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Congratulations Pat Fitzgerald! NU Head Coach Immortalized in College Football Hall of Fame

Last month, Pat Fitzgerald celebrated his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame at the 2009 Enshrinement Festival in South Bend, Indiana. Fitz is officially the 15th NU player or coach to be immortalized by the Hall of Fame. Fitzgerald was one of 21 individuals (17 players, four coaches) who were formally inducted into the Hall of Fame in the Class of 2008 during a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on Dec. 9. Other legends of the game in this year's class include Troy Aikman, Thurman Thomas, Rod Smith and Lou Holtz. Asked if he hoped to one day reach the status of Hall of Fame coach in addition to his enshrinement as a player, Fitzgerald said simply, "We're just trying go out and get one win at a time. All I know is I'm honored to be the head coach at Northwestern."

Skokie Police Neighborhood Watch Program

The Skokie Police Department invites the community to participate in the local Neighborhood Watch Program. By participating, residents have the opportunity to feel a strong connection to the community and contribute to neighborhood safety.

The Neighborhood Watch program is one of the most effective crime prevention strategies a community can utilize. In Skokie, over 182 blocks participate in the program.

The Skokie Police Department invites any person interested in the program to contact the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit at 847/982-5919.

25th American Craft Exposition August 28th through 30th

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the acclaimed American Craft Exposition, one of the most renowned craft shows in the nation. Sponsored by the Auxiliary of NorthShore University HealthSystem (NorthShore) at Evanston and Glenbrook Hospitals, this prestigious exposition showcases the work of 150 of the finest craftspeople from across the United States including one-of-a-kind pieces, museum-quality collections, and uniquely creative artwork. All proceeds from the event benefit breast and ovarian cancer research at NorthShore University HealthSystem. Hours are Friday 10 am to 9 pm, Saturday 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday 11 am to 5 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 10 and under for a three-day pass. For more information, please call 847-570-5096 or visit www.americancraftexpo.org.

Event is being held at Henry Crown Sports Pavilion, Northwestern University, 2311 Campus Drive, Evanston.

Evanston Celebrates Two Special Events on August 23 CommUNITY Picnic

What's more fun than gathering with your friends, family and fellow Evanstonians to enjoy an afternoon in the park with free food, games, activities and entertainment?

Attend the annual CommUNITY Picnic. This event will run from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 23rd in Ingraham Park behind the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave.

Enjoy picnic foods and mouth-watering treats including cotton candy, popcorn and ice cream; games such as the dunk tank, cake walk and family bingo with lots of prizes; reality experiences in the Fire Department's Safety House; and much more. For further information, call (847) 866-2487.

TASTE OF ARMENIA Street Fair

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

The Taste of Armenia serves up charcoal-grilled kebabs and homemade specialties including healthy salads, 'sarma' rolls with fresh-picked grape leaves (nothing canned!) Few can resist the bountiful table of our grandmas' pastries and a steaming cup of Armenian coffee (fortunes told on request!)

The festival also adds a full day of cultural offerings drawn from across the country, highlighting ancient and modern aspects of the people. Prominent local Armenian bands play music for line dancing all afternoon, and there's always plenty of games and activities for kids.

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

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

Further information: www.geocities.com/stjamesstfair/

EVANSTON LIBRARY STREETSCAPE DESIGN PRESENTATION

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue. The meeting will be accessible to persons with disabilities

The purpose of the meeting is to present the proposed design concept for the sidewalk/streetscape in front of the Evanston Public Library. The location of the proposed improvement is the northeast corner the of Church Street and Orrington Avenue intersection.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or the project please contact Paul Gottschalk at 847/ 448-8656, or Sat Nagar at 847/ 866-2967.

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Come and join the Oakton Community College VITA (Volunteers in Teaching Adults) program if you are looking for a meaningful volunteer activity in which you help adults improve their speaking, reading, writing, or math skills in English. Our next required 3-part training will be held at Oakton in Skokie, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Rm. B110, on September 3 and 8, 6:15-10 pm and on Saturday Sept. 26 from 1:30-3:30 pm. Please call 847-635-1426 for more details. Our e-mail address is: www.oakton.edu/cont_ed/vita.html.

Poochie's

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"Our customers know this is their place," says Chris Christou, owner of Poochie's in Skokie. "We've seen some of the same faces for 30 or 40 years. People feel good when they come here and they return again and again. Even those who move out of the neighborhood come back." It is the winning combination of great food and friendly faces that has made Poochie's a neighborhood icon and a 2006 inductee into the Vienna Hot Dog Hall of Fame! Christou is committed to serving only high-quality, never frozen, menu items: fresh-ground hamburgers to fresh-cut fries and to greeting customers by name.

Everyone knows Poochie's as the perfect weekend family stop, but with full-service catering for 50-500, they also bring an entire barbeque to your backyard for get-togethers, birthday parties, family reunions, or block parties, complete with tents, grills, and all the trimmings! What you will not find are chafing dishes. Everything is cooked fresh on site, not reheated. They add flavor to Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and office parties, too.

Recognizing that nothing goes better with baseball than a top dog, WGN-TV brought Poochie's catering to their studios for this season's Cubs home opener, and the restaurant's classic fare and catering flair were showcased during the Midday News.

Regulars may notice construction around the restaurant these days. Christou assures, "Poochie's isn't changing. We're providing the same top-of-the-line quality and friendly atmosphere as always, so stop by soon!"

Poochie's Open daily 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., 3832 Dempster St., Skokie, Illinois (In Poochie's Plaza) 847-673-0100

Northwestern Wildcats Home Game Opener

North Shore residents can purchase ½ price tickets! Sat., September 5 Support your community and the 'Cats by attending North Shore Community Day on September 5 for the Wildcats' game against Towson. All residents of the North Shore can purchase end zone tickets at half-price, which is only \$13 each. Tickets must be purchased in advance. To receive the North Shore Community Day code, please e-mail wildcatmarketing@northwestern.edu.

