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## The Honor Flight Network

The Honor Flight Network program was conceived by Earl Morse, a physician assistant and Retired Air Force Captain. Earl wanted to honor the veterans he had taken care of for the past 27 years.

Earl could tell that the majority of the veterans had given up all hope of ever visiting the memorial that was specifically created to honor their services as well as the services of their fellow comrades who had paid the ultimate sacrifice. That's when Earl decided that there had to be a way to get these heroes to D.C. to see their memorial.

In January of 2005, Earl addressed about 150 members of the aero club during a safety meeting, outlining a volunteer program to fly veterans to their memorial. The first Honor Flight Network flight took to the air in May of 2005. Six small planes flew 12 very happy veterans out to Manassas, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C.

Time is of the Essence. Based on recent 2008 statistics, we are losing World War II veterans at the rate of approximately 1,000 per day. Honor Flight Network will continue do whatever it takes to fulfill the dreams of our veterans and help our senior heroes travel absolutely free.

Subsequent to the World War II veterans, our efforts will then focus on our Korean War and then Vietnam War veterans, honoring them similarly.

In our first year, 2005, HFN safely transported 137 veterans to see THEIR memorials, at no cost to the veterans.

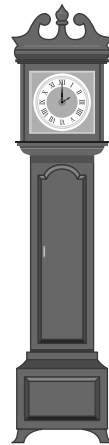
In our second year, 2006, HFN safely transported 891 veterans to see THEIR memorials, at no cost to the veterans.

In our third year, 2007, HFN safely transported over 5,000 veterans to see THEIR memorials, at no cost to the veterans.

In our fourth year, 2008, HFN safely transported 11,137 veterans to see THEIR memorials, at no cost to the veterans.

And in 2009, HFN has established a goal of safely transporting 25,000 veterans to see THEIR memorials, at no cost to the veterans!

For more information, go to <http://www.honorflight.org>.



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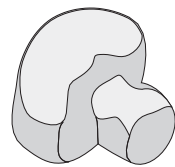
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## Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers October Health Programs



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.

The Arthritis Support Group will meet Thursday, October 22, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. These free sessions aim to provide mutual support and education. Registration is not required.

A free lecture titled “Breast Health and You” will be given Monday, October 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breast Center medical director/general surgeon Rabia Bhatti, M.D., will discuss current advances in breast health, how to perform a proper breast self-exam, cancer risks and when breast screenings should be done. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

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

## Norwood Park Seniors Club

Norwood Park Seniors Club is now in session.

The 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, starting at 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (approximately)

Coffee and rolls, along with horse race raffle, pinochle and bingo.

We are located at 5801 N. Natoma, Chicago

Come join us, we’re a friendly bunch.

## Attention U.S. Military Veterans and Active Duty Personnel:

American Legion Edison Park Post #541 is having a meeting on Thursday Oct. 22nd starting 7:30PM at the Edison Park Field House located at 6755 Northwest Hwy. (just west of Harlem Ave) Chicago. We are seeking new members. If you’ve been thinking about joining a veteran’s organization, stop in and visit our meeting, You might find that our post is for you. For additional information please contact: Post Commander Gerald Skotzko at 773-693-3448 or Sr. Vice Commander Robert Fuggiti at 773-736-8738

## COMMUNITY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN NORWOOD CROSSING FALL ART SHOW

Artists, here’s an opportunity for you to show off your creativity! Norwood Crossing is conducting its 7th Annual Fall Art Exhibit, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, and is looking for local artists to participate.

Entries may consist of two dimensional art and short literary pieces, such as poetry, must be framed, ready to hang and delivered to the Norwood Crossing reception desk by Mon., Oct. 26. Each art piece must have its own Exhibit Submission Form that can be obtained at Norwood Crossing’s reception desk. There is a limit of one piece per artist. Entries will be displayed throughout Norwood Crossing during the month of November.

The Fall Art Show will open on Sat., Nov. 7, with a reception from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for artists from the community, their friends and families. People who attend the reception will be able to visit with exhibitors and learn more about their works.

For more information, call Ryan Gauthier, Director of Life Enrichment, at (773) 577-5326 or email him at rgauthier@norwoodcrossing.org.

## DIG INTO CHICAGO’S PAST WITH THE NORWOOD PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY Learn How the Windy City Evolved from Farmland to Thriving Metropolis from Renowned Area Historian

Journey into Chicago’s past at the Norwood Park Historical Society with a special presentation by area historian Anne Lunde, titled “Digging Into the Past,” on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. This special presentation is free; no reservations are required. In her presentation, Lunde, who has researched communities on Chicago’s northwest side for more than 30 years, illustrates how readily available resources – as well as more obscure ones – can be used to paint a picture of a community through maps, architecture, photographs and oral history. The program also includes a rare glimpse inside the walls of the Historical Society’s own headquarters and oldest surviving home in Chicago, the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House. This landmark-status home underwent a major renovation in 1999-2000, and through photos taken during the restoration, Lunde chronicles the home’s evolution over the past 175 years.

A prolific writer and former newspaper editor, Lunde has authored several hundred articles about Chicago history, which trace the city’s growth from the pioneer years to today. Her “Community Roots” series from the mid-1980s continues to serve as the authority on how northwest Chicago evolved from farm country to suburban subdivisions to urban neighborhoods. Lunde has worked with the Norwood Park Historical Society as historian for more than 30 years and serves on its Museum Committee. For more information on the event, call 773-631-4633 or e-mail info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

The Norwood Park Historical Society, a not-for-profit organization, resides in the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, Chicago’s oldest home. We invite you to join our efforts to preserve our community’s rich history and architectural integrity and to make the dreams and experiences of our predecessors come to life. Visit us on Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment.

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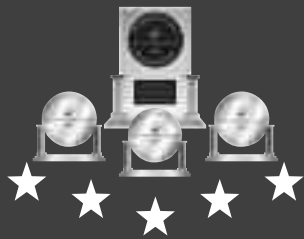


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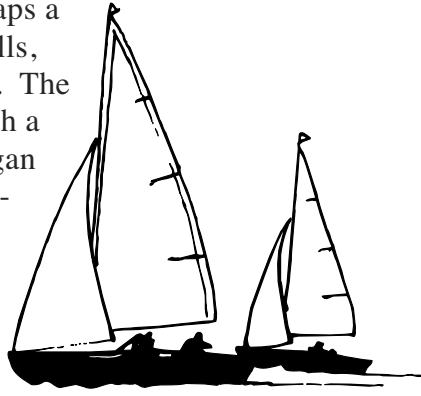
# LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

## Mysterious Legends of the Lake

Tracy Seglin

Danger lurks beneath the waves, perhaps a hidden vortex or sirens casting their spells, luring ships and airplanes to their doom. The Atlantic isn't the only body of water with a triangle of terror. Our own Lake Michigan is home to unexplained mysteries – shipwrecks, plane crashes, UFO sightings, and more. In the spirit of all things spooky, we bring you a haunted edition of Legends of the Lake.

