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PROOF OF CLAIM

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1. Amount of Claim as of Date Case Filed: \$ 51,000.00

If all or part of your claim is secured, complete item 4 below; however, if all of your claim is unsecured, do not complete item 4.

If all or part of your claim is entitled to priority, complete item 5.

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2. Basis for Claim: Newspaper - Advertising
(See instruction #2 on reverse side.)☐ Domestic support obligations under 11 U.S.C. §507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B).

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3a. Debtor may have scheduled account as: _____
(See instruction #3a on reverse side.)☐ Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$11,725*) earned within 180 days before filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. §507 (a)(4).

4. Secured Claim (See instruction #4 on reverse side.)

Check the appropriate box if your claim is secured by a lien on property or a right of setoff and provide the requested information.

Nature of property or right of setoff: ☐ Real Estate ☐ Motor Vehicle ☐ Other
Describe:

Value of Property: \$ _____ Annual Interest Rate _____ %

Amount of arrearage and other charges as of time case filed included in secured claim,

if any: \$ _____ Basis for perfection: _____

Amount of Secured Claim: \$ _____ Amount Unsecured: \$ _____

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Amount entitled to priority:

\$ _____

6. Credits: The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited for the purpose of making this proof of claim.

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Move it, Max

Psst!

Memo to Max Kennedy — son of the legendary U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy — whose boat capsized on Lake Michigan weeks ago near Rainbow Beach Park in Chicago.

Please remove it.

A Sneed source claims the U.S. Coast Guard has been asked to help out, for fear of a possible gas or oil leak.

What's the problem?

Word is Kennedy, an author, was planning on using the slip where the boat capsized to make repairs.

Tipsville ...

The ongoing legal woes of multimillionaire



Max Kennedy

NBA basketball star Eddy Curry

just got worse.

Sneed is told Cook County sheriff's deputies are now actively looking to arrest the New York Knicks center and dispatched a marked squad car to Curry's Burr Ridge home Wednesday morning.

Eddy Curry

"He wasn't there," said a source. "A car was in the driveway, but no one answered the door."



Roger Daltrey

An issue is a personal injury lawsuit filed by a woman named Christine White, which is under seal. A week ago a Cook County judge issued a warrant for Curry's arrest, stemming from his failure to comply with orders in a civil case.

Capers Punny

"For a week, sheriff's staff have been attempting to do that, expecting Curry to show up with his attorney and the required \$150,000 cash bond he needs to remain free pending the next court hearing."

Louis Farrakhan

"The upshot: Deputies will now question Curry's family, friends and his associates about his whereabouts and make return trips to his home."

Roger Daltrey

"The buckshot: The Harvey narrative and one-time Bull may be staying in New York, the source added. "If that's the case, he can't be extradited, because the warrant stems from a civil case."

The 'F' word ...

Roger Daltrey

Sneed has learned Robin Capers Punny, a cousin of first lady Michelle Obama, got a call from Minister Louis Farrakhan months ago seeking a "dialogue" with local rabbis.



Richard Jenkins

♦ Scoot 'em: Farrakhan, who has long had a rough relationship with Jews, made headlines this week via a nationwide letter to Jewish groups accusing Jews of hurting blacks and seeking reparation for the damage done to them.

♦ Torch fire: All I can say is it's extremely unfortunate that Minister Farrakhan has once again entered into a — for lack of a better

expression — blame the Jews for the problems of African Americans," said Punny, who heads the Beth Shalom Beth Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation, 6601 S. Kedzie Ave. "It's extremely troubling and it's extremely hurtful."

♦ Call 'em: "I haven't spoken with him in several months, but he did call me — oh, I don't know six months ago, and wanted to have some dialogue with rabbis in this area. And I had certainly started reaching out to rabbis to try to put a meeting together," but only two agreed, Punny told Sneed. "The meeting didn't occur."

♦ The fine line: "I think it's going to be very difficult to get leaders in the Jewish community that would be willing to sit down and meet with Minister Farrakhan," he added. "This type of rhetoric doesn't build bridges. It seems to tear down any attempt to try and construct any meaningful dialogue."

♦ The bottom line: "But I absolutely still speak with him. I never close doors. To close a door, in my humble opinion, is a mistake."

I spy ...