It's Thursday, Let's Dance!

Come for the dancing ~ or just to listen to a really great band!

WHAT: IT'S THURSDAY! Dance Nights: 6:30-9:00pm

WHEN/WHO: Aug. 20: Midway Ramblers Cajun Band. Authentic, spirited bayou music.

WHERE: 909 Davis Plaza, Maple & Church St. Downtown Evanston. Parking in the Maple Street garage across from the Century Theatres. Steps away from the Davis St. el & Metra stops.

WHAT ELSE: DANCE INSTRUCTION at 6:30-7:15

Band plays 7:30-9:00pm

HOW MUCH: FREE, and for all ages

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Evanston Starlight Concert Series Rock the Night Away

JT and the Clouds grab the spotlight as Evanston's Starlight Concert series continues. Known for their Midwest roots rock sound with touches of Memphis soul and country rock, the group will take the stage starting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, in Dawes Park, Sheridan Road at Church St. The concert is free, and all ages are welcome. Bring a lawn chair or spread out a blanket and enjoy the show. In case of rain, the concert will be moved indoors. If rain threatens, call 847-448-8058 after 4:15 p.m. the night of the concert for the latest site information.

Evanston Starlight Concerts are presented by the City of Evanston's Cultural Arts Division and are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. Sponsors include The Homestead Hotel and Quince Restaurant, Chicago Reader, Chipotle Mexican Grill, and Evanston RoundTable.

Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Concerts In The Park

August 19th * Rica Obsesion

Rica Obsesion performs a variety of music such as Merguenes by Olga Tanon, Melina Leon, and cha cha cha's by the late Ttio Puente and many Latin jazz tunes. With a combination of great music and the best musicians in Chicago, Rica Obsesion is confident that their goals will be achieved and that they will be able to put Chicago back on the map for Salsa.

Location: Proesel Park Shelter (Corner of Kostner & Morse), Lincolnwood, IL

Fee: FREE – Open to the Public. For more information contact the Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Office at (847) 677-9740.

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St. Demetrios Greek Fest 2009 August 21, 22, 23

WORKING HARD TO PUT OUR BEST FOOT FORWARD... WHILE BUILDING LOTS OF MEMORIES!

By Anastasia E. Weaver

It is true, we are working hard to be ready to put our best foot forward as we greet our guests at the entrance of our Festival. While, we are building great memories. Join us on August 21, 22, 23 at our Greek Fest 2009 and add to the memories! We are at 2727 West Winona in Chicago near the intersection of Foster and California. Here you will have an opportunity to savor a taste of authentic Greek cuisine, as described in last week's Our Village Publications and in this issue on page 4 a description of some delicious Greek pastries and Loukoumades that we will be ready to present for your enjoyment.

We have booked some great entertainment for your weekend with us. On their return visit we are presenting the Northside Band Chicago - a five-member group bringing back many memories from the 1970's to the present in the best of Rock n Roll. Best of all, is that they got there start right here at St. Demetrios. They will be playing 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday night August 21. We also have The John Linardakis Band with their incomparable renditions of Greek and American dance music or if you just want to sit back, sip a cool beverage, enjoy a freshly made meze (appetizer or two) you will hear some melodious sounds filling the Festival grounds for your enjoyment. Also, appearing will be two dance troupes for your enjoyment and inspiration to join in the dance! OPA!

Don't forget that we have many fun games and rides for adults and kids, with clown and puppet performances. We also have a Kid's Craft Korner this year with many crafts for the kids

Not only to have fun but participate in the festivities, spend time with a sibling or parents, and fellow parishioners and friends while creating something for themselves but finally offer them a memorable time at one of our biggest church events.

You may have seen in our publicity that we have planned an Agora (Marketplace) with some twenty-two vendors/crafters who will present their creative talents and entrepreneurship to our guests in our air-conditioned Miller Center. Are you wondering what is this Agora we are publicizing? Well, let us travel back in time to around 600 B.C. to the Ancient



City of Athens where you will find the most advanced cultural, social, scientific and commercial center on earth. Imagine for a moment, as we walk along and enter an area at the foot of the majestic Acropolis, whose Pentelic marble construction shines with brilliance in the sun. Look around and you can envision what was then called the Agora (the marketplace) and see the awesome splendor of its Temples - not one temple, but many dedicated to the Gods Hephaestus, Apollo, Aphrodite, and others. Then look around and envision what was one of the most splendid Government Counsel Halls where the Archons and Magistrates met in the Boule (City Counsel Chambers) and there in the midst of this bustling marketplace conducted the business of Athens. There you would also see concert halls, dance halls and shops with every possible merchandise throughout

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(Continued from previous issue)

by Anastasia E. Weaver

The Mediterranean Cuisine as you know is abundant with fresh vegetables - so try our GREEK SALAD, if you wish, which we prepare with all freshly tossed salad greens seasoned with our Greek dressing of olive oil, wine vinegar sprinkled with oregano and garnished with feta cheese and Greek olives and anchovies. A meal in itself!

Most Greek pastries including our Tyropita and Spanakopites (Spinach Triangles or Spinach Pie served in our Food Tent or Cheese Pie (served in our Food Tent) or Cheese Triangles (served in our Pastry Booth) are made with Filo Dough. This is a paper-thin dough which feels like baked sheets of paper, which easily crumble when touched. Many Greek cooks at home make the Filo by hand. The dough, of course, is made from flour and stretched by hand or machine until it becomes paper thin and delicate. It is an art! Many nationalities claim Filo as their own including the Germans who call their filo, strudel but the original recipe was lost to antiquity but is recorded as having been developed by the Ancient Greeks. Many Greek cooks still make their own Filo, but because of the large quantities of pastries we make in our St. Demetrios Kitchen our Filo or Phyllo, whichever spelling you prefer, is machine made and is made fresh weekly. We buy a Filo that comes flat and has never been folded like the ones you can purchase in one of the supermarkets. It is that Filo that we use in all our pastries that require it.

