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The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., joined Francis Cardinal George and other representatives of the Archdiocese of Chicago at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, on Tuesday, Sept. 29 to dedicate a new statue of their foundress, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, created by artist Teresa Clark, pictured here with the Cardinal.



The Feast Day of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin is October 3rd. Sister Denise Wilkinson, General Supervisor of the Order of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, will address the staff, faculty and students of Guerin Prep High School in celebration of that day.

See page 11 for continuing story.



WORLD WAR II VETERANS MEET WITH CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT LT. COL. BRUCE CRANDALL AT TAFT HIGH SCHOOL CEREMONIES

Two World War II veterans, Jack Barry (left), a Pearl Harbor survivor, and Stanley Pokrzywa (right), who fought with the 104th Infantry Division (Timberwolves) through northern Europe, met with Congressional Medal of Honor (CMH) recipient Lt. Col. Bruce Crandall, a helicopter pilot and Viet Nam War veteran, during special ceremonies at Taft High School in Chicago. As part of the Taft CMH outreach event, Col. Crandall addressed a student-filled auditorium, met with the school's Navy Junior ROTC and greeted other guests, including members of American Legion Edison Park Post 541. Barry lives on Chicago's far northwest side, and Pokrzywa is a resident of Norwood Crossing, a long-term care retirement community at 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Col. Crandall's appearance at Taft High School was in conjunction with the 2009 Medal of Honor Convention that was held in the city.

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Thursday, October 29
10:00 a.m.
Howard Leisure Center
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Des Plaines

Saturday, October 31
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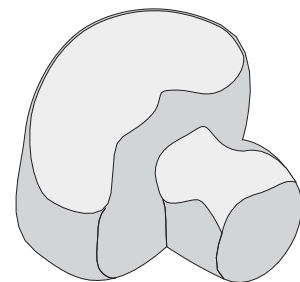
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WILD MUSHROOMS

Mushrooms grow best when kept in the dark and fed bull dung. Today, it is often the case that service providers, elected officials, and businesses use this same methodology when dealing with customers and constituents. Unless we speak out and demand fair treatment, honesty, and transparency, this practice will continue and worsen. We are informed and active taxpayers, not wild mushrooms, and as such, it is our responsibility to hold to a higher standard those we have elected to represent us – after all, they are "public servants" first – and the businesses to which we choose to give our hard-earned money. Might does not equal right.



We want to hear from you at mushroom@ourvillagechicago.com. We hope that Wild Mushrooms will be a regular feature in this paper, an opportunity for readers to voice legitimate concerns about injustices they experience as consumers and as citizens. (See Credit Cards on page 11)



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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers October Health Programs



Chicago, Ill. (September 24, 2009) — Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, will offer the following health events in October.

A free lecture titled "A New Approach to Diabetic Self-Care" will be offered Tuesday, October 6, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and will be based on the American Association of Diabetes Educators' guidance on applying seven self-care behaviors to help make diabetes manageable. Certified diabetes educator Kathy Byrne-Bellavia, R.N., will discuss these behaviors: healthy eating, being active, glucose monitoring, taking medications, problem solving, reducing risks and healthy coping. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free hearing screenings will be given Tuesday, October 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. Audiologist Steven Wolinsky, Au.D., will perform screenings in a soundproof booth in the second floor Audiology Department. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

Free depression screenings will be conducted Thursday, October 8, from 9 a.m. to noon. Negative feelings during difficult economic times are normal but untreated depression can deplete a person's energy and interfere with completing basic tasks. Resurrection Behavioral Health staff will provide confidential depression screenings that take 15 minutes. Participants will be contacted one week after the screening with a follow-up phone call if they approve. Advance registration is requested by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636). Walk-ins are welcome.

A free Healthy Aging Program will be held Friday, October 9, 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 guest lectures. A guest speaker will discuss the H1N1/swine flu. Registration is not required.

Prostate cancer screenings will be conducted Tuesday, October 13, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. This screening for adult males involves a blood draw for a prostate specific antigen (PSA) level. Test results will be mailed. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636). There is a \$20 fee.

Free parking is available in the hospital's parking facility on Addison Street.

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN AT CHICAGO PARKS

Festivities Include Haunted Houses, Pumpkin Patches, Movies & More

The Chicago Park District and Walgreens host nearly 70 Halloween events this fall in the parks. Offerings include several haunted houses, numerous pumpkin patches, corn mazes, parties and much more. This year marks the debut of the Doggie PUPkin Party, a Halloween event for dogs, and also features a ghostly movie series. Click here for the full listing of Halloween events or call 312-742-PLAY.

Halloween highlights this fall include:

Pumpkin Patches & Halloween Parties Oct. 3-31, Various parks

All ages, entrance fees vary from free to nominal
Nominal fees may apply for on-site activities. Fall pumpkin patches throughout the city features a selection of all shapes and sizes and decorating stations.

Some pumpkin patches and Halloween parties include a petting zoo, hayride, pony ride, inflatables, games and a chance to take a photo at the harvest photo station.



Halloween Fall Fest featuring the Halloween No-Scare Maze

Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 17-18, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison St., 773-478-2889

For ages 18 months-10 years (must be accompanied by an adult). Admission free; nominal fees for activities. Children can pick a pumpkin in the outdoor pumpkin patch, enjoy the petting zoo, pony rides, and inflatables. Additionally, an indoor, no-scare maze featuring costumed cartoon characters is available for children ages 5 & under. Concessions available for sale.

Co-sponsored by Athletic Field Advisory Council.

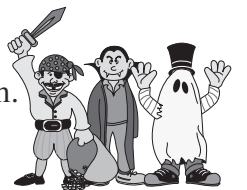
Trails of Terror 2009 Oct. 23-25 & 29-31, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Peterson Park, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd., 312-742-7584

Recommended for ages 8 and up; free parking available

Admission: \$8 for ages 12 and under, \$10 for ages 13 and up

Wind your way through nearly one-half mile of spine-tingling terror in the woods crawling with creepy characters set in a small seaside town complete with the old general store and abandoned fishing boats haunted by the ghostly remains of their crews.