MSNBC talking heads Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski

lunching at RI restaurant Wednesday ... And rocker Roger Daltrey at the eatery Tuesday night.

Sneedings ...

Academy Award-nominee actor Richard "The Visitor" Jenkins,

who also starred in the hit HBO series "Six Feet Under," is headlining a fund-raiser for his old pal, Judge Jordan Galliober ... Today's birthdays: Dan Aykroyd, 68; Kara Black, 71; Jessie Caron, 79; Pamela Anderson, 46; Jamie Farr, 76; Debbie Harry, 65; Liv Tyler, 38; and Jean Marsh, 76.

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Drink up, travelers: Daley

Mayor seeks beer pushcarts for airports, with bars open 24/7

By FRANK SPIELMAN

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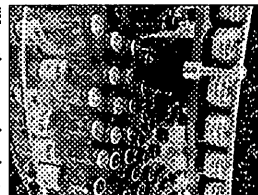
Mayor Daley has already more than doubled the number of latefront liquor licenses.

Now, he wants booze to flow more freely at O'Hare and Midway airports — by selling beer and wine from stationary pushcarts beyond security checkpoints and by allowing restaurants and bars that now shut down at 10 or 11 p.m. to sell hard liquor 24 hours a day.

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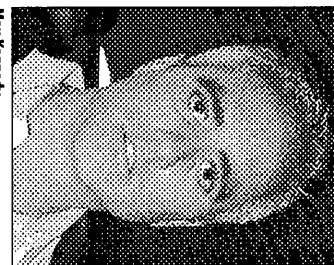
Move it, Max...

Memo to Max Kennedy, a member of the famous Kennedy tribe, son of legendary U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy, and nephew of the late U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy: Get a grip.

To wit: Sneed is told the U.S. Coast Guard has just issued Kennedy an ultimatum: Move your 60-foot capsize houseboat out of Lake Michigan by July 5... or else!

The backshot: "We just issued an administrative order to get it out of there," said Coast Guard Cmdr. Charles Tenny. "The boat has been in the water [near the old U.S. Steel yards] since June 12."

Backshot: Kennedy, who is now in L.A.,



Max Kennedy



Al Gore

had reportedly planned to repair the houseboat, named River Maiden, in a large slip of water near the old steel works, when it capsize with four adults and two dogs on board.



Kirs Vestberg

Slickshot: "Everyone got off safely and there is no debris in the water, but we did plug the boat's vents to ensure there would be no spillage of the 150 gallons of tube oil and fuel on board," Tenny said.

Gore 'em...



Mary Streep

On tell it on the mountain: Molly Hagerly, the masseuse who claims former veep Al Gore sexually attacked her in 2006, is described as "outgoing... a very honest person... known for striking up conversations... loves birds... has a small dog... and is very spiritual," according to neighbors interviewed by the Oregonian.

The Cup runneth...



Lindsay Lohan

...to the South Side, finally! The South Side's thirst for the Stanley Cup was successfully quenched this week — thanks to Hawks athletic trainer/South Side Mike Gapski.

To wit: Before the Cup seeped the way into the hearts of South Side fans, Gapski, who grew up in Marquette Park and lives in Cresswood, had the Cup to dinner with his family Tuesday.

Next up: A police escort to shepherd the silver bowl to bars in Orchard Park and one in Palos Heights.

Finally: On Wednesday, Gapski brought the silver chalice to a local ice rink and rode atop a live truck to its next destination: In-

carriation Catholic grade school, where his kids go before taking the punch bowl to the U.S. Bourbon Street party place in Marquette Park. "My guess is 10,000 people got to see it this week," Gapski said.

Next up! It's Canada-bound: The Cup is headed to Nokolom, Saskatchewan, today where Blackhawk Jordan Hendry grew up. Former teammate Kirs Vestberg will do the same in Lethbridge, Alberta, over the weekend.

Memory lane: Vestberg, who played tennis ball hockey in the street in front of his house for an imaginary Stanley Cup as a kid, plans to have his pals over one last time. This time the real Stanley Cup will be on hand. Over and out!

Maw & how...

...from this & that: Former U.S. Afghanistan commander Stanley McCrystal once talked about opening a bookstore when he retired; actress Mary Streep is in talks to play former Brit Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in a film called "Thatcher" ... and Tiger Woods' estranged wife, Elin Nordegren, who has been spending time with their kids in Europe and Asia, might net \$700 million in a divorce settlement if she keeps her mouth shut.