The Lake Michigan Triangle extends south from Ludington, Michigan to Benton Harbor; west to Manitowoc, Wisconsin; and then back again to Ludington. All these events are said to have taken place within The Triangle.



July 12, 1883 – Just off the Chicago Harbor, the crew of the Mary McLane dodges brick-sized blocks of ice falling from a cloudless dusk sky. Half an hour later, the assault stops as abruptly as it started, and bewildered crew members inspect the tug, finding numerous dents. Upon return to shore, they show astonished onlookers a recovered two-pound ice chunk, evidence of the unexplained phenomenon.

May 21, 1891 – En route from Chicago to Muskegon, Michigan, the schooner Thomas Hume vanishes into thin air. Sailing empty to pick up lumber, seven sailors, including the captain are never heard from again. The lake is searched exhaustively, but not a splinter of wood is ever recovered from the wreck.

November 26, 1919 – witnesses in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin report seeing a blazing light in the evening sky over southern Lake Michigan. They tell of two huge fireballs plummeting into the lake, exploding upon impact. The crash is followed by inexplicable ground rumbling and tremors.

October 30, 1921 – After an apparent collision with another vessel, the remains of the schooner Rosa Belle and her 11-member crew are found. However, no other ship had been a collision in the area, and the mystery of her demise is never discovered. Ironically, the wreck almost precisely mirrors an August 1875 tragedy when the same schooner capsized in the same area, drifting ashore to Grand Haven, Michigan.

April 28, 1937 – On the way back from Erie, PA, Captain George R. Donner guides lake freighter O.M. Farland through dangerous Great Lakes spring ice floes. When the ship reaches the calmer waters of Lake Michigan, Donner retires to his cabin with instructions for his crew to summon him near port. His crew finds an empty cabin. Captain Donner is never found, and legend tells that his door was locked from the inside.

June 23, 1950 – Heading from New York to Minneapolis, Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 2051 encounters storms near Chicago. Fifty-five passengers and a crew of three vanish over Lake Michigan. Upholstery and human remains are eventually discovered, but a full-scale Navy, Coast Guard, and state police search never recovers the plane.

## WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE NWF campaign launch coincides with the release this fall of a new movie

Innovative film director Spike Jonze collaborates with celebrated author Maurice Sendak to bring one of the most beloved books of all time to the big screen this fall in *Where the Wild Things Are*, a story about childhood and the places we go to understand the world we live in. The National Wildlife Federation is teaming up with Warner Bros. to extend the film's lessons to families all across the country as part of its efforts to launch the Be Out There™ campaign.

The NWF initiative is designed to inspire families to “open the door and get outside,” says Rebecca Garland, the campaign's executive director. “Research has shown that if kids have positive outdoor experiences at a young age, they will become lovers of wildlife and nature and turn into stewards of the environment as they grow older. The message of *Where the Wild Things Are* works perfectly with this effort.”

The film adaptation of Sendak's classic children's book tells the story of a young boy named Max who feels misunderstood at home and escapes to a land “where the wild things are.” He winds up on an island where he meets mysterious and strange creatures whose emotions are as wild and unpredictable as their actions. When those creatures crown Max as their king, he promises to create a place where everyone will be happy. He soon discovers, however, that ruling his kingdom is not so easy and his relationships there prove to be more complicated than he originally thought. The movie, which features an all-star cast, opens in theaters nationwide on October 16.

“We chose to team up with the National Wildlife Federation based on their valuable knowledge and insight on connecting children and families to nature. NWF's new campaign, Be Out There, reflects the spirit of the film *Where the Wild Things Are* by reminding us that the wild thing in all of us—especially children—needs to feel the wind on our faces and the sunshine in our hair,” says Nicole Sedita, Vice President, Warner Bros. Promotions.

NWF developed its campaign to counter a disturbing trend among American youngsters today, which represent the first generation in this country to grow up isolated from nature. Outdoor time for kids has decreased, on average, by more than 50 percent from previous generations, while their time spent inside plugged into electronic media has grown to more than six hours per day.

To help parents get their kids outdoors, NWF provides a range of activities and useful tools on its website [www.nwf.org/beoutthere](http://www.nwf.org/beoutthere). You can download *Where the Wild Things Are* activity guides, which are packed with practical ideas. The website also describes how to become part of National Wild Rumpus Day and how to join the movement to connect kids with nature at home, in school and in the community.

“The partnership between NWF and the film *Where the Wild Things Are* combines America's leading organization devoted to helping children stay in touch with nature and the iconic story of a small boy escaping into the wild,” says NWF Vice President for Education and Training Kevin Coyle. “Keeping children rooted in nature is about many things: the science of good health, love of families and, importantly, the heartfelt poetry of the outdoor experience. We say: ‘Let the wildlife rumpus start!’”

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## St. Edward School Hosts the Big Red Rocks Music Festival

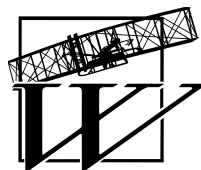
Come join us for the second annual St. Edward Music Festival, "Big Red Rocks!" This year the festival has been expanded to a full-day event and will feature activities for kids and adults of all ages!

The day will start with "Little Red Rocks," a kids concert featuring live music from Superstolie ([www.superstolie.com](http://www.superstolie.com)), kids activities and refreshments. Little Red Rocks will be held from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the lower church hall at St. Edward (4350 W. Sunnyside Ave.). Admission is \$5 per child (parents are free!)

Next up is an "All Ages Show and Guitar Competition" that will be held in the school gym from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Show off your Guitar Hero prowess during this fun competition. Please sign up in advance for the competition at [www.stedwardschoolo.com/brr2009/guitarhero.asp](http://www.stedwardschoolo.com/brr2009/guitarhero.asp).

When the Guitar Hero champ is decided, alternative rocker and St. Edward alum "Alea" will perform. Check out Alea at: [www.myspace.com/aleamusic](http://www.myspace.com/aleamusic). The entry fee for the Guitar Hero competition and all ages show is \$5. Pizza, refreshments and other snacks will be sold.

Once the kids are tucked in, the adult music fest begins! A night of music and fun, Big Red Rocks will feature a variety of music genres and bands, including Stopgap Measure, Glass 1/2 Empty, Jim Wright, Owen Meany, Steve Davern, St. Edward's Parent's & Community Choir, and Iron Horse with John Ling. The event will be held in the school gym from 7:00 p.m. to midnight and will benefit the St. Edward Tuition Assistance Program. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door. Food, and beer and wine will be available, so come out for a good time! Partygoers must be 21 to attend this part of the festival. Everyone is welcome!



## Eclectic Wright Water Show

The upcoming water show of the SeaStars Synchronized Swim Team at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Wilbur Wright College, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave., will be an eclectic mix of Alicia Keys, Disney, Abraham Lincoln and the Olympics.

The show, titled "blutopia," will feature a cast of swimmers ranging in age from 9 to 90 for the Wright College SeaStars' 14th annual show. Admission is \$3.