No-Scare Children's Trails. Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Peterson Park, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd., 312-742-7584. All ages, admission \$6

The family area will include live, creepy critter show; the wacky hat art project station; treats; instruction for learning the Thriller dance; and more. Get in the spirit of Halloween and come in costume. Plenty of free parking is available.

Doggie PUPkin Party. Saturday, Oct. 31, 9 a.m. – noon. Brands Park, 3259 N. Elston Ave., 773-478-2414. Admission: \$5 per dog

The event will be held rain or shine.

Halloween has gone to the dogs at this new event that is open to all size pups. Owners and dogs are encouraged to come dressed up in their favorite costumes. Activities include a doggie parade, photos with the owner and dog that can be purchased from the photographer, doggie/owner look-a-like contest, art project, drawings and give-a-ways. The local pet businesses will set up tables and offer goods and services for dogs.



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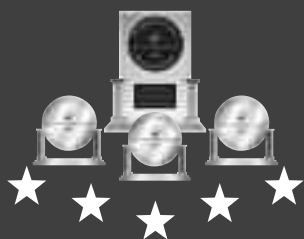


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NORWOOD SENIORS NETWORK TO MANAGE LOCAL SENIOR CENTER FOR CITY OF CHICAGO

Mayor Richard M. Daley headed a group of dignitaries at the grand opening of the Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago, on Sept. 19. Joining Daley were: 41st Ward Ald. Brian Doherty; Commissioner Mary Ellen Caron, Department of Family and Support Services; Joyce Gallagher, Executive Director of Senior Services; Tim Mitchell, General Superintendent, Chicago Park District; Erin Lavin Cabonargi, Executive Director, Public Building Commission; Mike Toohey, Chief Executive Officer, Norwood Life Society; Joan Kopkowski, President of Norwood Park Seniors Club; local residents; and representatives of area community organizations.



The state-of-the-art Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center is being managed by Norwood Seniors Network, a community outreach program, in partnership with the City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, Senior Services Area Agency on Aging and the Chicago Park District. Keith Chase-Ziolek, a past director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Chicago and a former regional supervisor in the Nutrition Program for the Chicago Department on Aging, is the director.

"I am excited to be helping to launch a brand new senior center, and I look forward to seeing it grow into an important part of the Norwood Park community," he said. Chase-Ziolek, who was raised in Park Ridge and lives in Andersonville, has a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce and a Master of Arts degree in Sociology, both from DePaul University.

The satellite senior center, one of 13 operated by the Department of Family and Support Services, is a 7,000 square foot addition to the Norwood Park Field House. Managed by staff and volunteers from Norwood Seniors Network, the center is open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a. m. - 4:30 p. m. and is designed for active people of all ages, starting at age 55. Among the center's core programs and services are fitness, health education, meals, trips, and a wide range of classes. Additional programming is being developed to meet the specific needs and interests of local community seniors.

Trained staff in the state-of-the-art fitness room is available to assist members to develop a fitness plan and to properly operate the equipment. A group exercise class is offered three mornings a week along with weekly classes: Tai Chi, Qigong and Acupressure. Yoga and line dancing are scheduled twice a month.

A nurse is available weekly to provide health education and individual consultation, and a nutritionist, pharmacist and massage therapist are at the center each month.

Chase-Ziolek added that Chicago Golden Diners Program provides noon meals at the center, using an automated system that dispenses a hot meal with use of a token. The process gives seniors the option to choose the time they eat within an hour.

Computer classes are available at three different skill levels on nine up-to-date computers. A large flat-screen television displays information about the center and community programs, while the satellite connection allows viewing of special programs, including local sports. The library offers a comfortable place to read the paper, play checkers or chess or attend a book club.

The energy efficient building offers environmentally friendly furniture and finishes plus recycling.

"At the Norwood Park Satellite Senior Center, we look forward to continuing Norwood Seniors Network tradition of listening to and serving the community in Reshaping Aging™," said Chase-Ziolek.

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 Iglar'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.

Ravenswood Great Neighbor Awards

Ravenswood Community Council presents the Great Neighbor Awards

DATE: Friday, October 23 TIME: 6 to 8 p.m.

LOCATION: Barba Yianna, 4761 N. Lincoln

The RCC is excited to recognize residents and businesses in the neighborhood that have been Great Neighbors.

The awards ceremony and fundraiser will include an appetizer buffet, open bar, and the awarding of the coveted Great Neighbor Awards.

Tickets for the event will be \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door (tax-deductible), which includes a complimentary one-year membership with the Ravenswood Community Council. All proceeds will fund the important work which RCC does in our community.

Guest honoree U.S. Representative Mike Quigley will be among those in attendance who will receive a "Great Neighbor" award.

Anyone interested in attending, or wanting to nominate someone they know as being a "Great Neighbor" can visit www.ravenswoodcommunity.org, stop by the office (1756 W. Wilson) or contact Chris Shickles or Ryan Lowry at (773) 784-0400 for more information.

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Be especially cautious in the early morning and evening hours. Our rush hour is their rush hour. Many animals are most active during these times, and a bit of extra caution while driving can keep them (and you!) safe.

Remember that animals cross the street in groups. After one crosses, wait a moment to make sure others are not following.

Always try to allow a bit of extra time and slow down. It is much more difficult to stop for wildlife in a speeding car.

Keep your eyes ahead and on the edges of the road, especially when driving near forest preserves, nature centers, and other animal habitats.

Every piece of food litter tossed out a car window becomes a lure for wildlife. Help by keeping food (and wildlife) off the road.

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.

Representative McAuliffe and Alderman Doherty Report Funding for Local Park Improvements

State Representative Michael McAuliffe, 20th District, was able to secure \$300,000 of capital funding for local park improvements.

Representative McAuliffe, 41st Ward Alderman Brian Doherty, Mr. Mike Kelly, Chief Operating Officer of the Chicago Park District, and Patrick Levar, Jr., Director of Facility Management (Chicago Park District) toured our local parks to assess conditions and establish priorities for allocation of these funds.

