall Show Oct. 26

The Northwest Chicago Symphony String Quartet will perform pieces from Brahms and Tchaikovsky in its first concert of the fall at 3 p.m. Oct. 26 at Wright College Theater, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave

General admission is \$10; \$5 for seniors and free to Wright College students.

The symphony will perform Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2 and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5.

James Giles, who has performed internationally, will be the guest pianist. Giles has played in dozens of American cities as well as in Russia, China, France and several other European countries. He serves on the piano faculty at Northwestern University.

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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.

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Chicagoland Bicycle Federation Comments on Chicago's Ban on Text Messaging While Driving

The City Councils ban on text messaging while driving is an important step to combat distracted driving on Chicago streets.

Distracted driving has no place on our roads. We must work to ensure the safety of all road users, from bicyclists to pedestrians to motorists, said Rob Sadowsky, executive director of the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation. We applaud the City Council for approving this important ordinance.

Offenders will be fined \$75 for texting while driving and \$200 when it results in a crash.

Immaculate Conception All-Class Reunion Draws 220

The brand new parish center gymnasium was filled to near capacity this past Saturday evening, October 4th, when 220 alumni graduates from Immaculate Conception grade school gathered and enjoyed about talking about old times. One graduate came from the class of 1932, one from 1934, and then on up through the years. Tours of the buildings were led by Mrs. Bernadette Felicione, Immaculate Conception (I.C.) grade school principle, and the participants marveled at the way things remained the way they were, and how new additions had been added. "Hey! where did this come from? We never had anything like this!" This was especially true of the new gym where graduates enjoyed pizza, chicken, vegetables, salad, bread, beer, wine, pop and delicious teramizu for dessert. I.C. is deeply indebted to Maribeth Anderson, Mary Dosek, Denis Zamerowski and their committee for putting this exciting event together.

They hope to do it again next year around this same time.

Submitted by Father Ronan Newbold at Immaculate Conception Parish (Talcott and Harlem) 773-775-3833

Area Aldermen Hold Meeting Regarding School Overcrowding

Aldermen Margaret Laurino (39th Ward), Brian Doherty (41st Ward) and Patrick Levar (45th Ward) held a meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at Alderman Laurino's ward office concerning overcrowding in our public schools. Present at the meeting were Aldermen Doherty, Laurino, and Levar; Arne Duncan, CEO, Chicago Public Schools; Mr. Joseph Kallas, Area Instructional Officer, Cluster 1, Area 1, (CPS) and Mr. James DeSpensa, School Demographic and Planning Officer (CPS).

This meeting was coordinated by Alderman Laurino as a follow up to a previous meeting of August 12, 2008 which was held with local Chicago Public School principals to discuss the issue of overcrowding in our local public schools.

The statistics bear out that there is a critical need for additions to the northwest side Chicago Public elementary schools. Of particular concern are Edgebrook School, 6525 N. Hiawatha, and Sauganash School, 6040 N. Kilpatrick. The enrollment at Edgebrook School has increased 31% since 2003. Sauganash School is currently educating 506 students in a building designed for 345 students. A great concern for these particular schools is that they are nearing 100% capacity with mobiles. If this were to happen, it could lead to a closed enrollment policy which would cause undue hardship for many families.

Arne Duncan, CEO (CPS), and his staff readily agreed that our overcrowding issue should be a top priority for the Chicago Public Schools. The problem lies in the lack of capital funds for building. Complicating matters is the fact that our schools are not located in areas which would qualify them for T.I.F. (Tax Increment Financing), which puts us at a disadvantage. Mr. Duncan agreed to review his 2009 Capital Funding Budget in an attempt to find any capital funds to begin these much needed additions.

The Chicago Public Schools have previously worked with Alderman Doherty and his constituents to reinstate Edison School, 6220 N. Olcott, as an attendance area school in an effort to help ease the overcrowding issues in some sections of the 41st Ward.