A must have at our Festival is the plethora of desserts which are all hand made..... visit our Pastry Tent where you will find the best Greek Pastries made with recipes that have been prized by our families. Here are a few of your choices:

BAKLAVA - of Byzantine origin, it is the Aristocrat of all the pastries and is found in all of the countries of the Near East. The filling is of layers and layers of chopped walnuts, sugar, lemon rind, and cloves and topped with Filo Dough and soaked with syrup.

DIPLES - large and beautiful, fried pastry swirls which we sprinkle with honey, cinnamon and finely ground walnuts. It's an art to learn to swirl the dough while deep frying the Diplo!

GALATBOURIKO - a rich custard pita pie with a Filo dough covering and soaked with a honey syrup and baked to perfection it is a sweet, delicate delight. A perfect conclusion to an already sumptuous meal! This is a popular dessert for Easter dinner.

KOURAMBIEDES - this is a mouth watering and best-known Greek sweet and is served not only on all holidays but it is the Wedding Cookie. It is a Greek butter cookie sprinkled with lots of powdered sugar.

KOULOOURAKIA - or Easter Cookies - served throughout Greece and in Greek homes in America especially at Easter. They are often shaped

like a circle or ring and sometimes twisted but are the favorite "with coffee" cookie of the Greek dessert menu.

KATAIFI - similar to Baklava, except that the Filo is shredded and filled with ground walnuts and sprinkled with lots of syrup. Yummy!

RIZOGALON - HOME MADE RICE PUDDING - A rich creamy rice pudding that Greek homes always have on hand for their families and guests and it is topped with a sprinkling of cinnamon. Creamy and comforting!

MELOMAKAROUNA - a Greek spice cookie, dipped in honey and delicately sprinkled with ground walnuts and honey. When you eat one - you will want to take a dozen home!

or if want our Festival all time favorite for dessert, you need to visit our **LOUKOUMADES TENT.....** just next to the **DESSERT TENT!** There you will find our deep fried **LOUKOUMADES - HONEY PUFFS.** They are made from scratch in our St. Demetrios Kitchen - no premixed products for us - and they are deep-fried and then they receive their hot honey and a sprinkling of cinnamon. Most importantly, we do not fry our Loukoumades in (peanut oil) so allergies be gone! These are finger licking good and the Favorite of our Festival!

A true delicacy!

Of course, we have home made cookies and cupcakes for the kids and those of us who want to feel like a kid again. You can also buy some pastries to enjoy at home as well. They are packaged! Or buy one of our cookbooks and surprise the family with an authentic Greek meal or pastry!

You can then visit our **KAFENIO TENT (COFFEE HOUSE).** You will find a Kafenio (coffee house) on almost every street in Athens! Our gracious hostesses will be happy to prepare a cup of Greek coffee right in front of your eyes or perhaps an Iced Coffee Frappe, my favorite, and if it is very warm and humid when you visit us, you will understand why an Iced Coffee Frappe is my favorite. Or perhaps just a regular or decaf American cup will suffice. And yes we also have home made Greek yogurt, assorted ice cream, taffy apples and popcorn available. We try to cater to kids of all ages!

If you are greeted with the words **KALOS ORISATE** (Kalos oresate) which translated literally in English means - good welcome. We welcome you with open arms to our home and hope your stay with us is memorable! When we raise our glass of water or other beverage and say to you **STHN UGIA SAS (estin eyea sas)** we mean in English "TO YOUR HEALTH" We are thanking you for gracing our church home with your presence!

See you in August! For further information you may call the Church Office at 773-561-5992 or visit our website at www.StDemetriosGreekFestChicago.com

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this commercial marketplace besides, schools and even a prison. By the way, it was at this same location and prison that Socrates was executed by being given hemlock to drink in 399 B. C. At the entrance is a magnificent fountain area. Remember all this splendor existed around 600 B.C.

If, however, you have been to the area I am describing, or if you plan to go there soon, you may not recognize from this description the magnificence of this area. Since the time of its glory, many natural and unnatural happenings have taken place in that ancient city and the beauty of its original state is no longer in existence. Today visitors would be greeted with the rubble and dry, sandy soil at this site of excavation and the few items that

the American School of Classical Studies has unearthed painstakingly while excavating there since 1931 to the present time. Painstakingly they have been putting together that which once represented some of the most artistic and architectural accomplishments of our time. It did not endure, as did the Acropolis which still stands in all its glory and never fails to inspire!

The Agora, still lives though, as we present it at our Festival recreating a similar version of the ancient marketplace each year by bringing together some of the best talent and crafts people we could find, some of the most energetic entrepreneurs and present them in our air-conditioned Miller Center for your shopping enjoyment and convenience. This year we are fortunate to have several jewelers with unusual designs, Pablo coming in from Pasadena, California with some beautiful art work to enhance anyone's home decor, hand-crafted toys that the kid's will love. Religious books and Icons, and other religious artifacts, handbag creations, scarves, hand crafted wooden frames and other things, Greek kites, and children's computer designed tee shirts and Illinois grown honey; quilts and other hand sewn designs and much more. Don't forget to visit our youngest entrepreneur with his own home grown and cared for Sweet Basil plants, which brings fragrance to our homes and enhances the Mediterranean cuisine. You may have noticed like at the Ancient Agora in Athens, we even have a Fountain Room at the entrance of our Miller Center, and as you may suspect our Miller Center is used as a banquet hall, meeting area, and major gathering hall. During the Festival, if you choose to eat your dinner in air-conditioned comfort, you will have that chance in the Miller Center.