Olympia Park, 6566 N. Avondale: a new spray pool is currently under construction.

Oriole Park, 5430 N. Olcott, is scheduled for path paving with selected repair and replacement, site preparation, related landscape repairs and contingency.

Pleasant Point Park, 6813 W. Imlay, is slated for the repair and seal coating of their spray pool, new paving around the playground, benches, site preparation and contingency.

The Chicago Park District is determining the preliminary project cost estimates which will then be let for competitive bidding. Alderman Doherty would like to thank Representative McAuliffe, Mr. Mike Kelly, Mr. Patrick Levar, Jr. and the Chicago Park District for their efforts that allow us to maintain and improve our local parks, particularly in these tough economic times.

18th Annual Harvest Festival at North Park Village Nature Center

Celebrate the new autumn season at North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd., on Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th at the 18th Annual Harvest Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This free fall celebration will have a scarecrow building contest, storytelling, live music, a farmer's market, tours throughout the Nature Center's preserve, and seasonal food and refreshments available for sale. There is no registration required for this family friendly event open to all ages.

The nature center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For a list of great nature-inspired events and programs at North Park Village Nature Center go to www.chicagoparkdistrict.com or contact (312) 744-5472 or TTY/TDD (312) 744-3586.

Some programs charge a fee and most programs require registration unless otherwise noted. If less than five people are registered two days prior to a program, that program will be cancelled so it is essential that you register. Program registration sent by e-mail will not be accepted. Please give us your name and daytime phone number, the name of the program(s) you wish to attend, and how many people will be attending.

Public programs are not designed for organized groups. If you are interested in a program for an organized group, please contact the Nature Center for more information.

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

Nat'l Wildlife Federation: Photo Challenge

The editors of National Wildlife® magazine have selected the finalists in National Wildlife Federation's "America the Beautiful" photo challenge. Now we need YOU to help choose the winner.

Voting ends on October 15. Tell us what image you like best.

After you vote, be sure to enter our NEW photo challenge.

The theme is "Birds on the Move," in honor of the fall migration season. We're looking for images of birds in flight, as well as portraits of migratory birds—raptors, shorebirds, waterfowl and backyard songbirds. If you have photos fitting this description, upload them now for your chance to win! The prize is a Birdsong Identifier kit, which includes a song player, guidebook, earpiece and two song cards.

If you haven't already joined the National Wildlife Magazine Photo Group, check out our Flickr page. It's a place to share your images with fellow nature enthusiasts.

The Last of America's Last Great Prairie?

When Lewis and Clark set out to explore the wild western frontier of America over two centuries ago, they were overwhelmed with the abundance of wildlife there.

Sadly, today more than half of the 122 animal species they encountered are in serious decline...seven are extinct altogether. And now the entire prairie ecosystem is in jeopardy.

Human encroachment has destroyed critical habitat for prairie wildlife like the sage grouse, bobcat, prairie dog and the endangered black-footed ferret.

Even in so-called "protected" wildlife refuges these animals have to compete with livestock for grazing and nesting areas!

If we cannot save this vital habitat, what will become of the American prairie, an irreplaceable part of our nation's very heritage and the natural home of these beloved animals?

It's time to take a stand. Thankfully we have an amazing chance today to make a real difference.

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Best Friends/Companion Pets

First Grooming

The following scenario occurs daily at grooming shops nationwide.

Let's say you're a Shih Tzu puppy in need of your first haircut and bath; your Human makes the appointment for you and brings you to some new place. You hear and smell the other dogs and begin to get nervous, but luckily your Human cuddles and coos you to calm down. You are greeted by a nice lady who gives you a rub on the head and tells you how cute you are; she is called the Groomer. You realize that she is smart and flaunt your stuff for her; but wait a minute your Human is leaving! Panic sets in and you begin to shake; the nice lady is trying her best but she is not YOUR Human! She puts you in the jail where you are forced to sit. In fear you begin to whine, scream, anything to get out of jail!



After what seems like years of waiting, the Groomer finally takes you out! She talks nicely, but you are really freaked out! Opps... you poop and piddle on the table! The Groomer tries to tell you to calm down, but you think she is crazy! Then this crazy person grabs a weapon, oh no! They begin to rub this weapon all over your coat, hey wait a minute! This doesn't hurt; it feels kind of good and you begin to relax. Then the Groomer yields another contraption this one is loud and vibrates; again you are back in panic mode! The Groomer shaves under your feet and your private area, and then they have the nerve to give you a pedicure! You do your best screaming in the hope they will stop, but the evil Groomer continues on her way. Next she goes into your ears and pulls out the hair! Ouch! The Groomer finally says your done for now and cuddles you! You give in for now, plus you are exhausted!

Next, you are put onto this cold surface where you hear water. Oh no! The water is touching me, panic! You are now breathing heavy and are trying to jump out of this place! The massage you are getting is putting you in a much better mood; oh what fun bubbles! Not again, here comes the water, IKES! With the water turned off you again begin to relax, but then you here the loudest noise you have ever heard! It's a dryer and it headed straight for you, mayday! Mayday! Mayday! Oh finally it's stopped and your returned to your jail!

You decide that jail isn't so bad and take a short nap! You are woken by that evil Groomer again, now what? She puts you back onto the table and that noise begins again, you are being dried! Then the vibrating thing is back; the groomer moves it all over your body! You want to complain, but are too tired and just want to wake up from this nightmare! The Groomer finally stops the vibrating tool and brings out this knife looking things. They aren't so loud by are scary; she uses them all over and then holds your face to get the hair she wants. You fight and pull; you don't want your face held (even if she isn't hurting you)! After long last the groomer cuddles you and tells you you're done; and you are placed back into jail!

When they get you again you are freaking out, but then see your wonderful Human! You dance around and yelp at the torture you endured! As typical, the Human doesn't understand you but goes on about how cute you are! Well they are right! You do feel good and smell a lot better! Nah! You tell yourself that you will be a good dog and just maybe they won't bring you to this terrible place again!