Sneedings...

Today's birthdays: Lindsay Lohan, 24; Michelle Branch, 27; Jose Canseco, 46; Bret Hart, 53; Larry David, 63; and former Mexican President Vicente Fox, 68. Saturday's birthdays: Tom Cruise, 48; Lamar Alexander, 70; Dave Barry, 63; Betty Buckley, 66; Ken Russell, 84.

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Once pitied, now a killer

As a child, he saw younger brother thrown out of a window

BY RUMANA HUSSAIN

Criminal Court Reporter
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When he was 9, Derrick Lemon took the stand to testify how he tried to save the younger brother before he was tossed out of the 14th-floor window of an abandoned Ida B. Wells high-rise.

The case received national attention in 1994 because of the age of his 5-year-old brother's killers: 10 and 11.

Lemon, now 22, was back at the same courthouse this week.



Derrick Lemon

This time, however, it was Lemon who was convicted of taking the life of someone trying to protect another.

A Cook County jury found Lemon guilty Thursday of murdering his sister's 40-year-old boyfriend, Ilyse Glover, on March 1, 2006, after Glover tried to stop Lemon from choking her at a family barbecue.

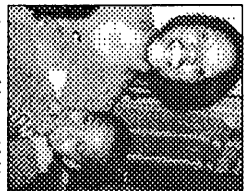
Lemon started attacking his aunt when she asked him to leave the residence in the 400 block of West 57th during a heated argument, prosecutors said. When Glover attempted to intervene, Lemon shot him several times.

Earlier this year, Lemon was also charged with home invasion and intimidating a witness to the murder after he allegedly broke into the home of a witness, prosecutors said.

Lemon, who had been free on a \$750,000 bond, had a gun with him when he sneaked into the residence at 8 a.m. on Feb. 18, prosecutors said.

Lemon's brother Eric Morse was thrown out of the Chicago Housing Authority building by two boys who were apparently angry at Eric because he wouldn't steal candy for them.

Lemon suffered from nightmares and extreme feelings of insecurity after watching his inseparable



Eric Morse (shown with his mother) was thrown out of a window and killed in 1994.

brother die, fellow CHA residents said at the time. A fund was established to pay for his long-term counseling needs, and officials at the DuSable School gave him a plaque dedicating him "the Little Hero." During the trial of Eric's killers, Lemon said he couldn't save Eric because one of the boys hit him when he tried to grab his sibling's dangling body. "I let him go, and the older boy still had him, and he let him go, and he fell," Lemon had testified.

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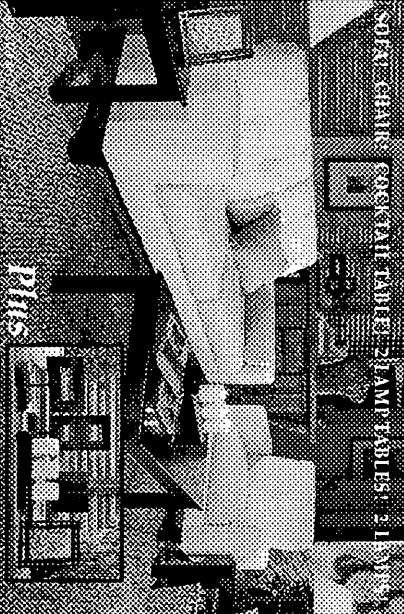
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Birthday party balloon may have caused death of girl, 6, cops say

ROMEOTVILLE | Found with it 'wrapped around her face'

BY KIM JANSEN
Staff Reporter
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Emblazoned with the number "6," the party balloon was meant to bring a little color and joy to Jayda Jones' sixth birthday.

Instead, the cheap gift may have killed her.



Jayda Jones, shown in an undated photo, may have lost consciousness while trying to inhale helium from the balloon, investigators speculate.

Jayda's father, Andre Jones, told Romeoville police he found a lifeless Jayda lying with the "balloon wrapped around her face" in her bedroom at their home in the 800 west suburb shortly after 1 p.m. Tuesday. Deputy Police Chief Mark Turvey said.

Jones dialed 911 and carried his daughter outside, where neighbors tried to help revive her, but she was declared dead within 45 minutes at Adventist Hospital in Bolingbrook, police said.