If you haven't booked a flight to Greece this year don't fret, just join us on the far Northside of the City of Chicago where we will do our best to offer you some of the best cuisine of our ethnic culture, while we offer what we do best, our warm hospitality, to make your weekend a pleasant journey. You already know the weather of Chicago, especially this year, so whether we are granted sunny skies and balmy nights or cloudy skies and a rain drop or two we will do our best to make your time with us a happy experience. If you need further information or just direction on how to find us you may want to check our Festival website - www.StDemetriosChicagoGreekFest.com or just call our church office between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at 773-561-5992. See you there!

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Bears of Hope at Mitzvah Day

Bears of Hope will be one of many social service organizations participating in Temple Judea Mizpah's, Mitzvah Day event "Strengthening Our Community One Building Block at a Time". The event takes place on the grounds of the Temple, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, on Sunday, August 23, 2009 from 10am-3pm. Social service organizations will share what they do and offer the public an opportunity to get involved and volunteer. There will also be a car wash sponsored by the Temple's youth group, a garage sale by community members, and lunch for sale sponsored by the Temple. Proceeds from the lunch will benefit the Niles Township Food Pantry. The public is invited to attend.

Carolyn Reiner, founder of Bears of Hope said, "We're delighted to be part of the Mitzvah Day event. It gives us an opportunity to let the community know and see how we bring comfort to individuals struggling with a difficult time in their life."

Bears of Hope, a Skokie-based volunteer organization, makes handcrafted fabric bears it gives to social service agencies and clergy to bring to sick and needy children and adults. Reiner started Bears of Hope after several years fighting Lymphoma. She knows firsthand how difficult life can be at times and how TLC can help. Making fabric bears is her way of giving those in need some comfort.

Dedicated volunteers give their time and effort to help Reiner make bears. From its modest beginning in 2007 when only 50 bears were made, over 360 bears are providing comfort to those needing support. Many clergy, social service organizations, and the Skokie Police Department participate in the Bears of Hope program. These groups receive bears on a continuous basis to give to children and adults needing hugs, comfort and hope.

At the Mitzvah Day event, Bears volunteers will be stuffing bears and inviting attendees to help stuff the bears. Stop by the Bears of Hope booth and give them a hand making bears.

For more information about the Bears of Hope: 847-673-4098 or Bears@bearsofhope.com

For information about the Mitzvah Day event: Temple Judea Mizpah 847-676-1566 or templejm@aol.com

WHAT: The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center will welcome its first traveling exhibition at the end of August, Darfur: Photojournalists Respond. Based on the book "Darfur: Twenty Years of War and Genocide in Sudan" by Leora Kahn, the exhibition features photographs by world-renowned photojournalists that capture the gravity of the crisis in Darfur, which has led to some of the worst human rights atrocities in modern times.

Featured photojournalists include, Colin Finlay, Sven Torfinn, Pep Bonet, Ron Haviv, Lynsey Addario, Chris-Steele Perkins, Kadir van Lohuizen and Oliver Jobard. Their work, collectively represented in Darfur: Photojournalists Respond, reveals the stark reality of genocide, while the people in the images are a reminder of life's beauty and preciousness.

To complement this exhibition, the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center will present a program titled "Witness to Genocide: Voices of Sudanese Survivors," featuring a panel discussion with Sudanese survivors including members of the "Lost Boys" on Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 pm.

Darfur: Photojournalists Respond is generously brought to the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center by the McCormick Foundation. The exhibition is presented courtesy of Holocaust Museum Houston, which is dedicated to educating people about the Holocaust, remembering the 6 million Jews and other innocent victims and honoring the survivors' legacy. Using the lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides, the Museum teaches the dangers of hatred, prejudice and apathy.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 – November 29, 2009

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

WHERE: Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Special Exhibitions Gallery, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, Illinois

Admission: Special Exhibitions are free with Museum admission.

General: \$8.00, Children (5-12): \$5.00

Students (12-22): \$6.00, **Seniors (65+):** \$6.00



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August 16, at 2pm The Judy Garland Duets
 Two of Chicago's premiere cabaret vocalists, Rob Dorn and Laura Freeman team together to present "The Judy Garland Duets." Join this musical tour-de-force as they pay tribute to one of the top entertainers of the twentieth century and her famous duets with such luminaries as Bing Crosby, Gene Kelly, Fred Astaire, the one and only Mickey Rooney and many others. Not only is this a retrospective of Garland's career, but of classic, nostalgic Hollywood. Songs include "A Couple of Swells," "For Me and My Gal," "I've Got Rhythm" as well as rarely performed songs Judy dueted with Fanny Brice, Frank Sinatra, Deanna Durbin, Vic Damone and Mel Torme. "Rob Dorn's soaring tenor honors multiple genres." - Carla Gordon, Cabaret Scenes Magazine "Freeman's rich, fluid soprano is better than ever!" - Marcia Fulmer, Elkhart Truth Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.
 August 19, at 1:30pm The chairman and his board starring Peter Oprisko - The Music of Sinatra and friends Tickets are \$10.
 August 22, at 8pm Denise Brigham Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.
 August 23, at 2pm "From Pop to Puccini" starring: the Incredibly Eclectic Lori Ecker Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.
 August 26, at 1:30pm Tribute to Nat King Cole starring Marcus Gentry Tickets are \$10.

STAGE

September 2, at 1:30pm WILL ROGERS NOW A great show by Lance Brown. This is the Will Rogers show to see. Songs, Quips and Ropes from America's original political comedian, Will Rogers. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$18 at the door.

Skokie Fine Arts Commission

The Skokie Fine Arts Commission is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 granting year. To be eligible for a grant, all projects and programs must take place between May 1, 2009 and April 30, 2010.

Skokie schools are invited to submit arts-related projects and programs for Cultural Arts Grants in the amount of \$250. Skokie-based arts organizations may apply for Project Grants in varying amounts. Applications for both grants are available on the Commission's webpage at www.skokie.org.