The above story does make Groomers sound like Monsters! They are not! They are simply doing their job; many dogs don't understand that it's better for them! For that matter, most Humans don't understand it either! All dogs regardless of size, shape, coat length, and coat texture need grooming! There is nothing better than a good brushing to stimulate the oils of the skin and get us feeling our best! Some of us dogs need grooming quite often (like me), while others need just frequent brushing; it really is dependent on the dog! The important thing to remember is that ALL dogs need grooming of some sort! Our hair acts as our heating and air conditioning units; if not properly maintained we are NOT comfortable in any weather. Plus, if we are all tangled we are uncomfortable; imagine never being able to take off that itchy sweater!

My purpose was to help my Human out; Groomers do a lot of work and usually don't get the credit for it! Some dogs, like me, are a pleasure to work with; while others require a lot more patience. Groomers do their best to not only make its dog looks its best, but have an enjoyable experience. The puppy in the story will learn to like grooming; all it takes is frequent grooming for any dog;

We dogs have to remember we may not like grooming, but we must learn to tolerate it! After all, when it's all over our Humans cuddle and loves us even more!

As for you Humans, look at your poor dog, does it need a makeover?

by Bosley

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

New Northwest Side Dog Parks

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Brooks Park, 7100 N. Harlem, is scheduled for installation of a new dog area. This will include paving, plumbing, a drinking fountain, site preparation and contingency.

Norwood Park, 5801 N. Natoma, is scheduled for installation of a new dog area on a portion of an existing roller-blade court. This includes fencing, paving, plumbing, site preparation and contingency.

The Chicago Park District is determining the preliminary project cost estimates which will then be let for competitive bidding. Alderman Doherty would like to thank Representative McAuliffe, Mr. Mike Kelly, Mr. Patrick Levar, Jr. and the Chicago Park District for their efforts that allow us to maintain and improve our local parks, particularly in these tough economic times.

Halloween Hazards for Your Pets

Part 1

by Peter S. Sakas DVM, MS

Halloween is a holiday that is great fun and through the years more and more people have really got involved with extensive decorations in and around the house. In addition, there is the candy and trick or treating. Candy is around the house in bowls for the trick or treaters as well as the candy collected by your own kids as they canvas the neighborhood with their own trick or treating. If you have Halloween parties for kids or adults there will be food and drink around as well. With all this food, decorations and activities it can be a time of great danger for your pet. They will be attracted by the tempting smells and may eat what they should not. They may be intrigued by the shimmering, attractive decorations and begin to chew on objects that could cause severe medical problems. During the holiday you must take steps to be certain that your pets will be safe from potential harm.

Chocolate

Almost everyone knows that chocolate is toxic for pets. Theobromine, a chemical found in chocolate is the cause of the poisoning, which can be deadly in dogs, especially and other pets. They actually have an allergic reaction to the theobromine which can be quite severe. Some dogs may not have as severe of a response but it is not worth taking a chance with your pets. Chocolate should be avoided, do not think a little bit is not going to hurt! If your pet is sensitive to the theobromine it does not take much to cause a toxic reaction.

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.

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World Class Children's Film Festival Comes to Bank of America Cinema

The Chicago International Children's Film Festival announces a new family-friendly venue for October 24-25, the 300 seat Bank of America Cinema, formerly the LaSalle Bank Cinema, located in the Portage Park Neighborhood at 4901 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL.

"We're thrilled to have the Festival at the Bank of America Cinema," said Theater Manager Mike Phillips. "This is a wonderful opportunity for families to see the best kid's films in the world!"

The CICFF will present four programs each day on Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25th starting at 10am with "My First Movies" screenings for children ages 2-5. Programs for children 5-8 and 8-10 are scheduled at 11:30am, 1:30pm and 3:30pm.

The Bank of America Cinema (formerly LaSalle Bank Cinema) is located in the back of the Bank of America building and provides ample free parking! Turn south on Lavergne from Irving Park Road to access the parking lot and theater. The Bank of America Cinema is stroller-friendly!

For a complete schedule and to purchase tickets, visit www.cicff.org

After School Matters Launches Fall Programs Across Chicago

Tens of thousands of Chicago high-school teens will have big plans when the school day ends on October 5 as After School Matters begins its fall programming session. After School Matters, chaired by Chicago's First Lady Maggie Daley, plans to offer more than 25,000 program opportunities during the 2009-2010 academic year through a network of 57 campus sites and more than 100 community-based organizations.

Teens across the city spent the last two weeks of September selecting, applying, and interviewing for a diverse collection of programs in arts, sports, science, technology, and communications. A sample of the programs scheduled throughout the city this fall includes Rowing at the Chicago Training Center, Agribusiness and Entrepreneurship at Marshall High School, Free Street Theater in Wicker Park, Skateboard Design at gallery37's Center for the Arts, and Sports Broadcasting at Curie Metropolitan High School.

After School Matters programs are divided into six geographical regions across the city. The northernmost neighborhoods of the city are a part of Region 1, which has campus sites at Chicago Academy, Foreman High School, Northside Learning Center High School, Roosevelt High School, Schurz High School, Senn High School, Sullivan High School, Taft High School and Uplift High School. Thanks to After School Matters' partnerships with the Chicago Park District and Chicago Public Library, programs also take place at eight libraries and seven parks across Region 1.

A sampling of fall programs available in Region 1 include the Art of Skateboarding at Roosevelt; Darkroom Photography at Chicago Academy; Experimental Photography at Schurz; Horner Park Earth Team; Improv at Taft and Uplift; Lifeguarding at Schurz, Taft and Uplift; Projectheater at the West Belmont Branch Library; Science Lab 101/102 at Foreman; sports37 at Foreman, Schurz, Senn and Taft; Imaginary Portrait Society at Schurz; Urban Performance hip-hop dance at Clarendon Park; Video Production at Foreman and Schurz; and the Wicked Truth documentary film program at Alternatives.