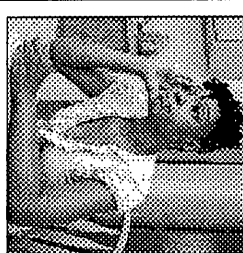
The preliminary results of an autopsy suggest Jayda died of "asphyxia from a mylar balloon," according to Will County Coroner Patrick O'Neil's office.

Investigators said she may have lost consciousness while trying to alter her voice by inhaling helium, then had her throat blocked by the balloon. Blood test results that could support that theory are pending.

The police and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services are both investigating.

Jayda's aunt Stephanie Jones said Jayda's parents are going through a "very rough time."

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U.S. News' annual report lauds six state hospitals

Six Illinois medical centers are ranked among the nation's best by U.S. News and World Report in at least one specialty, with Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Rush University Medical Center and the University of Chicago Medical Center receiving the most honors in the new edition of the much-watched rankings.

Northwestern Memorial ranked among the top 50 hospitals in 12 of 16 specialties in the "Best Hospital" issue, on newsstands Tuesday and also online at health.usnews.com/best-hospitals. Rush and U of C were ranked among the best in 11 specialties.

Topping this year's overall list was Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, followed by the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and the Cleveland Clinic.



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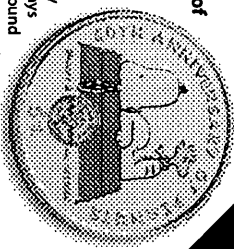
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Smash rating not what it used to be

Numbers great but no match for pre-cable era

BY PAIGE WISER
TV.Critic/pwiser@suntimes.com

The staggering ratings for Game Six were nearly as heartwarming as the Blackhawks' win. "The great thing is, it puts a lie to the we-don't-have-the-shared-experience any-more," says Chicago TV historian Walter J. Podrazik. "That truly was a shared experience."

It's especially impressive considering the changes in the TV universe since 1974, the last time a Stanley Cup game was so widely watched (8.23 million households). Since then, TV has begotten cable, and cable has begotten hundreds of channels to compete with one little old hockey game.

"The number of available choices to all viewers has increased so much, it's changed the expectations of what a good rating is," says Podrazik. Carrying 8.28 million households in this increasingly fragmented medium, as Wednesday's game did, is a coup.

"If you compare ratings in the '80s



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TV'S TOP 10, THEN AND NOW

1974

(Average weekly viewers from September 1974 to April 1975)

1. "All in the Family," CBS, 20.68 million
2. "Sanford and Son," NBC, 20.27 million
3. "Chico and the Man," NBC, 19.52 million
4. "The Jeffersons," CBS, 18.9 million
5. "WASH," CBS, 18.76 million
6. "Rhoda," CBS, 18.0 million
7. "Good Times," CBS, 17.67 million
8. "The Waltons," CBS, 17.46 million
9. "Maude," CBS, 17.05 million
10. "Hawaii Five-O," CBS, 16.98 million

Last week

(May 31-June 6)

1. NBA Finals Game 2, ABC, 15.72 million
2. NBA Finals Game 1, ABC, 14.09 million
3. "Am. Got Talent" (Tues.), NBC, 12.35 mil.
4. "NCIS," CBS, 10.83 million
5. "60 Minutes," CBS, 10.44 million
6. "Am. Got Talent" (Wed.), NBC, 10.36 mil.
7. "Two and a Half Men," CBS, 9.85 million
8. "The Big Bang Theory," CBS, 9.47 million
9. "The Mentalist," CBS, 9.44 million
10. "NCIS: Los Angeles," CBS, 9.34 million

SOURCE: NIELSEN CO.

run season, and viewers looking for original programming had to choose from new episodes of "I Didn't Know

"I Was Pregnant" on TLC at 8 p.m., and ABC's "Happy Town" at 9. Comment at suntimes.com.

Audience for Game 6 blasts Game 5 record

BY LEWIS LAZARE
Media & Marketing Columnist

The Blackhawks scored huge Nielsen overnight numbers in the Chicago market for Wednesday's Stanley Cup finale. Not only, the broadcast delivered the highest ratings in 26 years for a Cup final.