Alderman Doherty, Alderman Laurino and Alderman Levar would like to thank Mr. Arne Duncan and his staff for taking the time to attend what they feel was a very productive meeting. They would also like to thank the local school principals for their valuable input, and the Local School Councils involved for their continued support of our Chicago Public Schools, which have made historic and unprecedented educational achievements over the past 10 years.

In addition, Aldermen Doherty and Levar would like to thank Alderman Laurino for coordinating these meetings and for the use of her office as a central meeting point.

Norwood Park Seniors Club

Norwood Park Seniors Club, 5801 N. Natoma, Chicago, IL 60631 meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. We play Pinochle and Bingo, Horse Race. We have parties on occasions, have an Easter hat contest, and Halloween contest. Join now we are a friendly bunch. Joan Kopkowski, President, (773) 774-7075

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Teen Book Chat Mondays @ 4:15-5:45p.m.

Basic Computer Training Classes Classes begin in mid November. Our staff librarians and our CyberNavigator will be hosting basic computer training for new users. (Registration in early November / call for sign-up date and details.)

Polish Heritage Month: Oakmill Bakery Demonstration Thursday, October 30 @ 7:00 p.m.

Nutrition & Money Management Program: Eat Well for Less with Laura Bruzas Monday, November 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

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Story Time at Your Library!

Fall Session: October 7-November 13 Toddler Time: Tuesdays at 10 am Preschool Pals: Thursdays at 10 am Toddler Time and Preschool Pals are thirty-minute programs consisting of songs, finger plays, rhymes, flannel board stories and books for children and their parent or caregiver. Advance registration is recommended.

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To help Devon Avenue appear festive for visitors and business owners, the West Ridge Chamber of Commerce and SSA #43 purchased holiday decorations that are now hanging along Devon Avenue from Kedzie to Damen. We hope these decorations will bring a little holiday cheer to you no matter which holiday you celebrate. Enjoy!

RECYCLE for EDUCATION

The West Ridge Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce an additional way to recycle in our neighborhood! 365 days per year, 24 hours per day you can simply drop off your paper items to be recycled at our Paper Retriever Box located at Devon Bank. Easily accessible in the southeast corner of the lot at 6445 N. Western Avenue, we can accept your newspapers, school & business documents, junk mail, catalogs, soft cover books & magazines. Our local RECYCLING program is in place not only to help the earth, but to assist community schools. In the 2007-08 school year the Chamber raised \$2,000 through these programs.

Funds provided financial assistance to Boone Community School. The entire 4th grade class and 5 teachers were able to attend a science field trip at Experiencia at no cost to them. On the trip, students had a chance to experience hands on learning of subjects like recycling, composting and water conservation and collection.

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Chambers Invited: Edgebrook, Lincolnwood, Sauganash and West Ridge All attendees must RSVP to their respective chambers by October 22, 2008

All Chamber members : \$15.00 Guests \$20.00 Catering provided by: AOK Gourmet Lunch includes Salad, wraps or sandwiches and dessert

The West Ridge Chamber of Commerce

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Liberty's community relationships extend even beyond the financial realm in the various programs offered on a regular basis such as adult driving courses, free senior and kids movie dates, seminars on antiques and collectables, gardening presentations, and computer classes for seniors, among many others. The range of activities and programs are aimed to cover all age groups beginning with their Kid's Club and finally with their Senior's Club.

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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers November Programs

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

The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, November 4, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the second floor Community Education Room. These free sessions are tailored for adults who have Type 2 diabetes and focus on the emotional side of diabetes, allowing participants to share coping strategies, feelings and problems in living with diabetes. For further information about the Diabetes Support Group, call certified diabetes educator Kathy Byrne-Bellavia, R.N., at 773-794-8329.