If you are a first-time grant applicant, please consider attending the Fine Arts Commission Grant Workshop on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street. The first-time grant applicant presentation also is available on the Commission's webpage at www.skokie.org.

For more information or to download a copy of the grant application, please visit www.skokie.org.

C'EST LA VIE A Musical.

Book, music and lyrics by Gregg Opelka.
 Opens: Friday, October 9, 2009
 Previews: Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 3:00pm
 Wednesday, October 7 and Thursday, October 8 at 8:00pm
 Run: Fridays thru Sundays until Sunday, November 15, 2009
 Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm
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Where: Light Opera Works Second Stage
 1420 Maple Avenue, Evanston

Story: In C'EST LA VIE, Dominique and Fatiguee are down on their luck chanteuses at a fading café in 1950 Paris. Forced to sing the same Edith Piaf set every night, the pair scheme to have their boss "conveniently detained" by the police so that they can finally perform their own material—if only for one night.

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Women Artists Sought for Juried Exhibition

The Koehnline Museum of Art at Oakton Community College invites female artists to submit work for a juried exhibition scheduled Tuesday, Oct. 29 through Friday, Nov. 6, 2009. Deadline for entries is Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009. Entry is free.

Down to There: Women and Their Relationship to Hair will focus on women's hair as a conduit for personal creativity, self-expression, and rebellion. Works should adhere to this theme, and also may comment on issues related to gender, ethnicity, and femininity.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies at Oakton, in cooperation with the museum.

Artists may submit only work for consideration. Works must be submitted on a compact disc as JPEG images with a resolution of at least 300 dpi. The CD must be labeled with the artist's name, title of the work, and medium. The CD also should contain a Word file with a one-paragraph description of the work and a one-paragraph artist biography.

Send all materials to: Nathan Harpaz, Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Gold Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016. To download a full prospectus, visit www.oakton.edu/womenartists.pdf.

For more information, contact Nathan Harpaz at 847-635-2633 or nharpaz@oakton.edu.

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Niles West's Poetry Slam Team Back from International Festival

A Tribe Called West, Niles West High School's poetry slam team, recently competed at the Brave New Voices International Poetry Festival, a one-of-a-kind festival that brings together the top young poets and spoken word artists, aged 13-19, from across the United States and beyond. This year the festival was held in Chicago. Although A Tribe Called West did not enjoy as much success in the head-to-head bouts as they would have liked, the team stayed true to the nature of the work that led the team to victory in the Chicago-area Louder Than A Bomb poetry slam competition this spring, according to Niles West English teacher Paul Bellwoar, who coaches the team.

"Tribe West's strength stems from the combination of performance poetics and crafted storytelling," Bellwoar said. "Their work springs from an exploration of the lives they live, and their pieces tend to reflect on the personal."

While the team from Hawaii eventually emerged as the winners of the festival, Niles West alumnus and former school slam team member Brian Yoo stole the show on the finals stage at the Chicago Theater July 18, Bellwoar said. Yoo is currently a member of the Bay Area All-Stars poetry slam team. "Brian's piece eloquently, artistically, and deftly explored his Korean-American heritage. When he finished, hundreds of youth stood and cheered the piece, calling out to the judges that only a score of 10 would suffice," according to Bellwoar.

During the six-day festival, A Tribe Called West members were able to meet and socialize with spoken word nobility like Saul Williams, Beau Sia, Roger Bonair-agard, Kevin Coval and Robbie Q. Telfer. They also received a great deal of encouragement from other teams and coaches.

Bellwoar said A Tribe Called West is committed to defending its title in the 2010 Louder Than a Bomb competition, which will be the swan song for senior members Noor Hasan, Ainee Fatima, Hera Shakir and Chase Langston.

AGT TAX AND INSURANCE SERVICES MOVES TO DOWNTOWN SKOKIE

AGT Tax and Insurance Services, a full-service tax and financial planning practice, recently moved from Lincolnwood to a newly renovated 6,000 square foot space in downtown Skokie, at 5009 Oakton Street. The company specializes in preserving wealth for seniors and offers comprehensive tax preparation, estate planning, and wealth management services primarily to seniors age 55 and older. In the last eight years, the company has grown from a staff of 3 to a staff of over 16, with over 700 clients nationwide, mostly in the Northern Chicagoland area.

Company President, Aryeh Goldbloom, in speaking about this growth, explained that, "In today's market and particularly for seniors, the measure of a financial planner's value is not in how much he MADE for his clients last year, but rather how well, over the long term, he has succeeded in PRESERVING his clients' wealth. Our specialty is finding the best-performing safe-money avenues, ones which cannot lose money, but which are likely to substantially out-perform CD's, Treasury notes, conventional fixed annuities, and other typical forms of safe investments. That approach has helped us, in the last year, prevent our clients from losing any money at all in the vehicles that we recommended, and has allowed us to save in total, over \$50 million in retirement assets that would have gone down the drain in the stock market if it hadn't been for us."

The story behind the site selection and development is an interesting one. The COO of the company, Eli Rothman, had been looking for a new space for over a year. The space was in terrible shape when he first saw it. "The drop ceiling had old and stained ceiling tiles. The floor had been stripped to a bare concrete. There were no interior walls, no bathrooms, no lighting and the entire site was framed in cinderblock. However, when I saw the truss roof, an idea began to materialize. By removing the drop ceiling and adding a skylight, we could create an open, loft-like feel in the front offices where all the client meetings take place. We brought in acclaimed architect Richard Preves and the designer, Renee Ruffolo, who created a very classy, very open and inviting space."

The company sponsors a number of financial education seminars for seniors at local restaurants as well as offering comprehensive tax preparation services for just \$49 from February through April.