After School Matters programming is based on a model of accountability that gives students a vested interest in their own success. Teens must apply for programs and be accepted through an interview or audition process. Students in the internship and apprenticeship programs are compensated for their work with a stipend. By treating the program like a job opportunity, teens not only develop hard skills such as painting, dance, culinary arts, and lifeguarding, but also "soft" skills such as communication, teamwork, critical thinking, and time management, all of which will support their success in college and future careers.

A study by the University of Chicago's Chapin Hall Center for Children reported that teens who participate in After School Matters have greater school attendance, fewer course failures, and are more likely to graduate from high school than teens who do not participate.

For more information on After School Matters programs or to find out how you can help support the organization, visit www.afterschoolmatters.org.

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Afterschool Cafe. Mondays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Students of all ages can buy a snack and relax before tackling homework!

Stories & More. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Children ages 3-5 enjoy language-rich activities during each 45-minute session. Siblings welcome.

Beginning with Books. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, and activities for infants to 2-year-olds and a caregiver. New time conveniently leads into library's Playtime program.

Playtime at the Library. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. A friendly, social time for young children, ages 3 and under, and their caregivers. Toys and snacks are provided for the children.

Teen Acting Class. Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m. through Nov. 16 Students in 7th grade and up can learn acting techniques, study characters and lines, and try out for parts. Please register in the Youth Services Department (847-677-5277 x234 or youthservices@lincolnwoodlibrary.org). A "Fairytale Whodunnit" play will be performed in November.

Knitting for All Ages. Fridays, 3:30-5 p.m. Learn to knit or work on a project. Any level, ages 10 and up, welcome. Lincoln Hall students may receive community service hours for knitting or crocheting a baby hat to be donated to a local hospital.

Hitch Halloween Hike & Festival

Rufus Hitch Elementary School is having its "Hitch Halloween Hike & Festival" on Saturday October 17, 2009 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.

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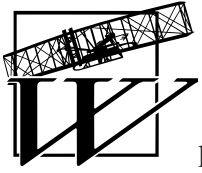
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Wright Film Series to Examine Women, Power

Women and power will be the topic of Wilbur Wright College's Film Discussion class this fall, which meets for five weeks starting Sept. 30 at the college, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave.

Some of the movies to be discussed include "All About Eve," "Vertigo" and "A Star Is Born." Various types of power of women in film will be examined, including the positive and negative consequences of professional, political, religious, maternal, domestic, sexual and class power.

The course meets on five consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is only \$40. For registration information, call (773) 481-8800. Returning students can register on-line at my.ccc.edu. First-time student must register in person in room A120. For more information about the class contact Prof. Michael Petersen (773) 481-8583.

'Faust' Experts Come to Wright

Leading scholars on Faust, the classic story about a man who sells his soul to become more powerful, will come to Wilbur Wright College, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave., for a free five-week lecture series starting Oct. 7.

The literary experts on the play "Dr. Faustus" by Christopher Marlowe, who was a contemporary of Shakespeare, hail from Wright, University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Chicago. "This is possibly the greatest collection of literary authorities ever assembled on the topic," said Wright Humanities Professor Edward Mogul, who organized the series.

The series will open at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 7, with a lecture titled "Christopher Marlowe, Sensation and Scandal" by Professor Clark Hulse, of UIC. Prof. Perry Buckley, of Wright College, will speak on "Performance Aspects of Elizabethan Drama" at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 14. Buckley has presented four lectures at the Globe Theater in London. Prof. Richard Strier, of the University of Chicago, will deliver "Faustus and English Renaissance" at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 21. Prof. David Bevington, of the University of Chicago, will speak on "Determinism and Free Will in Marlowe's Dr. Faustus" at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 28. Prof. Wendy Doniger, of the University of Chicago, will deliver the final presentation, "The Playwright's Use of Inherited Myths: Marlowe's Dr. Faustus and Shakespeare's All's Well" at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 4.

Scholars at Wright was a pioneering program established at Wright in 1996 to give literary experts an opportunity to share their insights on one great book per semester to Wright College students and the community.

For more information, go to www.scholarsatwright.org or call (773) 481-8535.

First Annual Edison Park Comedy Festival October 22nd – 25th 2009

Yes I Am Show Business in conjunction with the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the first annual Edison Park Comedy Fest. Beginning Thursday October 22nd and running through Sunday the 25th. The Fest will feature 20 of Chicago's best Stand-Up Comedians performing in four venues in Edison Park and nearby Park Ridge. Each show will consist of a different line-up of comedians.

Saturday night, the comedy will be at Edison Park Inn (6686 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago) where Yes I Am Show Business founder Tony Valle will headline the festival's third night. Valle has performed across the country including Las Vegas, LA, and New York.

Each show will start at 9pm (doors open at 8:30pm) and all four venues include full bar and kitchen. Tickets are \$12 at the door; \$10 in advance and \$30 for a weekend pass (all four shows). Tickets can be purchased in advance through the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce 6730 N. Olmsted Chicago, IL 60631 (773-631-0063) or online at www.YesIamShow.biz.

Alderman Doherty Appeals for Additions to Neighborhood Schools on the Northwest Side

41st Ward Alderman Brian Doherty, Edgebrook School LSC Chairman Daniel Cotter, and Mr. David Klevatt, Edgebrook School LSC member, appeared before the Chicago Board of Education meeting on September 23, 2009 to appeal for much needed funding for Edgebrook School. Their appeal was supported by a petition containing over 400 signatures gathered from the Edgebrook School community.

Alderman Doherty stated, "Edgebrook School consistently ranks #1 or near the top for performance of all Chicago Public elementary schools in Chicago, and an addition there is sorely needed and much deserved." Edgebrook School was built to accommodate 300 students and has a current enrollment of approximately 460 students.