More than 45 swimmers will present a variety of compositions synchronized to music by Alicia Keys, Bill Haley and the Comets, Gershwin, Disney's "Little Mermaid" and more. Featured this year will be an award-winning duet performing "The Paso Doble" as well as the two short programs presented to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) during its April visit to Chicago. One of the IOC compositions celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Modern Mermaids and features original choreography by the originator of the sport Kay Curtis, who was on the Wright faculty from 1934 to 1938.

Additional highlights of the show include a tribute to Abraham Lincoln on the 200th anniversary of his birth.

For more information, call Ed Bannon at (773) 481-8535.

## St. Paul Lutheran School

St. Paul Lutheran School, 5650 N. Canfield Ave. in Chicago, serving Pre-K 3 year olds- Eighth Grade, is pleased to offer new families enrolling for the first time in a full, five day per week program a Tuition discount of 50% Off Savings for the 2009-2010 school year. A new full day Pre-K 3 and 4 year old program is available along with a flexible half-day and full-day Kindergarten option. To assist working families, St. Paul has a Before and After school care program offered from 7:00am to 6:00pm. Contact Debbie Townsend, School Principal for more details at 708-867-5044. Mr. Stephen Rogers, is St. Paul's Full-Time Special Education/Resource Teacher. He works with students who have learning disabilities and mild behavior disorders in small groups and one-on-one. He also visits the classrooms and consults with the other certified classroom teachers. Mr. Rogers, an avid runner, coached St. Paul's cross country team this fall with the motto of "Taking life one mile at a time".

## Family Fall Hoedown and Pie Social

The Parent Teacher League (PTL) at St. Paul Lutheran School, 5650 N. Canfield Ave, Chicago is hosting a Square dance and Hoedown in the school gymnasium on Wednesday, October 28th at 6:30-8:30pm. Square dancing originated with the early settlers who brought their traditional form of dance to the United States—often called folk dancing. All are welcome to join this event. Family members are asked to participate in this fun evening so that everyone can learn how to circle, dosado, swing and promenade properly. Fun line dances also will be included.

## "Trunk or Treat"

St. Paul Lutheran Church is having its annual "Trunk or Treat" event on Saturday, October 31st from 2-4pm in the Church and School parking lot. This year's Trunk or Treat will revolve around an exciting Bible Heroes theme. All are invited to join this Community event which will feature a safe environment for children of all ages to receive treats and goodies along with crafts and snacks in the School gymnasium to enjoy.

For more details call 708-867-5044 or visit [www.stpaulcanfield.org](http://www.stpaulcanfield.org).

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## Veteran's Day Photo Project

This year the library is creating a special tribute display for our patrons' family and friends who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces. Veterans of all militaries are welcome.

To include your friend or loved one, please bring a copy of their picture to the library and fill out the form in Kids World. You can also submit your photo and information on our website, [www.eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://www.eisenhowerlibrary.org). The deadline is October 30th.

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

Let us know what your school, sports teams and youth organizations are doing. Send your events to: [contact@ourvillagechicago.com](mailto:contact@ourvillagechicago.com)

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## Halloween at Chicago Parks: See page 16

### Community Halloween Party

The 2009 Annual Community Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 4:00 P.M. through 5:30 P.M., rain or shine, near the Proesel Park Tennis Courts located near the intersection of Kostner and Morse Avenues. Festivities include; treat bags for children 12 and under, hot dog and drink for everyone (while supplies last), hayride, storytelling and much more. Everything is free and open to the public.

For more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit their website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/RecreationUpcomingEvents.cfm](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/RecreationUpcomingEvents.cfm).

### Halloween Trick or Trunk event at the Irving Park YMCA

On Oct. 30, the Irving Park YMCA will host its annual Irving Park YMCA Trick or Trunk event, starting at 5:30 p.m. Trick or Trunk is great event designed to give children and families a safe location to participate in Halloween fun. Participants are encouraged to dress in costume, decorate their cars in Halloween regalia and bring treats to share with other participants. Local businesses are encouraged to participate. Trick or Trunk event is free for all participants.

"We're so excited for this year's event. We've got some really great ideas going into it, including a haunted house, a martial arts themed monster house, and a lot of great goodies," said Lara Pacelt, Senior Program Director at the Irving Park YMCA. "With so many reports of youth violence in the news today, it's important that we provide a fun, safe environment for kids and their families. We just want families to have a good time and enjoy some quality time together."

Last year, the Irving Park YMCA even counted on more than 350 participants. The event is open to the public and free for all participants. Individuals interested in participating in the Trick or Trunk event should contact Lara Pacelt at 773.777.7500 or visit [www.irvingparkymca.org](http://www.irvingparkymca.org).

### Lincolnwood Halloween Magic Show

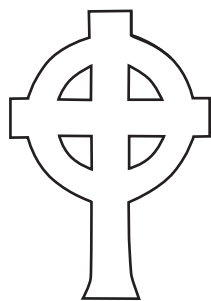
Oct. 25, 2 p.m. Bring the whole family for fantastic magic and fun with Gary Fabjance. Free tickets are available at the Circulation desk. At the Lincolnwood Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., (847) 677-5277, [www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org](http://www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org)

### Support Safe Routes to School

The Safe Routes to School Partnership is asking parents, teachers, and community members to support Safe Routes by writing a letter to their congressperson demonstrating the importance of Safe Routes to School programs. You can find a sample letter at [bikesiliconvalley.org/content/921](http://bikesiliconvalley.org/content/921). All letters should be sent to Margo Pedroso with the Safe Routes to School National Partnership by Oct. 23. Send electronic versions to [margo@saferoutespartnership.org](mailto:margo@saferoutespartnership.org) or mail letters to Margo Pedroso, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, P.O. Box 442328, Fort Washington, MD 20749.

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The dates are as follows:

Fridays & Saturdays: October 16th, 17th & October 23rd, 24th & 30th

7pm – 10:30pm:

Thursday: October 29th 7pm – 10:30pm;

Sundays: October 18th & 25th 6:30pm – 9:30pm

No Haunted House Saturday Evening, October 31st!