Game 6 pulled a huge 32.6 overnight rating (14.4 million households) on WMAG-Channel 5 in the Chicago market, easily besting the previous record of 26 (910,000 households) for Sunday night's Game 5. At 10 p.m., when Game 6 went into overtime, the rating on WMAG peaked at an even more astounding 46.0 (16.1 million households).

Nationally, the game finale registered a 5.5 overnight rating (7 million households). The Blackhawks also boosted WMAG's late news, which trounced the local competition, pulling a 12.9 rating (451,500), compared with a 2.8 (98,000 households) for Channel 2 and a 5.0 (175,000 households) for perennially top-rated Channel 7.

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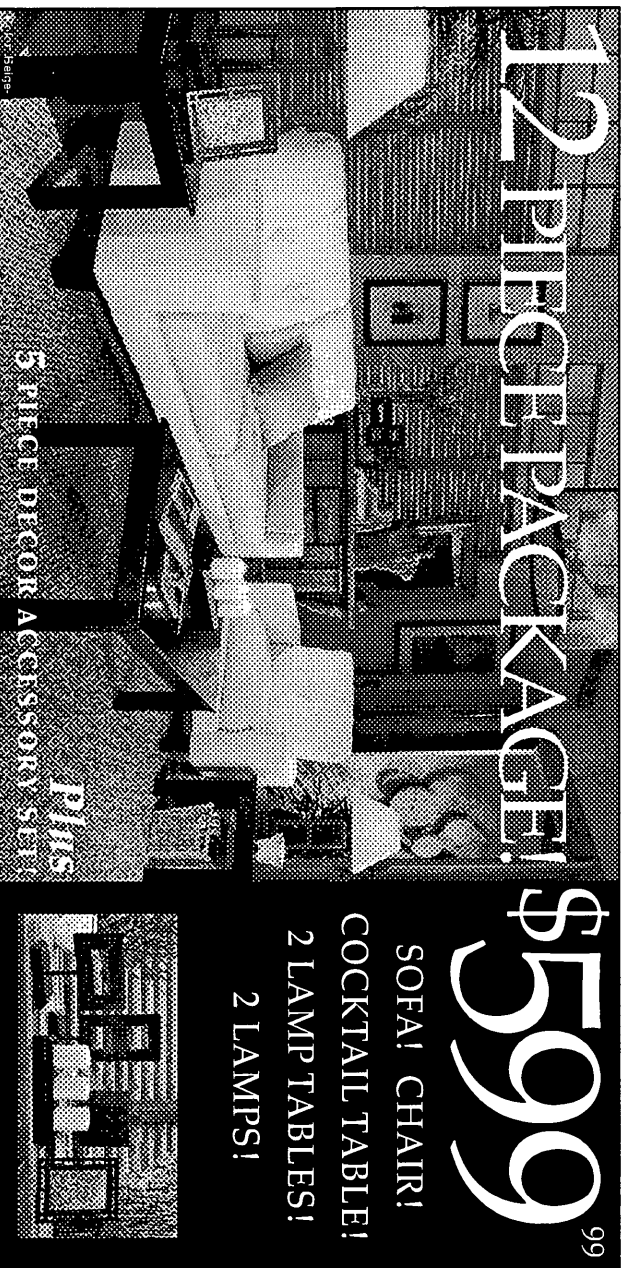
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Wal-Mart gets city expansion OK

Organized labor drops its battle against at least 21 Chicago stores

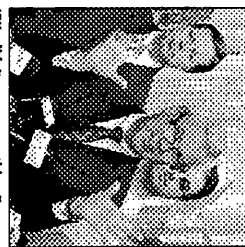
BY FRANK SPIELMAN
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The six-year-long battle over Wal-Mart's \$1 billion Chicago expansion plan ended Thursday when organized labor folded its tent, freeing its City Council allies to do the same.

Minutes after the Chicago Federation of Labor declared an end to the long-running Wal-Mart saga, the City Council's Zoning Committee unanimously approved Chicago's second Wal-Mart and first Supercenter that sells groceries.

"This is historic. This is the first time that the world's largest retailer has actually engaged in a dialogue with its opponents," said Finance Committee Chairman Edward M. Burke (44th), one of labor's staunchest City Council allies.

The Pullman Park Wal-Mart is expected to be the first of at least 21 Chicago stores large and small — and possibly as many as "several dozen" — within the next five years, creating 10,000 permanent jobs and 2,000 construction jobs.