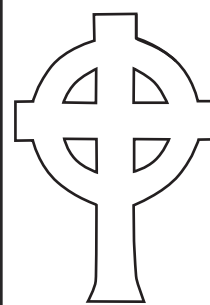
Last spring, Aldermen Doherty, Margaret Laurino (39th Ward) and Patrick Levar (45th Ward) met with Chicago Public School officials and members of the Public Building Commission to discuss desperately needed additions to elementary schools on the northwest side of Chicago. Edgebrook School (6525 N. Hiawatha), John Garvy School (5225 N. Oak Park Avenue) and Sauganash School (6040 N. Kilpatrick) were specifically discussed. At this meeting, the aldermen were told that the additions for Edgebrook, John Garvy and Sauganash schools were in the planning design stage and that needed capital funds were likely to be available for these projects.

Alderman Doherty stated, "The northwest side, particularly the 41st Ward, has 7 of the top 10 academically performing Chicago Public elementary schools in the city. I believe they need to be rewarded for their efforts and success." Doherty went on to say that since the northwest side has no TIFs (Tax Increment Finance Districts) and receives very little in the way of Chapter 1 funds, this puts our students at a competitive disadvantage.

At the meeting, Alderman Doherty told the Chicago Board of Education that John Garvy School has delayed construction of a modular unit in anticipation of an addition.

Alderman Doherty pleaded with President Michael Scott, Chicago Board of Education, and other Board members to reward the success of our students, parents, principals, teachers and LSCs. "Our schools should serve as a model for all public schools in Chicago", said Doherty, "our enrollment is increasing and we need to be able to accommodate and meet the educational needs of our students."

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Change can be very difficult at times. A death in the family can be especially traumatic. It may feel as though the world should stop to mourn your loss, but it does not. The world still turns, day still follows night, buses and subways still run. Yet, for the family who has experienced the loss, the world may have been turned upside down. Just when grief strikes, the family has additional burdens to bear. It is helpful to have a handy "to do" list so that in the panic and grief of the moment, nothing is overlooked.

Here is a list of action items that will help guide family members when there has been a loss of a loved one:

The hours after the death of a loved one can be particularly traumatic. Make sure family members have friends or loved ones with them. Arrange care for any children or adults needing assistance.

Call the funeral director and clergy to set up appointment to discuss funeral arrangements. Before the meeting, be sure to check to see if the deceased left behind funeral / burial instructions.

Obtain several copies of the death certificate.

Get the word out. Notify immediate family, close friends, the employer, and any important business colleagues.

In the next few days, gather the deceased's important papers, including the Will or Trust and any life insurance contracts or retirement plan documents. Arrange for an appointment with a qualified estate planning attorney, who focuses their practice in estate planning. During this appointment, the person appointed by the Will (the "Personal Representative") or Trust (the "Trustee") can arrange with the attorney for commencement of the Trust Administration or Probate process. The remaining action items are directed to the person appointed in the Will or Trust.

Contact the deceased's employee benefits department so they can begin processing any benefits. They will need to know the deceased's name and social security number, your name and contact information, and the cause of death.

Contact the deceased's local Social Security and Medicare offices with the information above.

If the deceased had life insurance, have the beneficiary contact the life insurance company with the above information. (The life insurance carrier may refuse to speak with anyone other than the beneficiary.) Ask if any additional information is necessary to commence the claim. It may be possible to receive a partial payment to cover expenses prior to the processing of the claim.

If the deceased was ever in the military, notify the Veterans Administration to see if surviving family members are eligible for any benefits due to the death.

Keep a record of any expenditures you and the immediate family make. This may be helpful on future tax returns.

Do not change title to assets without consulting with a qualified estate planning attorney. Changing title can have unexpected income, estate, and property tax consequences.

Remember: Members of the deceased's immediate family may be in a very emotional state. They should not sign or agree to anything committing to a significant purchase or lending large sums.

The hours and days after a loved ones' passing can be especially difficult. Keep this list handy so that you will not forget any major items. Don't go through this alone. A qualified estate planning attorney can help guide you through the often-difficult process after the death of someone close to you.

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.

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SOCIAL SECURITY: FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR THE UNDER 35 CROWD

By Andrew Salata Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Financial Planning is not just for people nearing retirement. In fact, it's a good idea to begin planning for a comfortable and secure retirement when you're young. That's why Social Security has a new financial planning tool especially for the 25 to 35 crowd. It's a special mailer with information about Social Security, savings, and other items of interest to young workers. If you're between the ages of 25 and 35 and you work and pay Social Security taxes, you'll get this automatically with your next Social Security Statement.

Social Security is the foundation for a secure retirement, but was never intended to be your only source of income when you retire. While Social Security replaces about 40 percent of the average worker's pre-retirement earnings, most financial advisors say that you will need 70 percent or more of pre-retirement earnings to live comfortably. Even with a pension, you will still need to save. If you will not have a private pension, you will need to save more — and start saving sooner. Today's young workers can expect to spend 20, 30 or even more years in retirement, so saving is critical.

Want to start planning your future? There are some easy ways to do so. Take a look at Your Social Security Statement, which you'll receive in the mail about two to three months before your birthday, as well as the helpful two-page insert tailored specifically to workers ages 25 to 35.

Pay close attention to the information provided, including tips on saving, getting your employer to help with matching contributions to retirement plans, and how much of a difference beginning to save early can make. There's even a graph showing the significant difference saving over time can make, even if it's just \$25 or \$50 a week.

The insert also includes helpful links to outside websites that can help you. For example, you can go to www.mymoney.gov for information on getting credit, paying for education, buying a home, creating a budget, starting a business as well as financial calculators and planning tools. Or, visit www.federalreserve.gov for a worksheet that will help you establish a budget to meet your financial goals. These and other financial links on the insert will help you become the master of your own financial future.

Don't forget that Social Security coverage is not just for retirement, but also for disability and survivors benefits in the event that you are unable to work, or you leave behind a family that depends on your income when you die. Read more about retirement, disability and survivors benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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Thank you for joining us in celebrating our servicemen and women. Any questions go to Mary in Kids World.

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Teen Book Club Meeting Date and Time TBA

All interested teens (ages 14-18) can meet up to discuss our first book club selection (title TBA).