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Do you know someone who loves to read, but can't make it over to the Library? Sign them up for Books on Wheels! Evanston residents of any age who have difficulty coming in because of illness or disability may receive home delivery of books, movies or music from a volunteer. To register, or for more information, leave a message at 847-448-8620, or email booksonwheels@cityofevanston.org

Computer Training Classes

Computer Training Lab, 3rd floor, Main Library

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

Drop-In Internet Practice with an Instructor

Wednesdays, 6:00 -7:30 pm

Computer Training Lab, 3rd floor, Main Library

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Schedule a free half-hour consultation with a professional career counselor Jewish Vocational Service by calling the Main Library's Reference Desk at 847-448-8630 to reserve a time-slot. Sessions are the second Monday and the last Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Small Community Meeting Room on the first floor.

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For more information, call the Reference Desk, (847) 448-8630.

Library Film Series

Funny Face

Friday August 14 3 pm, Community Meeting Room, Main Library (1957; 103 minutes; unrated)

The dancing of Fred Astaire, the charm of Audrey Hepburn, and the direction of Stanley Donen are combined in this stylish musical about Paris, the world of high fashion photographers, models, beatniks, and love. Filmed on location, with dance sequences at the Eiffel Tower and the Left Bank, this delightful film includes songs by Ira and George Gershwin.

Eldorado 78 min., Belgium In French with English subtitles.

Monday 8/17/2009 7:00 PM Community Meeting Room, Main Library

Yvan and Elie are two loners who wander aimlessly through their lives. Yvan is a quick-tempered 40-year-old vintage car dealer while Elie is a young burglar and ex-junkie. One day Yvan catches Elie trying to rob him. Instead of beating him up, he becomes strangely attached to him and agrees to drive him home to his parents in his old Chevrolet. Yvan and Elie are both nostalgic about lost relationships, which is what leads them to undertake a bizarre journey through a region that is as spectacular as it is crazy. Both are trying to find the pieces of a puzzle that they want to put back together, but it might be too late.

LOCAL FARMERS' MARKETS

EVANSTON

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

Place: Intersection of University Place and Oak Avenue

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

Home Grown Artists

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

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

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

Home Grown Artists will appear at the Farmers Market from 7:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on August 22; September 12 and 26; and October 3.

LINCOLNWOOD

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

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

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

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

SKOKIE

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

Village of Skokie Lending Closet

The Village of Skokie Human Services Division Lending Closet offers Skokie residents the use of canes, walkers, crutches and wheelchairs for periods up to six months. A driver's license or state ID is required for wheelchair loans. A lightweight travel wheelchair may be borrowed for 24 hours or through a weekend for a \$25 deposit that is refunded upon the wheelchair's return. A standard folding wheelchair may be borrowed for up to five working days for a \$25 deposit that is refunded. Standard folding wheelchairs also are available for loan for up to six months for a \$25 fee that is not refunded. All items must be returned to the Smith Activities Center, at 5120 Galitz Street, in good condition. For more information contact the Human Services Division at 847/933-8208. Released by Public Information Division

Village of Skokie Update on Novel Influenza A (H1N1)

The Village of Skokie Health Department continues to monitor the spread of novel influenza A (H1N1) virus in the Skokie community. Since the outbreak began in late April 2009, the Skokie Health Department has worked closely with Skokie schools and health care providers to ensure that necessary precautions and proactive measures are taken to protect the health and well-being of the community.

The United States anticipates a return of the novel H1N1 virus this fall, when the flu season officially begins in early October. The majority of the U.S. population does not have immunity to this virus and can expect to be susceptible to infection. The federal government has released information to local health officials, including Skokie, that there will likely be an adequate supply of novel H1N1 vaccine to immunize persons at risk of infection. As a result, the Village is working diligently with county, state and federal officials as well as Skokie health care organizations to prepare for a large-scale distribution of the vaccine beginning in mid- to late-October 2009.

The novel H1N1 vaccine is different from the seasonal flu vaccine; it is specifically created for the novel H1N1 virus and is aimed towards a younger population than the traditional flu vaccine. The initial target groups for novel H1N1 vaccination are:

- * Pregnant women
- * Children age 6 months - 18 years
- * Household members and caregivers of children less than 6 months of age
- * Adults age 19 - 24 years
- * Adults age 25 - 64 years with underlying health problems
- * Healthcare workers and EMS

Although plans are still in development, it is likely that novel H1N1 vaccine will be distributed through several sources including private physician offices, pharmacies, and public vaccination clinics. More information will be available over the next few months, and details will be widely disseminated as soon as they are known.

For more information on novel influenza A (H1N1) virus please visit the Centers for Disease Control web site at www.cdc.gov/swineflu. With other questions call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

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Eighteen and Alone: The Legal Risks of Independence



Chester M. Przybylo

When your child turns eighteen, it may feel like nothing has changed. But, disconcerting as it may be, for all legal purposes, turning eighteen makes your child an adult. Even more disturbing is the fact that without proper legal safeguards, you may no longer have any say in their medical care or financial matters. This article reviews the barriers that may prevent you from accessing your child's medical information in case of an accident or illness. Also discussed in this article are several legal safeguards that can be used to prevent this from happening to you and your child.

Your child has just turned 6,570 days old, and on the surface nothing seems to have changed. He still mixes the reds with the whites in the wash-she drove off with her book bag on the roof of her car again. But, disconcerting as it may be, for all legal purposes, turning 18 makes your child an adult.

Even more disturbing is the fact that without proper legal safeguards, you may no longer have any say in their medical care or financial matters. Should something terrible befall your child, you would be powerless to help them.

Each year, approximately 20,000 college-age kids die in the United States. What sets this population apart from the rest of the country is that almost half of these deaths are accident related. In general, our kids are not having heart attacks or getting lung cancer-instead they are more likely to be crashing cars or suffering other accidents.

I know it's difficult to even consider the possibility of something bad happening to your child. No one sits around imagining such scenarios. But the unpleasant truth is that no matter how responsible, how healthy, or how young your child is, they are at risk.