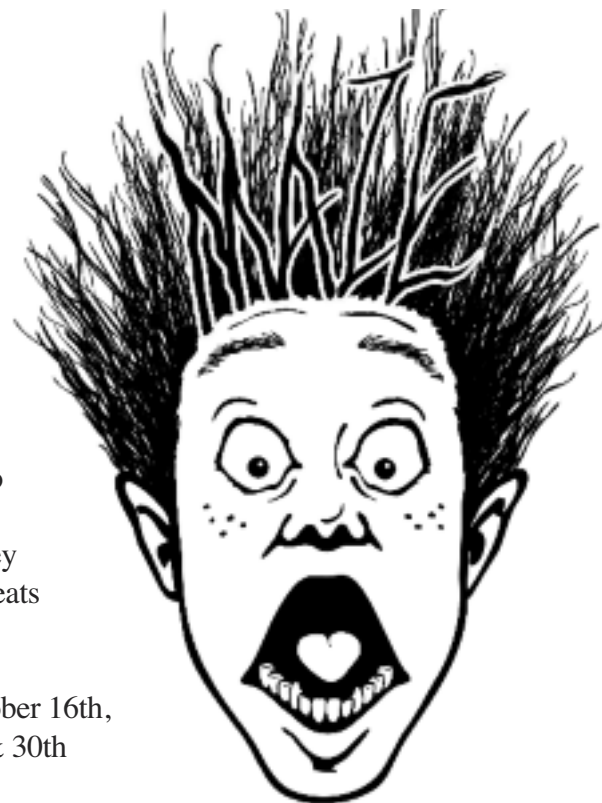
Cost: \$5.00 per person (all ages)

"No Scare Days"-Saturday, October 24th and Saturday, October 31st

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### Football Party to Raise Money for Scholarship

The Edison Park Community Council will be hosting a football party on October 25, 2009 from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. This fundraiser will be held at the Emerald Isle, 6686 N. Northwest Highway. Tickets are \$40 which includes beer and well drinks as well as food catered by Unforgettable Edibles. All proceeds go to the Edison Park Community Council Scholarship.

This organization has given over \$15,000 in scholarship monies to Edison Park residents with proceeds from this and other fundraisers. Advance ticket sales only – space is limited! Contact [mpanizzi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mpanizzi@sbcglobal.net) for ticket information or call 773-631-0063.



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# "A Theatre Review"

**"Animal Crackers" Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Illinois**

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Goodman Theatre is celebrating its 85th anniversary as a regional theatre company and they have chosen as their opener for the 2009-2010 season "Animal Crackers" and they have a major hit on their hands. It's too bad that it's only running until October 25 and can't be transferred to another theatre. It's an old fashioned musical by George S. Kaufman and Morrie Ryskind that has been adapted and directed by Henry Wishcamper and choreographed by John Carrafa with first rate musical director Doug Peck leading a six piece orchestra. What a cast – What a show! It takes a seven person cast who can sing, dance, can do acrobatics, tumble and even play piano, guitar and ukulele and this show has it all. It runs two hour and 45 minutes and maybe it could stand a little trimming but I didn't mind the running time of the show. There wasn't a bad performance in this classic that goes back to the 1920's. It became a movie success in the mid 30's starring the Marx Brothers.

Joey Slotnick has the Groucho Marx role of Captain Jeffrey T. Spaulding. Jonathon Brody is Chico who is Emanuel Ravelli and Molly Brennan has the Harpo role of the professor. Ms. Brennan is also a professional clown. If you don't have a sense of humor or enjoy slapstick comedy, I suggest you pass on this show. In troubled economic times, this is wonderful medicine.

The music by Bert Kalmer and Harry Ruby include such numbers as "Three Little Words," "Hooray for Captain Spaulding," "Everyone Says I Love You" and "Watching the Clouds Roll By" to name a few. MGM made a movie on the life of Kalmer and Ruby that starred Red Skelton and Fred Astaire that was named "Three Little Words."

The show offers a strong cast that is Stanley Wayne Mathis as Roscoe Chandler and Hives. Ora Jones is Mrs. Rittenhouse, the role made famous by Margaret Dumont. Mara Davi is Arabella Rittenhouse and Mrs. Whitehead. Tony Yazbeck is Wally Winston and M. Doucet, Jessie Mueller is Grace Carpenter and Mary Stewart, and Ed Kross is John Parker and Horatio Jamison.

The musical has to do with the switching of an oil painting. The show with all its shtick humor has a romantic subplot that involves Tony Yazbeck and Mara Davi and Ed Kross and Jessie Mueller who can sing, dance and act. The girls are looking for rich husbands and Harpo chases the characters all over the place. Jessie Mueller keeps running to avoid him. The quick changes of characters are well done. It's worth your time to see it and forget your troubles.

"Animal Crackers" runs through October 25. It would be nice if they could transfer the show so they would have room for their holiday revival of "A Christmas Carol." for performance schedule and reservations call 312-443-3800. Tickets range from \$25 to \$76. -Four Stars-

**"Married Alive", Nobel Fools Theatricals at the Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, Illinois**

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

"Married Alive," which is a love and marriage musical, had its first outing at the Marriott Theatre is now being done by the Noble Fool Theatricals. John Gawlik, the artistic director, should have a hit. The show that has a book and lyrics by Sean Grennan and music by Leah Okimoto is perfect for the Pheasant Run stage. While the program doesn't list any of the songs, the show requires a stellar cast of four and works perfectly with only an orchestra of two; Valerie Maze and Kevin Disch.

The show is being directed and choreographed by Rachel Rockwell and she has cast four first rate performers in the lead roles. The cast includes Anne Gunn as Dine, Justin Berkobien as Paul, Justin is known as Buddy Holly as he played that role at the Oakbrook and Water Tower Drury Lane Theatre as well as the boy next door in "Meet Me in St. Louis." Megan Long has the role of Erin for his show and who in the show is married to Paul. Both Berkobien and Long are bright young talents who are groomed for Chicago stardom.

Matthew R. Jones has the role of Ron and he and Anne Gunn are a perfect match in their roles. It's also great to see Kristi J. Martens who is a sage manager back as she was associated for years at the Drury Lane Evergreen Park which I believe now is a K-Mart.

We often wonder why Anne Gunn isn't used more on the stage as she sings and acts to perfections.

The show deals and celebrates the marital bliss of love birds Erin and Paul, not to mention the trials and tribulations as well as the seasoned couple who go through the ups and downs of modern marriage. The show deals with new babies, empty nests to job stress and wedded bliss.

If you're young, old or middle aged and love to laugh this is the perfect vehicle for you. It may not be Broadway material but it's perfect for small regional theatre. Whether the title is "Married Alive," "From Niagara to Viagra," or "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!" this should be the perfect of tea for audiences.

"Married Alive" runs through October 31. For show performance dates and reservations call 630-584-6342. Tickets are \$28 and \$39. Dinner show packages range from \$49 to \$59. There is free parking as well as valley.

-Three Stars-

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dents receive a discount (with ID).

For tickets and info, contact (312) 922-1999 or theatreboxoffice@depaul.edu. Tickets can also be purchased online at <http://theatreschool.depaul.edu>

Free Teacher/Production Guides are available by request and are posted on the website.