A free lecture titled "**Dealing With Back Pain**" will be given Wednesday, November 12, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. Michael Rock, M.D., Medical Director, Pain Management Clinic, will discuss signs and symptoms, how pain doctors diagnose chronic back pain and treatment options. A question and answer session will be included. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, November 14, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. This program for seniors aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and voluntary armchair exercises. Registration is not required.

Stroke and vascular screenings will be given Tuesday, November 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. Life Line Screening® will provide non-invasive, ultrasound tests for the following: (1) stroke screening of carotid arteries in the neck; (2) peripheral arterial disease (PAD) screening for plaque buildup in the lower extremities; (3) abdominal aortic aneurysm screening for the existence of an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta; and (4) bone density screening to detect osteoporosis. All four tests cost \$139. Check with Life Line about individual test cost. Results will be mailed. Advance registration is required with Life Line by calling 1-800-324-1851.

"**Living a Healthier Lifestyle**" is an ongoing program to help heart patients and people concerned about cardiac health develop a healthy lifestyle. Sessions are part of the hospital's cardiopulmonary rehabilitation program. A cardiac stress test, lipid profile, risk factor analysis and diet counseling are required to participate. To learn more or schedule an appointment, call the Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation staff at 773-794-8420.

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

When you ride your broom over don't forget to say, Boo!
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tour ends in the grave yard from whence "Hatchet Harry" will rise and go to the third floor of the building. Behind a window in the shadow of a silhouette, "Wild Willie's" head (a pumpkin) is lopped off by Harry's sword, bounces off of the window sill and plunges to the kitchen roof where it lands with a splat. Sounds accompany the event and all are duly scared.

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Hitch Halloween Hike & Festival

Rufus Hitch Elementary School is having its "Hitch Halloween Hike & Festival" on Saturday October 25, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. sharp. The two (2) mile walk, jog or run is a healthy alternative to raise much needed funds for our school. A Bake Sale and Costume contest is slated for the event. The festivities will be held in the school lot at Austin & Bryn Mawr Avenues. (rain or shine) All ages and community members are welcome! There is a suggested \$5.00 donation per person. For more information, call (773) 792-2748

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- The girls' softball team chalked up the most wins not only in Guerin Prep's history but in the 31-year history of softball program at Mother Guerin High School with Senior Aimee Forte breaking eight school records and Sophomore Sarah Dec setting four new records by a pitcher.
- The girls basketball team won the GCAC White Division title; junior varsity volleyball and softball teams were regular season champions; the jv softball team also won the conference tournament.
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Calendar of Events

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Here are some highlights:

October

19—Open House (11 a.m. — Last tour leaves at 1 p.m.)

November

4, 11—8th Grade Gator for a Day

14, 15—Fall Play: *Ab, Wilderness*

December

2, 9—8th Grade Gator for a Day

4—Open House (6 p.m. — Last tour leaves at 7:15 p.m.)

10—Christmas Band Concert

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For more information about Guerin Prep, contact Valerie Reiss, director of admissions, 708-453-6233, Ext. 4732, vreiss@guerinprep.org. Or check out our Web site: www.guerinprep.org.

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"A Theatre Review"

"The Aisle Seat"

By Richard Allen Eisenhardt

It's time for another Aisle Seat Column. I've known Marcelle McVay since October 1976 when Victory Gardens was at Club Metro on the second floor. Marcie is married to Dennis Zacek the theatre's artistic director and is leaving her post as the theatre's managing director. We only wish her all the best on her next endeavor. Hopefully we will still see her smiling face at future openings after she leaves.

We hope that one of our regional theaters will get the rights to "Souvineer" and David Mamet's "November" in the near future. Another show would be "It's a Grand Night for Singing" featuring the music of Irving Berlin.

On Monday October 20, the 40th annual Jeff Ceremony that honors excellence in professional theatre will be presented at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd. The equity awards ceremony begins at 7:30. Tickets are \$75 and \$55 for actors equity, United Scenic Artists, Stage Directors, choreographers and the Dramatist Guild of America. Black tie is optional and the public is invited. To purchase tickets the website is www.jeffawards.org.