We all protect the things we value. You buy homeowners insurance to protect your house from natural disasters, fire, and other catastrophes. The odds are pretty slim that your house will be destroyed by lightning, but because your home is important to you, you protect it. Well, the same logic applies to your children. You have every expectation that they'll be safe at college, but because you love and care about them, protecting them in case the unexpected happens just makes sense.

Here's why you need to act: On April 14, 2003, the privacy rule of HIPAA (Heath Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) went into effect. The intent of this act is to prevent anyone from accessing and abusing an individual's personal medical information.

Fortunately and unfortunately, this privacy applies to your 18-year-old as well. The downside, of course, is that if your son or daughter has an accident or is incapacitated in some way, you may not even be able to discuss their medical situation with a doctor because it may violate HIPAA. In order to prevent this, you need your child's legal consent to access their medical records and make decisions for them, based on their own wishes, in the event of an emergency. Specifically, you need a HIPAA Authorization Form and a Health Care Directive completed for them.

Another important legal safeguard is a Property Power of Attorney. This is especially helpful if your child travels abroad. It allows you to handle any unforeseen issues that may arise with your child's car, apartment, student loans, etc.

To be clear, these documents and safeguards do not in any way allow the designated agent to "interfere" with their child's medical care or financial decisions. These are simply emergency measures to protect the interests of your newly-minted "adult" child.

Becoming an adult is an exciting rite-of-passage for every young person, but with independence comes an important set of responsibilities. Getting these legal matters sorted out may be the most important birthday present you ever give to your child.

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.

Write a Winning Cover Letter

Before you land your new position, whether it is a full-time or part-time job, you need to nail the interview. Before you nail the interview, you need to get an interview. And before you get an interview you need to impress them with your resume and cover letter. Chances are you've spent most of your time focusing on creating the perfect resume and little time on your cover letter.

The best cover letters are formal statements that point out the compatibility of your skills, accomplishments and background with the requirements of the job. Do not get caught up in listing your career background and work history. That is a resume, not a cover letter.

Beware of mistakes! There is absolutely nothing that will turn off a potential employer faster than a bunch of misspelled words and poorly constructed sentences. It is essential that you not only use your spell check, but also carefully read your cover letter. Ask a friend or family member to give it the onceover.

Always be respectful toward the company and the position you are seeking. Never include terms like "Although I am clearly overqualified..." or "I know this position is a step down for me." It is also important to never include anything that can be construed as negative about a past employer. Be positive in your cover letter.

A great way to show a possible employer that you are a proactive, intelligent job prospect is to include some of your research on the company. This distinctly tells hiring managers that you have done your homework and that you are not simply submitting resumes to every business with a job posting.

At the end of every cover letter should be a request for an interview. "I would love to meet with you to discuss how I can add to your company." or "I am available next week and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you." And after having written a winning cover letter, your chances of landing that interview have vastly increased!

Tammy Cook is the owner of 10 til 2 – The Part-time Placement Service – Chicago North Shore, tcook@tentiltwo.com.

Investment Ideas for Newlyweds

Summer is a popular season for weddings. If you're getting married soon, you have a lot to think about, but after the wedding — well, you'll have even more to think about. And one of those topics should be your investment strategy. In these days of economic uncertainty, it's important that you and your spouse make investment decisions today that will help you reach your long-term goals.

Of course, the investment process can seem confusing to just one person, so you might think it will be twice as difficult for the two of you. But that's not necessarily so. You can launch an investment strategy that can serve you well throughout your lives together by following these few basic steps:

Identify your goals. When you start out, you may have short-term goals, such as saving enough for a down payment on a house. As you move through the years, your goals will become longer-term in nature. For example, if you have children, you might set a goal of helping them pay for college. And you will need to establish a goal of saving for retirement. Your first step toward achieving all these goals is identifying them.

Commit to regular investing. When you begin your careers, you and your spouse may not have a lot of disposable income, but you still need to commit yourselves to putting aside some money each month — even if it's only a small amount — for investment purposes. If you each have an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k) plan, contribute as much as you can afford.

Reconcile your investment styles. You and your spouse may have different orientations toward investing. By nature, you might be an aggressive investor, while your spouse could be more conservative, or vice versa. This divergence does not have to be a problem, but you should communicate your preferences clearly to each other when choosing investments together. If you and your spouse each compromise a bit, you can come up with a joint portfolio that works for both of you. At the same time, when you each have an account, such as a 401(k), you may not want them to look alike by containing duplicate investments. Instead, consider building portfolios that complement each other and that can help fill in any gaps that exist in your joint investment strategy.

Be co-managers. You probably know many married couples in which one spouse handles all the finances and investments. This isn't necessarily a good model to follow. You and your spouse will benefit if you both are familiar with your investment situation and capable of making decisions. Nobody knows what the future will hold, and if one spouse suddenly finds himself or herself in charge of the family finances, with no preparation, it can lead to troubles.

By following these suggestions, you can make long-term investing a rewarding part of your marriage. And the sooner you get started, the greater those rewards can be.

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Evanston's dog beach, located north of the Church Street boat launch facility, opened for the 2009 season on Friday, May 1, and will remain open through Oct. 31. Hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. All dogs using the beach must have a pass. The fee for a 2009 dog beach pass is \$50 per dog owned by an Evanston resident and \$100 per dog owned by a nonresident. Applications for dog beach passes as well as dog beach rules and regulations are available at the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., or on the City's Web site at www.cityofevanston.org. Before obtaining a dog beach pass, owners must show written proof that their dogs are current on their vaccinations and have been examined within the past year for any communicable diseases. In addition, dogs must be currently licensed in Evanston or the city where the dog lives. For more information, call 847-866-2900.

Dog vs. Cat & Dog Wins!