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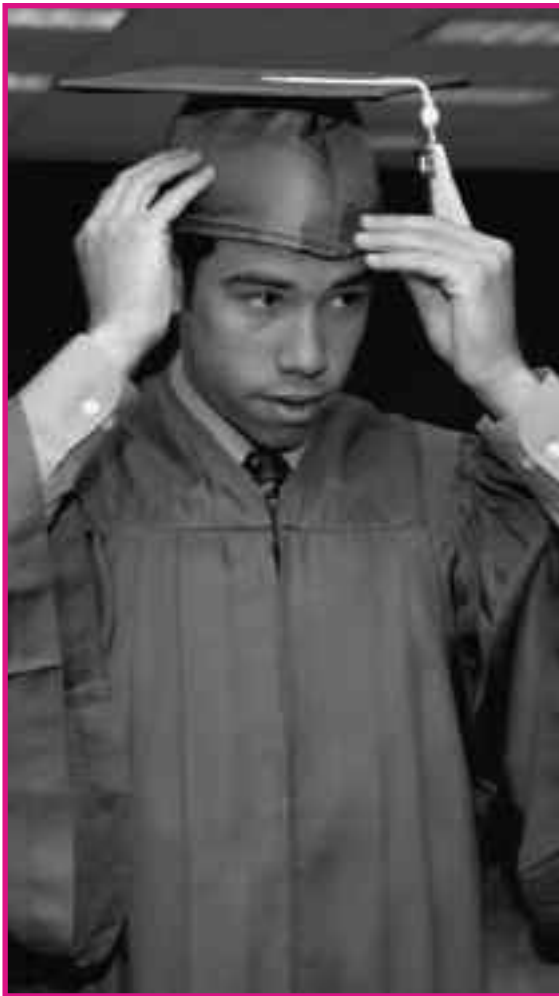
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- One-to-one computing environment
- Athletic opportunities
- College and personal counseling
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- Nearly 100 percent graduation and college acceptance rate
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- Strong partnership with parents

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Gifted, motivated students pursue advanced courses of study, participate in enrichment experiences and receive special mentoring all aimed at preparing them to succeed at top-tier colleges and universities.

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PACC allows juniors and seniors with at least a 3.0 GPA and ranked in the 50th percentile and above to enroll in courses approved by Saint Mary's University, Winona, MN, that are taught at Guerin Prep by adjunct professors.

### Career Exploration Enrichment Program

Seniors may enroll and take career courses at nearby Triton College for credit.

### Sullivan Steps to Success Program

Freshmen needing to improve academic skills for success in high school receive structure support services based on an interdisciplinary approach to help them make a successful transition to high school.

### Barbara Welch Learning Enrichment Center

All students benefit from ongoing assistance with study skills, testing strategies and college preparation projects. A full-time director collaborates with Guerin faculty, deans and counselors to ensure individual student needs are met. The center also provides a faculty and peer-tutoring program.

**I have a public school two blocks away but chose Guerin Prep because it's an environment that mirrors what we instill at home—respect, trust and communication.**

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## **THE LAPTOP PROGRAM HAS PROVEN TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS**

When the 2009-2010 school year opened this year, all Guerin Prep students were carrying a laptop computer to class on a daily basis, completing a three year phase in of **Guerin Prep's One-to-One Computing Program.**

Guerin Prep began the one-to-one computing program in the fall of 2007 with the freshmen and sophomore classes. Each fall since a new class has been added to maximize the school's mission to prepare students for success in college and career. Beginning this fall, all students will be bringing their laptops to class each day.

Thanks to a wireless infrastructure installed throughout the school building, each student is able to access the Internet anywhere. This technology, combined with the school's curriculum and a well-versed faculty allows students to explore diverse cultures and new perspectives; write and edit reports, essays and presentations electronically; plan, prepare and present creative multimedia projects; access online tutoring and communicate with teachers and others worldwide. Electronic textbooks for most core classes are loaded on the laptop.

Though the real test of Guerin Prep's one-to-one computing program will come when the first group of "laptop" graduates go off to college, a recent "mid-term evaluation" indicates that these laptops are transforming the ways teachers teach and the ways students learn.

A technology evaluation of all Guerin Prep teachers to chart the progress of the two-year old laptop program was conducted this past spring and affirmed that that Guerin teachers have effectively integrated technology in their lesson plans and that the use of technology tools has been standardized in every Guerin Prep classroom.

**The study concluded that without a doubt, these tools are transforming the ways teachers teach and the ways students learn.**

**Students need to be prepared for college, for the workplace, for the future. Information literacy skills are key skills for students today. The advantage of the "one-to-one computing" environment that Guerin Prep offers is incredible.**

*Ben Freville, Educational Consultant for Technology, Assistant Professor at Dominican University.*

**Teachers and counselors genuinely care and support my son. Their guidance has been key in his development as a student and as an individual.**

*Deborah S. Alverio*

## **INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRINCIPAL**

**Anthony "Tony" Tinerella began his tenure as Guerin Prep's principal on July 1. Recently he reflected upon his career as an educator and his hopes for Guerin Prep.**

In college I decided I wanted to teach on the high school level because my high school teachers were my strongest role models; they shaped me. I wanted to return the favor, to help kids today the way I was helped.

What I love best about teaching is challenging students, getting them excited about a class that maybe they don't care about. To watch them transform, to go from not wanting to be there to having a sense of awe about what they have accomplished.

It means a lot when a former student tells me they went into a field because of how I challenged them in my classes. I hope I have inspired students in positive ways.

After teaching for awhile, I decided to get a master's degree, and my principal's license. I realized that being a principal gave me an opportunity to reach everyone at the same time. Everyone could be on my team. That was attractive to me. I applied here because I heard good things about the school from a family member who had attended Guerin. It's a great opportunity. I've applied at public schools, but it's just not a fit for me. Public schools are more of a business than an opportunity to shape the whole person.

This is an opportunity for me to take a new school, one that is discovering its own tradition, that is ready to find its own identity—the school is ready to springboard and it needs someone with excitement to take it there. I'm ready to go. That is definitely my personality.

Our job is to teach people for eternity. Academics are important. But we need to help establish a caring society. If you don't have a relationship with God, you're lost. That's why I do Kairos. I'm not afraid to tell the kids I believe in God....It all starts there. That's why I stay in Catholic education...because of what we believe.

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# GUERIN PREP HELPS YOU PREPARE FOR COLLEGE

The College Counseling program at Guerin Prep assists students with all aspects of the college selection, application and financial aid process. The full-time college counselor works closely with parents, teachers and other members of the counseling staff to assist students in making informed decisions regarding their post-secondary plans.

Every junior and senior is allowed one excused absence to visit a college or university. In addition representatives of colleges visit Guerin Prep regularly and are available to students during their lunch periods.

A College/Financial Aid Senior Parent Night is held every year in November and a Junior/Sophomore Parent College Admission/Financial Aid Night is presented in December.

Many sources of college and financial aid information are listed on the counseling page of Guerin Prep's Web site: [www.guerinprep.org](http://www.guerinprep.org). The counseling page can be accessed by clicking on Academics on the Home page and going to the counseling page from there.

## Who's College Bound at Guerin Prep?

Of the 155 Guerin Prep 2009 graduates, approximately 98 percent of them will pursue a college education in a four-year college or will begin their college career in a community college with the intent of transferring to a four-year college.

To date, these Guerin Prep recent graduates have been offered more than \$3 million in scholarship monies to finance their higher education.

## Where do Guerin Prep grads go to college?

Graduates of Guerin Prep's Class of 2009 can be found at colleges and universities across the country, including the following:

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## Calendar of Events

A complete calendar of Guerin Prep activities (all our sporting events) can be found on our Web site: [www.guerinprep.org](http://www.guerinprep.org). Just click calendar at the top of our home page.