Once again the Marriott Theatre has a performance coup in the signing of Tyler Hanes for their production of "All Shook Up." He last appeared in the lead of their production "Footloose," a few years ago. He is an awesome triple threat performer on stage with his singing, acting and dancing. He will amaze audiences with his knockout talent. He recently finished a two year run in "A Chorus Line" on Broadway. The Carolina Native also toured in the road show of "Sweet Charity" which played at the Cadillac Palace Theatre. Some of his supporting performers will be Paula Scrofano, Christine Sherrill who returns to Chicago her home base after a year run in "mamma Mia," Matt Raftery and Jessie Mueller.

The beautiful and talented Allison Batty comes off two strong performances as Desdemona in "Othello" for Chicago Shakespeare and her Shattered Globe performance in "Suddenly Last Summer." She is an ensemble member of Shattered Globe and will be appearing in their opening production of "The Glass Menagerie" and in the spring will be in "Buried Child."

This concludes this edition of "The Aisle Seat" column.

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Choosing a Humane Wildlife Removal Company

The last two editions of this newspaper featured tips for preventing unwanted wildlife from making your home, their home and suggestions for how to get critters to leave once they take residence. More often than not, we can resolve conflicts with wildlife on our own. But in some cases, it becomes necessary to call in the pros. Be sure you are making the right choice and that the wildlife removal company you select is humane. With guidance from the Humane Society of the United States, below are seven tips for choosing a wildlife control company.

Make sure the company will provide an on-site inspection and a written quote. The on-site inspection fee should apply toward the work that is contracted. During the inspection, ask that the company identify the animal and where it is gaining access to your home. Ask them to provide photos if it's not clear to you.

Request specific details about how the problem will be resolved and how the animal(s) will be treated. Will the animal be killed or relocated, and if so why? Are there young animals that will be orphaned or abandoned? Will the method resolve the problem over the long term?

Insist upon the use of guaranteed exclusion strategies (e.g. one-way doors and/or hands-on removal and reunion of families, leading to their release on-site).

Make sure that the company provides a full range of animal proofing/exclusion services that carry at least a one-year guarantee against re-entry.

Do not sign a contract with an open-ended clause allowing a company to charge for removal of all animals trapped on the property. Some service providers claim this is a way of preventing other wildlife problems, but it is unethical and will not solve long-term problems.

Contact a local wildlife rehabilitator (visit www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org for a list of humane, certified, wildlife rehabbers) for referrals to wildlife removal companies.

Request a written assurance from the company that its practices are in compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations and that the company carries commercial liability insurance.

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

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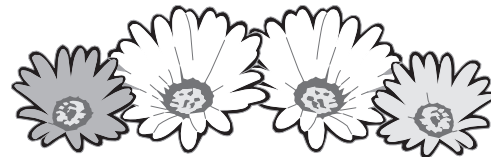
Plant Trials (continued)

By: Nick Urhausen, Urhausen Greenhouses

Next year will be the debut season for the "Zahara" zinnia series. The plant trials received some seeds in advance in order to grow the plants used in this summer's trials. The seed will not be commercially available until the fall of 2008. This demonstrates how valuable the plant trials are in this instance. By having "Zahara" zinnias at plant trials one year in advance of their introduction, growers can analyze how good or bad they grow. The performance of the plants and flowers of the "Zahara" zinnias was as good as the existing "Profusion" series. Therefore we have already ordered seed and will offer "Zahara Yellow" next year.

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By Cynthia Sliwa

Mysterious, Magical Opals

Opals, one of October's birthstones, are unique among gems because of the extraordinary way in which they brilliantly give off the colors of the rainbow. This magical property derives from the manner in which opals are formed from hydrated silica spheres. Light interacts with the spheres of various sizes and patterns, resulting in vibrant flashes of color.