By Bosley

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

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

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

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

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

Play on, Bosley

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

Vaccinations in Dogs & Cats

Part 3

by Peter S. Sakas DVM, MS

Vaccines

The term vaccine comes from the Latin word for cow. It is actually honoring Dr. Edward Jenner and the use of the cowpox virus to protect people against the deadly disease of smallpox in the late 18th century. Cowpox produced a mild disease, however the antibodies produced against it were shown to be protective against smallpox-thus people were "given" cowpox and saved from smallpox-the first "vaccination".

Early veterinary vaccines were relatively impure mixtures of live or dead viruses/bacteria or their by-products. The first vaccines against canine distemper were prepared by using ground up tissues of infected animals and subsequently inactivated. These vaccines had low potency and high risk of adverse reactions. In the early 1950's special cultures for viruses (called tissue cultures) were used and greatly improved the quality of the vaccines.

Vaccine production, licensing and marketing are rigidly controlled by the USDA. They are evaluated for safety, effectiveness and the risk of adverse side effects. Therefore it is very important to strictly follow the manufacturers guidelines as improper usage can lead to harmful effects or lack of a proper level of protection. Different products should never be mixed to provide combined vaccines unless it is permitted in the instructions. Expired vaccines should not be used due to diminished effectiveness.

Types of Vaccines

Live Vaccines

Oh my gosh-why would you ever want to inject live disease causing organisms into your loved pet?? Its done every day by thousands of veterinarians and more than likely your dogs/cats have had it done to them every year!! This is because many of our most effective vaccinations, particularly the canine distemper vaccine, uses the live virus. Why is this done??

Live agents in vaccines must be modified (attenuated or weakened) so that they retain the ability to generate an immune response but do not produce illness. There are many different means of weakening the organisms. The vaccinations are then prepared in a freeze dried (lyophilized) form which increases stability and storage lifespan. They are stored in the refrigerator and when ready for use sterile water is added. The vaccination is then administered, usually under the skin (subcutaneously).

The most effective vaccines are those that mimic the route and type of infection they are trying to prevent. Modified live vaccines that develop within the animal provide great protection. However, because they are a live organism precautions must be taken accompanying their usage. We will cover these in the next installment.

Inactivated (Killed) Virus

These are produced in a similar fashion to the live vaccines, however they are subjected to various forms of denaturation to kill the organism but not destroy the ability to stimulate an immune response. They may not be quite as effective as a modified live vaccine but you are not dealing with a live organism.

Next article we will deal with more differences between the types of vaccines, factors affecting the effectiveness of vaccinations, precautions, and then providing a rational vaccination schedule.

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"A Theatre Review"

"Blackbird"

Victory Gardens Biograph Theatre
2433 N. Lincoln Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

Probably one of the hottest tickets for regional theatre currently is David Harrower the Scottish playwright's show titled "Blackbird" at the Victory Gardens Biograph Theatre.

The main draw is William L. Peterson, the star of the hit crime show "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation." Peterson is a Chicago actor who has hit it big in Hollywood and is a strong actor and gives a strong performance.

Audiences who are lucky enough to see the show should come out talking about Mattie Hawkinson who gives a breathtaking performance. She has me mesmerized for the 90 minutes of the show, that's how strong and good she was in her role as Una.

Many people wonder how the play "Blackbird" received its name – well it's the British vernacular for jailbird.

Peterson as Ray had a sexual affair with Una 15 years ago. At the time she was 12 and he was 40. Una shows up at Ray's work place to confront him concerning their affair. The playwright tries to bring both sides to their audience as Ray is a sexual predator.

Dennis Zacek's direction of this two character harrowing play deserves credit for keeping his audience on their toes for 90 minutes. The play was performed in New York in 2007 with Jeff Daniels and Alison Pill and both I'm sure gave strong performances but I think the two of Peterson and Hawkinson give even stronger performances.

Una and Ray had a three month affair and both met at Una's parent's barbecue. It wouldn't be fair to tell you how the play ends but it is dark and some might find it depressing. You don't come out of the theatre feeling good and many are looking for happy times for the summer. It is worth seeing in its brief run through August 16th.

For reservations, performance times and dates call 773-871-3000. Tickets are \$30.00 - \$58.00

-Three Stars-

"A Minister's Wife"

Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt

George Bernard Shaw is a famous playwright and "A Minister's Wife" is based on his 1894 play "Candida." The show has been made into a musical in collaboration with Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble member Austin Pendleton with music and lyrics by Josh Schmidt and Jan Tranan. Writers Theatre's artistic director Michael Halberstam has assembled an exceptional cast for this 95-minute world premiere production that he has directed. Schmidt's other world premier musical "The Adding Machine" was first presented at the Next Theatre in Evanston before moving to an off Broadway theatre in New York. After viewing this haunting and beautifully done production I felt it was more of an operetta.

Kevin Gudahl is the Reverend James Morell who is a charismatic minister and while he is a talented actor he is merely an adequate singer, as you'll discover when he sings "sermon" along with the cast to let you in on what is about to unfold. Gudahl has appeared in several musicals over the years but is best off in dramas and comedies. The beautiful and talented Kate Fry is back on stage after a maternity leave and plays the minister's wife Candida. We find that morell is a pious minister but one wonders if their marriage is a happy one. A young poet played by Alan Schmuckler thinks he is in love with the minister's wife. Schmuckler is a rising handsome talent who has a beautiful singing voice and we only hope we will see more of his work on stage.

Liz Baites is Prosperine the secretary of the minister and Adam Estes is Alexander Mill, an apprentice minister. Both are "yes" people to every whim of the Reverend. We get far more out in the open in the show's climax. "A Minister's Wife" is a chamber musical or operetta and runs at the Writer's Theatre until August 16. It is a most enjoyable evening of entertainment. For performance days, show times and reservations call 847-242-6000. Tickets are \$45 - \$60.

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