Here are some highlights:

### OCTOBER

18—Open House (11 a.m. — Last tour leaves at 1 p.m.)  
23—8th Grade Gator for a Day

### NOVEMBER

11, 18—8th Grade Gator for a Day  
14, 15—Fall Play: *Odyssey*

### DECEMBER

3—Open House (6 p.m. — Last tour leaves at 7 p.m.)  
9—8th Grade Gator for a Day  
10—Christmas Band Concert  
14—Christmas Concert (Chorale)

### JANUARY

6—8th Grade Gator for a Day  
9—Guerin Prep Entrance Exam, 8 a.m.

For more information about Guerin Prep, contact Valerie Reiss, director of admissions, 708-437-4732, [vreiss@guerinprep.org](mailto:vreiss@guerinprep.org). Or check out our Web site: [www.guerinprep.org](http://www.guerinprep.org).

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# Boomer Choices Available As We Age

Being a Baby Boomer has always been about choice – we demand it, and we expect we’ll always have it. This holds true for our choice of how to meet the demands of retirement and aging. There are many options to consider, depending on the kind of lifestyles or the forms of help that make sense for you and your family.

You probably have an idea about how your retirement might go, or about where you want to live going forward. Staying in the Chicago area or moving to another region is one big decision. Some boomers will choose to move to a warmer climate for a number of years, and then move back as their health changes, to be closer to family support.

Whether in Illinois or another region, some healthy boomers choose to streamline their lifestyle in a condominium or apartment complex, or choose to join other boomers in retirement communities. Any of these choices are valid, of course.

## A Great Retirement is Possible Anywhere

We all dream about the retirement lifestyles shown in the magazines and on TV. Those retirees aren’t settling down! They’re cutting loose, starting fresh, taking charge – and taking time to enjoy all those things they’ve always wanted to get around to. And that’s possible for you, too, wherever you live. You don’t need to move to an exclusive enclave on the ocean with its own Canyon Ranch Spa to enjoy life to its fullest.

With a little detective work, you can find opportunities for enjoyment and enrichment in your current neighborhood. Read your local paper (aren’t you doing that now?) to find events you’d enjoy. Get involved at a community center or faith community. Offer to help a teacher or librarian at a nearby school. Hang out at the library, or walk on the lakeshore. So many choices!

Lots of provided activities and services, plus chances for new friendships, are part of the lifestyle that retirement communities offer. These facilities talk about clubs and fitness centers, five-star dining, and cozy chats in their living rooms. You may want to consider that just as coffee shops have different atmospheres or levels of informality, retirement communities do, too. You might enjoy the corner diner, but feel more comfortable at the local Starbucks. Think about these preferences as

you visit the condo complex or the retirement campus convenient to all your favorite people and places.

## Thinking about Future Healthcare Needs

When our health is good and we’re active and vital, it’s hard to think about a time when this may not be the case. As we begin to think about potential changes in our health status, though, we might need to consider a different set of choices.

For some people, worry-free living means more than leaving behind routine household chores. They have decided to search for a comprehensive range of health care options easy to access where they live. Moving to another region means locating trusted healthcare professionals in your new location. Even living in your current home, though, it’s good to think about how you would reach your doctor’s office when you can no longer drive.

If your housing choice involves moving to an apartment complex or retirement community, think about how you will access medical services. Some retirement communities have on-campus clinics where local physicians and therapists provide care. Others expect that you will call a cab, or ask a friend for a ride to that needed appointment. Consider access to medical services as you look at your future plans.

Some boomers will want to be proactive about planning for future changes in their health. They want to think about options for support while they can be in charge of making the decisions. What will be the “right” support for you depends on your circumstances, personal preferences, the level of care needed, and affordability.

There are many options for support available, ranging from CCRCs to Home Companions, to Assisted Living to SNFs. But what do these terms mean, where can you find these kinds of services, and how can you tell if the provider is doing a good job?

Watch for the next installment about Retirement and the Baby Boomers: “Finding your way through the Alphabet Soup.”

By Theresa P. Paulin  
Presbyterian Homes, Evanston, Illinois



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## 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

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

## Halloween Hazards for Your Pets

Part 2

by Peter S. Sakas DVM, MS

### Artificial Sweeteners

Other chemicals found in certain candies can also be toxic to your pets. Xylitol, a sweetener found in some candies and gum can be toxic to pets if taken in large amounts. Ingestion of significant quantities can produce a fairly sudden drop in blood sugar, resulting in depression, incoordination and seizures. Foods containing Xylitol should be kept well out of reach of your pets. Do not take any chances with you pets. As stated before, do not think that a little bit is not going to hurt. You should have plenty of treats around the house that are appropriate for your pets and use them instead of candies.

### Holiday Food

Avoid the temptation to feed your pets leftovers from your holiday meals. Your pet should be kept on its normal diet. Any change of diet, even for one meal, may give your dog or cat severe indigestion and diarrhea. This is particularly true for older animals that have more delicate digestive systems and nutritional requirements. Many of these foods are rich; especially those that are high in fat, and can often cause severe gastrointestinal disturbances in pets which could prove fatal. Inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) is a very common disease of dogs and is frequently caused by the eating of table scraps. The pancreas plays a role in digestion of food but when an animal eats a rich or fatty meal, the pancreas is 'overstimulated' and the organ over-secretes enzymes leading to inflammation of the pancreas and surrounding tissues. Signs of pancreatitis include vomiting and abdominal pain, sometimes quite severe. The condition is very uncomfortable for the pet and sometimes can be fatal. If you notice these type of symptoms seek veterinary care.

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

### Halloween Decorations

Animals are attracted to unusual or shiny objects which may be found around the house during Halloween used for decorations or wrapping. Dogs and cats cannot see in color so it is the shiny, shimmering or unusual appearance that attracts them. Birds can see in color, so color may definitely be a source of attraction to them. Keep aluminum foil and cellophane candy wrappers away from pets. Pets may swallow such material, leading to gastrointestinal irritation, causing vomiting or may even pass into the intestinal tract producing an intestinal blockage. Cats are quite often attracted to ribbons, bows, strings and other decorations which they may chew, swallow and develop intestinal blockage. In addition, twinkling lights or other interesting electrical decorations may prove attractive to your pets. They may chew on the cords which may lead to severe electrical shocks.

Keep the decorations out of the reach of your pets to avoid potential danger. If you notice that your pet is very interested in the decorations and may be chewing on them, be certain to relocate the objects in a safe place where you pet cannot get to them.

### Plants

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

### Potpourri/Scented Candles

Liquid potpourri, commonly used to add pleasant scent to the home during certain holidays, can be hazardous to pets. Potentially severe damage to the mouth, skin and eyes could result from exposure to both heated and cool liquid product. Birds are especially sensitive to fumes or airborne toxins and caution must be exercised whenever you are using materials that produce fumes or odors. Use them in areas with good ventilation and keep your birds away from them. If you notice your bird is in respiratory distress move your bird into an area away from the fumes, get good clean air flow in the area and seek veterinary assistance. Airborne toxins can be fatal to birds.