Opals are found in several distinct varieties. The most common is white or colorless; the most highly prized is called black opal, but may actually have a blue or dark grey background. A third variety is the boulder opal, a combination of the precious opal with a backing or border of ironstone, the stone in which the gemstone is found. The play of colors inside the stone is what gives opals their special appeal. All of these varieties of opal are always cut flat or into cabochons, as facets add no additional brilliance.

Fire opals are entirely different. They are vibrantly colored orange, red or yellow gemstones. These are the only opals you will find cut in faceted versions to show off their intense, translucent color, as they do not share the rainbow flashes seen in other opals.

Part of the mystery of opals is the folklore that says it is unlucky to wear opals unless they are your birthstone. One theory is that the superstition derived from a 19th Century poem by Sir Walter Scott. Others associate the stone with a string of bad luck by a Spanish king. Others say that the popularity of opals at the time of the plague in 13th Century Europe associated the stone with that frightening period of history. But the bad reputation of the opal is undeserved.

Indeed, opals have been cherished through the centuries and are believed to possess very high and positive energy. The stone was used in prophecy, and was believed to protect the eyes and strengthen the mind and memory. Some call the opal the Cupid Stone, capable of bringing one his or her heart's desire. To the extent that opals encompassed the colors of other gemstones such as rubies and emeralds, the ancient Romans attributed the qualities of those stones to opals as well, calling them the Queen of Gems.

Many of the most spectacular opals derive from Australia, although beautiful stones are also supplied from Mexico, Brazil and Oregon. Opals are a soft, porous stone, and need special care as well as protection against knocks, heat, and extended exposure to bright light in order to preserve their magical, mysterious colors.

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Everyone Needs a Periodic Checkup



Chester M. Przybylo

Even the healthiest person needs a periodic medical checkup. Similarly, even the best estate plan needs periodic review. Even if you are in peak health today, a few years later some things may have changed that require a revisiting of your treatment plan. Maybe your blood pressure needs medication. Maybe you have high cholesterol, which is capable of being controlled with adjustments to diet or medication.

Like your health, your estate plan needs a periodic checkup. Here are some factors which might lead to a change in your estate plan.

Changes in the Law

In health, the laws of physics and chemistry do not change. However, changes in the law, both small and large, may have a large impact on your estate plan. For example, tax laws change frequently and your plan may need to be revised to minimize your tax liability. Non-tax laws also change periodically, opening the doors to new opportunities that were not available when your estate plan was drafted.

Changes in Your Life

Just as with your health, circumstances change. Maybe you had changes in your family circumstances, like marriage, divorce, or the birth of children or grandchildren. Perhaps someone in your family has had health or financial changes that should be reflected in your plan.

Changes in Desires

Even if there are no changes in the law or your life, sometimes we simply change our minds. As we age, hopefully we gain wisdom and experience. Sometimes that leads us to change our estate plan. For example, if a close friend of yours goes through a messy divorce, you may be more inclined to leave assets for your children in a trust that provides protection in the (hopefully unlikely) event of their divorce.

If you already have an estate plan in place, be sure to schedule an appointment with your estate planning attorney for a periodic review. There may be new factors and laws to consider of which you are unaware. And, just as with your health, if you notice important changes in circumstances, you should be sure to schedule that review sooner, rather than later.

If you are just starting out and do not have an estate plan, or you have moved to a new state, be sure to find a qualified estate planning attorney, who focuses his or her practice in estate planning.

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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.

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Best Friends/Companion Pets

Howl-o-ween

Hello my furry friends! Don't you just love this time of year? My human calls it dog weather. It's the time when it's cool enough to play outside without getting overheated, and after this humid summer I am thankful (Well, that is if it ever cools off.) Plus, it means the howliday season is fast approaching.