Read for the Record Thursday, October 8 at 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM
 Join us for a story time program all about Eric Carle's classic, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We will read Carle's story three different ways, sing butterfly songs, say butterfly rhymes and have a fantastic time! This program is part of Jumpstart's Read for the Record campaign to support Early Childhood Literacy.

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A member of the Lyric Opera's dedicated and award-winning Education Corps will entertain and educate with highlights from *Faust* by Charles Gounod on Saturday, October 3rd at 1 p.m. *Ernani* by Giuseppe Verdi will be presented on Saturday, October 17th at 1 p.m. at Chicago Public Library's Edgemoor Branch, 5331 W. Devon Avenue. For more information, please telephone 312.744.8313.

Toddler Story Time, for children ages 2-3, is a series featuring stories, songs, rhymes and games presented at 10 a.m. on Thursdays, September 24th through November 12, with Children's Librarian, Sandy. Preschool Story Time, for children ages 3-5, will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays through November 10th, with Children's Associate, Sharon. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver; no registration is required.

To celebrate Halloween, Very Scary Stories and Crafts, a program about monsters, witches, and things that go bump in the night will take place on Saturday, October 24th from 2-3:30 p.m. Wear your favorite costume!. For further information, please call 312-744-8313.

Join us for a discussion of the fall 2009 One Book, One Chicago selection, *The Plan of Chicago: Daniel Burnham and the Remaking of the American*

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Morning Matinees, for early birds who want to see recently released films Thursday mornings, 10:30 a.m. Oct. 8: "Hotel for Dogs"; Oct. 15: "17 Again".

Friday Films shown weekly at 1 p.m. Oct. 9: "Eagle Eye"; Oct. 16: "Duplicity".

Skokie Valley Lyric Opera Lecture. Oct. 4, 2 p.m. Discussion of "Faust".

Book Discussion. Oct. 12, 1 p.m. The adult book discussion features "The Secret Papers of Madame Olivetti" by Annie Vanderbilt.

Live@Lincolnwood Library. Sunday, Oct. 18, 2 p.m. Bill Dunnam performs songs and stories from the Golden 40s USO show. Free tickets are available at the library's Circulation desk.

Humanities Treasures. This free discussion group meets Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. at the Lincolnwood Library to explore current events and selected readings. Humanities Treasures is affiliated with the Oakton Community College Emeritus Program.

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Tuesday, October 6, from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The Chicago Public Schools will conduct their ChildFind developmental screening program. No appointment required.

Saturday, October 10, at 2 p.m. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Rene Hugo Arceo will be presenting a family crafts program. Participants will learn about the traditional use of masks and will create their own versions. Children ages 5 & 6 require adult assistance. Registration is required.

Monday, October 12, at 7 p.m. Join our pre-teen book discussion group as they discuss *London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd. Ages 11-14. Call to reserve a copy.

Wednesday, October 14, at 2 p.m. The Wednesday afternoon book discussion group will feature *Fleshmarket Alley* by Ian Rankin. Call to reserve a copy.

Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. In celebration of Polish American Heritage Month, folk artist Lidia Walters will present an eggshell craft for the Christmas tree program. Make delightful holiday decorations and toys using hollow eggshells to take home for the holidays. Ages 7 and up. Registration is required.

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"The Fantastics"

**Porchlight Music Theatre at the Theatre Building
1225 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois**

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The Porchlight Theatre Company has opened its 209-2010 theatre season at the theatre building with the classic international musical "The Fantastics" to celebrate their 15th Season.

The musical by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt is based on Edmund Rostand's "Les Romanesque" and the show remains the longest running off Broadway show.

The show is a romantic one that has a cast of eight to tell the story. The show is being directed by Sean Kelly and the choreographer is one of Chicago's excellent dancers Andrew Waters. The show has two musicians, Tom King Clear who is the pianist and Jennifer Ruggieri who plays the harp as the cast sings such songs as "Try to Remember," "Soon It's Gonna Rain" and "Plant a Radish" to name a few of the thirteen songs.

Matt played the engaging Sean Effinger-Dean and Louisa played Emma Rosenthal; they are the two romantic neighbors who fall in love. Their two scheming fathers Dan Ferretti as Hucklebee and Ryan Lanning as Bellomy are unaware of this and so they attempt to spark a romance between the two teenagers by faking a feud. The fathers seek the aid of El Gallo played by Jeff Parker, who couldn't be better cast for the role to add to bringing the two lovebirds together. El Gallo arranges for Louisa to be abducted by two professional actors Henry and Mortimer played by William F. Raffeld and Russ Rainear but Matt comes to the aid of Louisa and they find very supportive fathers and they all live happily ever after. The other character in the play is Tanya McBride as the mute.

The entire show is all done on a bare stage of four rugs, six chairs and some simple props.

The show runs a little over two hours with intermission. "The Fantastics" runs through November 15. For performance dates, show times and reservations call 773-327-5252. **-Three Stars-**

"Cotton Patch Gospel"

**Provisions Theatre
1001 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, Illinois**

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

The Provision Theatre Company has a new home and the theatre offers free parking to its patrons.

The theatre company is opening their 2009-2010 season with their 2004 Jeff Nominated production of "Cotton Patch Gospel." The show has music by Harry Chapin and it is under the direction of Lou Contey.

The revamped version is a bigger and bolder version than when it first opened in 2004. The show tells audiences the reverent retelling of the Gospels of Matthew and John in a contemporary Southern setting, set to bluegrass music. The text of the show has a book by Tom Key and Russel Treyz and is adapted from the book by Clarence Jordan, who is a Bible scholar and a civil rights activist.

The theatre's artistic director who is also an exceptional actor and not a bad singer has the role of Matthew and is the show's story teller.

On stage musicians, singers and actors are Shaun Whitley, Farley Masterson, Alex Goodrich and Trey Maclin under the musical direction of Alaric Jans. The choir of towns folk are Christian David, Whitney Clair White, Krystal, Metcalfe and Dora Marie Washington Powell and they are all excellent singers.

While none of the musical numbers are listed in the program, you will find your foot tapping to the music as mine was for two hours so it really doesn't matter if the songs are listed or not.