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

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

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The Chicago Park District invites everyone to take their best shot in the inaugural “Nature in Chicago” Digital Photography Contest & Exhibition this fall. The Chicago Park District’s nature areas program is hosting a photography contest of nature in Chicago to illustrate the natural beauty and biological diversity that exists within our own city.

The contest is open to all skill levels and judging will be based on nature photos taken within the City of Chicago in the following categories:

- native flora (plants)
- native fauna (animals)
- migratory birds
- Chicago lakefront
- people in nature
- photos by youth (14-18) in the above categories

Winners of the photography contest will have the opportunity to exhibit their work at several Chicago Park District cultural centers, as well as have this work auctioned at the 2010 Chicago Wilderness Congress and the Lincoln Park Conservancy’s Annual Gala.

The contest will run until November 15th. All photos must be taken within the City of Chicago. Photographers are asked to upload and submit photos by joining the “Chicago Park District Nature Photo Contest” group on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/groups/cpdnaturephotocontest/>. When adding photos to the group, photographers are asked to tag their photo with the category they are submitting the photo under. As an example, the photo should be tagged with “CPD Nature\_Native Flora”. Also, please read the contest rules before participating.

For more information about the “Nature in Chicago” Digital Photography Contest & Exhibition go to [www.cpdit01.com/resources/natural-resources.photo-contest/](http://www.cpdit01.com/resources/natural-resources.photo-contest/)

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## Nat’l Wildlife Federation:

Fall is here! October is the season of warm days, cool nights and beautiful foliage. It’s also the time of year that many insect species begin to seek shelter from the oncoming cold. These insects normally find such shelter in hollow trees, rock crevices and under fallen woody debris—but for some species your home can serve as a nice substitute. Here are two likely insect species that might come knocking this fall, both of which are invasive exotics.

### Asian Ladybird Beetle

The Asian ladybird beetle (a kind of ladybug) was introduced multiple times in multiple places in the U.S. to help control crop pests as well as accidentally from Japanese ships that docked in Louisiana ports. Most ladybug species gobble aphids and other soft-bodied plant pests and are considered beneficial insects. Unfortunately, this species is so voracious it has out-competed and even eaten several native ladybird beetle species into rarity, and has become a household pest when it swarms indoors as the weather turns cold.

### Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

This shield-shaped insect is a fairly recent import. First documented in Allentown, PA a decade ago, the brown marmorated stink bug has rapidly spread throughout the Mid-Atlantic states. In its native range in Asia it is a crop pest, although so far here in North America its biggest impact has been on ornamental plants and as indoor nuisance in the fall and winter. If you live in this region, as I do, you’ll know from experience that this new invader is everywhere right now!

### Fall Migration

The change of seasons is an important influence on animal behavior. Whether it’s the hot season turning cold or the dry season turning wet, wildlife has to adapt to survive. One strategy is migration. Songbirds, waterfowl, raptors and hummingbirds travel north and south each year, some as far as the tropics. Caribou and pronghorn shift their range based on the season to ensure access to food. Even insects such as monarch butterflies and green darner dragonflies travel great distances to survive the oncoming winter.

One of the greatest things about fall migration is that it offers some pretty awesome wildlife watching opportunities. Encourage your viewers to get outside this fall and see what migratory species they can spot. Folks can report their sightings on National Wildlife Federation’s Wildlife Watch website, on Twitter or even on your iPhone.

There’s no excuse to stay indoors and not experience wildlife this fall!

*Adapted from materials provided by USDA/Agricultural Research Service. Contact us at [info@nwf.org](mailto:info@nwf.org), 1-800-822-9919, National Wildlife Federation, 11100 Wildlife Center Drive, Reston VA, 20190. © 2008 National Wildlife Federation. All rights reserved.*

## 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](http://www.urhausengreenhouses.com)*

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## Urban Wildlife Coalition: Going to Bat for Bats

Blood-sucking rodents, creatures of darkness, rabies-ridden monsters who love getting caught in hair... bats get such a bad rap! It’s time to uncloak the facts about bats:

### Nature’s Insect Repellant

Bats in our region love to eat mosquitos, easily munching 3,000 per night. A healthy population of bats can dramatically minimize our reliance on pesticides. They do not contract West Nile Virus by ingesting infected mosquitos. Instead of shooing bats away, we should roll out the red carpet! Installing a bat house is the best first step toward attracting them to your backyard. For more information about how to build your own bat house or where to buy one, contact [urban-wildlifecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:urban-wildlifecoalition@gmail.com)



### Gentle by Nature

Like most wildlife, bats fear humans. They have absolutely no desire to attack us or get tangled in our hair. They are clean creatures that groom themselves regularly, and only rarely carry rabies. As with all wildlife, they are best appreciated from a respectful distance.

### Other Bat Facts

In China, bats are a symbol of happiness and good fortune. They are not rodents, but belong to the order Chiroptera (hand-wing). Batlike animals soared through Earth’s skies as far back as 50 million years!

Bats are nature’s only true flying mammal – “flying” squirrels actually glide.

They’re not blind, but color-blind, and often rely more heavily on their senses of smell and hearing to locate prey and predators.

For more information about urban animals and tips for living in harmony with them, visit [www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org](http://www.urbanwildlifecoalition.org). Questions? Call 773-545-8136 or e-mail us at [urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:urbanwildlifecoalition@gmail.com).

*Urban Wildlife Coalition is a community-based organization founded to help preserve our treasured urban wildlife.*

# 4 Deaths, 3 Estate Planning Mistakes



Chester M. Przybylo

What would you want to leave behind for your family? If your choices were A) a contentious mess, or B) a well-coordinated estate plan, you would choose option B, right? All too many of us end up with option A. In fact, a recent national survey discovered that only 44% of Americans have a simple Will, much less a well-coordinated estate plan.

This is a story of four best friends from school: Charlie, Keith, Mike, and Stu. Each of them lived very successful lives, but their deaths brought very different outcomes.

Charlie was the first of the friends to pass away. His death was quite a shock to everyone because he died in a car accident at a young age. Unfortunately, Charlie never got around to planning his estate and died without a Will. So, not only did his assets have to go through the court process called "probate," his assets also passed by "intestacy," which is a fixed formula set by the state legislature for those dying without an estate plan. Charlie was unmarried but had a long-term partner. Unfortunately, the state's formula did not take that into consideration. So, all of Charlie's assets went to his blood relatives and none went to the person who mattered most to him, his long-term partner.

Keith learned from Charlie's mistake. Shortly after Charlie's death, he went to an attorney and created an estate plan. However, he stuck the plan in a drawer for the many years since it was created and forgot about it. When Keith passed away, he had not updated his estate plan in almost twenty years. While his plan avoided intestacy, it did not reflect his current relationships and intentions, meaning that his estate was not distributed as he wanted at his death. Keith, who had been married to Linda for more than a decade, would want everything to go to her. However, Linda was shocked to discover that his outdated estate plan left everything, including the house they had shared for years, to his former girlfriend from 18 years ago, Betty.