Howloween is the beginning and is one of the scariest and oddest of those holidays. Humans dress up like ghosts and goblins to try and scare one another. Well, often times they scare my fellow pet friends and me too! So, remember to keep us pets in a safe enclosed place during this time. We don't want anyone running out of gates or doors and getting hurt. As if the humans dressing up is not enough, there is a growing trend for us pet's to get in on the fun! My own Human enjoys decorating me with designs and colors. I personally think it's a little much, but on the other paw I get loads of extra attention from people who can't believe their eyes. Many stores now carry pet costumes for all size pets. I would recommend getting us pets used to the costume before Howloween. Many of my pet friends get nervous in these outfits. Please also make sure us pets are able to see and move easily in the costume, and I also recommend something reflective so we can be better seen at night. Thankfully Howloween is only one night, so my friends wag you're tail, bear it, and just remember all the attention you will receive!

Lastly, a warning about the treats you young humans receive. Chocolate can be very toxic to us pets, so keep it well out of our reach. The other candies and goodies you humans receive is also not good for us. You don't want to eat our treats, and we shouldn't eat yours. Which reminds me; please have some tasty pet treats available for us as well. We want to enjoy Howloween too, especially if you force us into a costume!

Please have a fun and safe Howl-O-Ween and don't eat too many treats!

Until next time,
Boo-Boo Boosley

Barking News...

Effective Oct 29th, Canine Corral will be in their new doghouse! Unfortunately, construction is not complete so all services cannot be offered. But, please stop by and visit our new home!

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

HOWL-O-WEEN 2008: Adopt a Pet at Navy Pier

It's all treats this year at Howl-o-Ween, a CASA event presented by The Anti-Cruelty Society and Chicagoland Tails, at Navy Pier. You are invited to join us at this FREE event on Saturday, October 25, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. in Festival Hall B at the east end of Navy Pier. Pets, of course, are welcome.

This huge event will feature 25 animal shelters, including The Anti-Cruelty Society and other members of the Chicago Animal Shelter Alliance (CASA), plus many outlying area shelters and breed rescue groups. This one-day adoption event will gather area-wide animal supporters together in an effort to find wonderful homes for many cats and dogs!

Featured will be a giant walking track for dog owners to walk potential new pets and their own pets. A 2,500 square foot obstacle course from K9 University will also be featured for fun training and activity, including goody bags for the first 500 participants.

Learn pet massage and CPR, take a Doga (dog yoga) class from Lakeshore Athletic Club, or just explore the giant show.

From fun clubs to unique pet items and services, enjoy rows and rows of pet-related booths. Pet Intuitive Denise Zak will be available to tell you what your pet is thinking. Find out about Chicagoland Dock Dogs. Check out the latest apparel from doggie boutiques and the best treats and toys for kitties. Need a pet taxi or cleaning service? Find it all here.

Meet popular radio personalities Eddie, JoBo & Erica (and their pets!) from B96 radio and other local celebrities. Join in a costumed pooch parade down the south dock, led by "Patch" the dog mascot at Navy Pier to our event at noon. Be a part of the stage show with Ronald McDonald at 12:30 p.m. and more!

Buy \$5 raffle tickets and pick out great prizes for you and your pet. For questions, call Louise Edwards at 312/751-5525

Register for Oakton Alliance Classes "Plan for Your Pets"

Enroll in continuing education courses offered by the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at Oakton Community College starting in November.

Plan for Your Pet (LAW B03-01) introduces the concept of a "pet trust" that can protect and provide for the care of a beloved family companion. Course meets 7:30 - 9 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie. Course fee is \$10.

For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule, including registration and fee information, visit www.oakton.edu/all, or call 847-982-9888, press 3.

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 Peterson Park
 5801 N. Pulaski Rd.
 (in North Park Village)
 October 24-26 & 29-30
 6:30-9:30pm
 October 31
 7pm-9:30pm
 Ages 8 & over. \$8
 773.262.6157

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 2045 N. Lincoln Park West
 October 24 & 25
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