This show is perfect medicine and is definitely one audiences shouldn't miss whether you're a churchgoer or not. You'll come out of the theatre in a feel good mood and with a smile on your face.

"Cotton Patch Gospel: runs through November 8. For show times, performance days and reservations call 866-811-4111 or log onto www.provisiontheatre.org. Tickets are \$25 and \$28. **-Four Stars-**

The James Downing Theatre Presents "A Majority of One"

The James Downing Theatre will present its fall production, "A Majority of One," opening Sept. 19, at the John Waldron Arts Center at Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago. Evening performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and matinees will be at 1:30 p.m. Sundays, for four weekends, from Sept. 19 through Oct. 11.

Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$15 for senior citizens and students. Group rates are available at \$13 per person, when reserved in advance.

Season subscriptions for 2009-2010, including three shows ("A Majority of One," "The Fantasticks" in March 2010 and "Catch Me If You Can" in May 2010) and a Dec. 5, 2009 Holiday Cabaret, are available now for \$50 per person, \$35 for seniors and students, offering flexible dates within the run of each show. Contact (773) 792-3030 or www.edisonparkumc.com for reservations or more information.

"A Majority of One" is directed by Floyd A. May. The Edison Park

cast stars Sue Mrotek and Marc Rita. The original 1959 Broadway play starred Gertrude Berg and Sir Cedric Hardwicke, and it also was adapted as a popular film starring Rosalind Russell and Alec Guinness.

A classic comedy-drama by Leonard Spiegelgass, the show explores the issues which lead to and can help to overcome intolerance. An American widow and a Japanese businessman develop a warm friendship, but it is not long after the end of World War II, and many still have conflicted emotions about their wartime political enemies. Among those opposing their relationship is her son-in-law, a young diplomat sent to negotiate with a Japanese business delegation. The wiser elders show by example that intolerance – between nations or individuals – comes from a lack of understanding and is not insurmountable.

The title of the play comes from American philosopher Henry David Thoreau: "Any man more right than his neighbors, constitutes a majority of one." (From "The Duty of Civil Disobedience.")



Book by & Lyrics by Tom Jones

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SAINT MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN STATUE UNVAILED

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Saint Mother Theodore was canonized Oct. 15, 2006 as the eighth American saint, a fact Cardinal George recalled as he prepared to bless the shrine that has been installed in one of the newer sections of All Saints Cemetery.

“Creating this sculpture of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin was a special privilege for me,” explained Clark, who was invited to create it by Roman F. Szabelski, CCCE, executive director for Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Mother Theodore came to the frontier of Indiana in 1840 from France. She founded schools throughout Indiana, and her order, the Sisters of Providence, eventually founded schools throughout the United States, including the Chicago area in the late 1800s. Sisters of Providence continue various ministries in the Chicago area today, including the sponsorship of Guerin Prep High School in River Grove, Ill.

“I first came to know Mother Theodore and her Sisters of Providence in 2005 when I was asked to do a sculpture of her in anticipation of her Canonization, said Clark. “During that time, while studying her strength, her faith, I found my own faith, converting to Catholicism while creating the sculpture. I look back now and wonder who really was creating who?”

The sculpture at All Saint Cemetery depicts Mother Theodore in her natural role as educator with two children. “My inspiration came from Mother Theodore’s own words. ‘Love the children first, then teach them.’” These words are inscribed on the black granite base created by Mekus Studios and Cold Springs Granite to hold the three separate castings.

On the back side of the sculpture is another of Mother Theodore’s quotes: “You will see many things in a new light if you give the Holy Spirit free access to your minds and your hearts.”

The smallest child is holding a bouquet of white violets, the symbol chosen by Mother Theodore to represent her religious community’s resilience and determination to make a difference in the world.

The creation of the Mother Theodore statue follows All Saint’s Cemetery tradition, because of its name, to honor and commemorate individual saints. Throughout the cemetery various saints are depicted in bronze, stone, mosaic and stained glass. Mother Theodore can also be found in one of the stained glass windows created for the new office and interment chapel at the cemetery.

More information about All Saints Cemetery and the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Chicago can be found at www.archchicago.org/Cemeteries.

Village Cooking Corner

Zucchini Nut Bread

(A terrific way to use up summer surplus of zucchini. Freezes well.)

3 eggs, beaten slightly	1 tsp. baking soda
1 c oil	1 tsp. salt
1 3/4 c sugar	3 tsp. cinnamon
2 c zucchini, grated and squeezed dry	1 tsp. ground allspice
3 c flour (whole wheat may be used)	3 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. baking powder	1 1/2 c chopped nuts

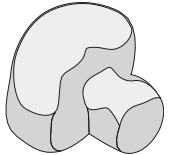
Grease and flour two large loaf pans. Stir first four ingredients together. Sift dry ingredients together and add to egg mixture. Stir in vanilla and nuts. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees or until done.

Yield: 2 large loaves Preparation: 30 minutes Baking: 1 hour

Ann Marchek From “The Cedarburg Cookbook”

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“Credit Cards”



We all know the story with credit cards. Big banks, as we know, have decided that from now on they will be controlling people’s lives and spending patterns. It appears that we are no longer customers and that they can do with us whatever they wish until the new government regulations go into effect.

It used to be that people could discuss their needs and concerns with their banker, but it seems that large banks have not only ruined the housing market, but have generally made a mess of our Country and now the people who work hard will pay for the banks’ errors.

Watch your credit cards; 1) get rid of the use of your credit cards as quickly as possible, and 2) remember, what goes around, comes around.

Those institutions which have been so unethical may find they need some empathy themselves, someday. Most importantly, when you are dealing with a large bank, make sure you read everything to make sure you understand what you are signing. A follow-up story will appear next issue about a specific case we had involving a large bank in Skokie.

If you have experienced any credit card situations yourselves, please send them to: Village Publications, P.O. Box 31391, Chicago, IL 60631, or email to: mushroom@ourvillagechicago.com Contact information will be held in confidence.

Spook-tacular Shopping

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

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

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