Mike learned from both Charlie's and Keith's mistakes. Not only did he put an estate plan in place, he made sure that he kept it updated with his current dispositive wishes. However, he forgot to think about beneficiary designations. Like many of us, the majority of Mike's wealth was controlled by beneficiary designations. Mike had been with the same employer since graduation. The beneficiary designation on his retirement plan listed his mother; at that time, he was unmarried and had no children. His designation sent the bulk of his wealth to his mother, who was in a nursing home. Not only did it deprive his wife and children of money they desperately needed, it ended up reimbursing the state Medicaid agency for paying for his mother's nursing home care.

When Stu died, he had seen the personal and financial tragedies that could occur with improper planning. Stu went to an attorney who focused his practice in estate planning. The attorney prepared a well-coordinated estate plan that considered all of Stu's assets, including those controlled by beneficiary designation. Stu did his part, too. He made sure to follow up with the attorney periodically and whenever there were significant changes in his life. While Stu's family was saddened by his passing, their grief was not compounded by poor planning.

The four friends each had the best of intentions, to provide for their loved ones after their passing. However, only Stu had an updated, well-coordinated estate plan and only Stu achieved the goal of caring for his loved ones who were left behind.

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## PLEASE NOTE

CHESTER M. PRZYBYLO'S SEMINAR  
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## SOCIAL SECURITY: DISABLED? SOCIAL SECURITY CAN HELP

By Andrew Salata Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Disability is something most people do not like to think about. But the unfortunate reality is this: the chances that you will become disabled are probably far greater than you realize. Studies show that a 20-year-old worker has a three in 10 chance of becoming disabled before reaching retirement age.

Social Security pays benefits to people with disabilities through the Social Security disability insurance program, which is covered by Social Security taxes. If you qualify, you can receive a monthly disability benefit from Social Security for as long as your disability keeps you from working. The amount of your benefit is based on your average lifetime earnings. After a period of time, usually after receiving cash benefits for 24 months, you can also receive Medicare coverage.

When you work and pay Social Security taxes, you earn credits. The number of credits you need to qualify for disability benefits depends on your age, and some of the work must be recent. If you become disabled after age 31, you need to have worked at least 10 years and five of the past 10 years. But if you become disabled before age 24, you need only one and a half years of work in the past three years. To learn how many credits you need, refer to the convenient chart at [www.socialsecurity.gov/dibplan/dqualify3.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/dibplan/dqualify3.htm).

If you have a disability that makes you unable to work, the time to get started with your application is now. That's because it can take time to determine whether you qualify for benefits. It usually takes about three to five months for a medical decision from the state agency that evaluates your condition. Then, if your application is approved, your first Social Security disability payment will be made for the sixth full month after the date we determine that your disability began. Medicare coverage generally begins 24 months, or two years, after you begin receiving Social Security disability benefits. Given the time it can take, it's in your best interest to do everything you can to speed up the process. The best first step is for you to read our on-line publication, Disability Benefits, at

[www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html). It will tell you all about the process, including what information you will need to apply for benefits.

Then, take advantage of our online disability starter kits. You'll find them on our disability website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability). There is one kit for children and one for adults. Each kit is available in both English and Spanish. The starter kits help you begin the process by providing information about the specific documents and the information that we will request from you. We will ask for more details during your interview or when you complete the online disability report.

Take a look at the disability starter kit now at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability), or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask that a kit be mailed to you. Once you complete the online disability starter kit and you're ready to apply, the most convenient way to do that is online too. Just go to the same disability website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability).

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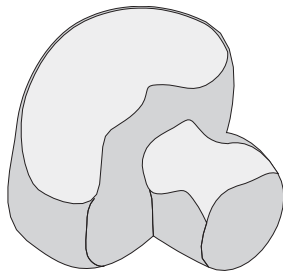
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# WILD MUSHROOMS:

## Credit Cards



Credit card issuing companies have, as most know, made many errors. Rather than standing up and correcting their problems, the companies have tried a new way to control the situation: by letting their customers pay for the company's errors. Example: A couple of months ago, I offered to pay a restaurant bill after an important meeting. The waiter returned and informed me that my credit card had been declined. Subsequently I paid with another credit card. The credit card I initially tried to use which had been issued by WAMU, was purchased by Chase who picked up the paper on the credit card account.

On the front of my WAMU credit card it shows that I have been a member since 1994. I was never over the limit and never late in my payments. When I inquired at the bank, at which we carry a small checking account, they had no answer for the occurrence. It took over 40 minutes on the phone and contact with four different departments to gather any response.

I was cut off with no prior notification. What if I had been checking out of a hotel in Paris? How would I have been able to deal with the situation?

My guest at our meeting was important to me and I did not want him to be embarrassed. My credit limit, in the 5 figures, was raised twice by the bank because of excellent credit. The reason the bank eventually gave for canceling my charging privileges was 'too many cards.' The people at the bank, in general conversation, have been advising people to hold their credit cards as a hedge against lack of lending by the banks. This is one of the reasons we were building up our credit options.

So in the end, the bank decides how and when to control what we do. All our credit cards were used for business purposes. We are shutting all credit cards down as of the end of November, even though none are over limit or late. We feel we don't need their kind of help. Banks are in control now. Things change and so also will they. Someday, we, the customers, no matter how small, might be worth having.

Have a similar problem or question? We want to hear from you at [mushroom@ourvillagechicago.com](mailto: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.

From D. Namlig

# Village Cooking Corner

## Pumpkin Bread (A Blue Ribbon winner)

2 1/4 c sugar	3 c sifted flour
1 c sunflower oil	1 Tbsp. baking powder
4 eggs	2 tsp. baking soda
1 16-oz. can pumpkin	1 tsp. each salt, cinnamon, nutmeg
2/3 c raisins	1/2 tsp. cloves
2/3 c chopped walnuts	

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix sugar, sunflower oil, eggs, and pumpkin together well. Stir in walnuts and raisins. Set aside. In another bowl, mix dry ingredients together. Combine all ingredients and stir until well and evenly mixed. Pour into 2 well greased loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 65 to 70 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Yield: 2 loaves

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A. Wrong. A will is an expensive, one-way ticket to the probate court.

Q. What happens if I die without a will or trust?

A. If you die without a will or trust, the state determines who will be your ultimate heirs. And they may not be the people you wanted to benefit from your estate.

Q. Why do I hear so much about guardianship today?

A. As more and more people live longer, there is a greater chance of them being incapacitated. A guardianship is a court-supervised proceeding that names an individual or entity to manage the affairs of an incapacitated person. A will has no power in this proceeding.

Q. Shouldn't I just put my child's name on the title to my property to avoid probate?

A. While this may avoid probate, it can have lots of unintended consequences... your child's creditors will be able to reach the joint tenancy property, it may also create a taxable gift, and you might end up disinheriting your own grandchildren.

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