"We didn't cave on anything," Wal-Mart's second City Council ally, Ald. Dennis Gannon, said Thursday. "We made an adjustment here. ... It's something we all can live with."

The world's largest retailer made no additional concessions beyond its historic offer made earlier this week to pay an \$8.75-an-hour starting wage and \$9.50 an hour for its best employees after one year.

But the fact that Wal-Mart moved at all allowed retiring Chicago Federation of Labor President Dennis Gannon to claim victory.

So long as Wal-Mart lives up to



Wal-Mart's Steven Restivo, Ald. Anthony Beale and developer David Dong smile as Wal-Mart expansion is approved. | BRIAN JACKSON-SUN-TIMES PHOTOS

those terms and its promises to hire community residents to work in its Chicago stores — and union members to build them — the Chicago Federation of Labor will not oppose the expansion.

"We didn't cave on anything. Take a look at the job market right now. Our communities need jobs. Take a look at food deserts. Our communities need ... grocery stores. Take a look at no building and construction trade going on in Chicago. Thirty percent unemployment," Gannon said.

"That cries out that we need to make adjustments to put people to

work. We made an adjustment here. We may not be happy with it. But you know what? It's something we all can live with."

In 2004, a bitterly divided City Council gave Wal-Mart zoning approval to build its first Chicago store in Austin and handed the retailer a one-vote defeat in Chatham.

The controversy gave birth to the big-box minimum-wage ordinance advocated by Mayor Daley's 2006 veto. Organized labor subsequently spent millions to elect a more union-friendly City Council.

On Thursday, Gannon made it clear that aldermen who signed on

to the Pullman Park deal have nothing to fear.

"We're not gonna target anybody. But we're gonna help people [who] have been labor friendly," Gannon said.

Sources said the CRL and United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 881 decided to fold their tent under heavy pressure from aldermen suffering from what one City Council member called "Wal-Mart fatigue."

Now that Wal-Mart is promising dozens of stores in inner-city neighborhoods desperate for shopping choices and thousands of jobs, they could no longer justify standing in the way.

"This city is hurting. We're about to go into our budget season, and these are dollars that we will truly need in 2011," said Budget Committee Chairman Carrie Austin (34th), whose ward is one of five targeted for Wal-Mart Supercenters.

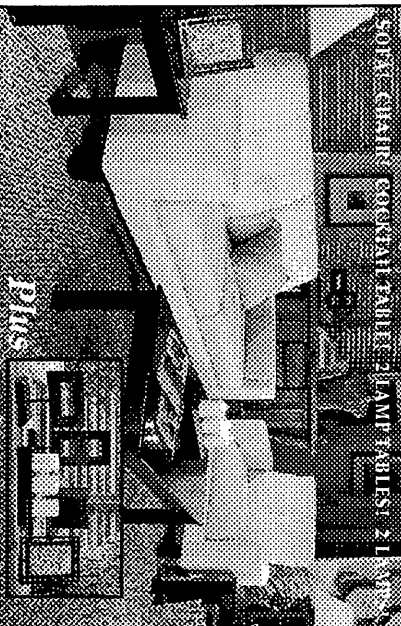
Burke added, "Politics is the art of compromise. Even though this has taken a long time, I believe that we've come to the right decision."

As for Wal-Mart, Burke said, "They need to be in the big cities. This is gonna change their opportunities, not only here in Chicago, but nationwide."

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Bribe-taking alderman gets 28-month sentence

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Former Ald. Isaac "Ike" Carothers (29th) was sentenced to 28 months in federal prison Thursday, four months after pleading guilty to taking tens of thousands of dollars worth of bribes while holding public office.



The longtime chairman of the City Council's Police and Fire Committee pleaded guilty in February to bribery, mail fraud and tax fraud for taking \$40,000 in home improvement grants from a developer seeking zoning changes. He also admitted to pocketing bribes from others.

Carothers is scheduled to be sentenced to 28 months in federal prison Aug. 23. The judge recommended he serve the time in Jankton, S.D., but the decision is up to the Bureau of Prisons.

He was also sentenced to three years of supervision and 200 hours of community service, and ordered to pay \$17,680 in restitution.

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Taking licenses of underage drinkers OK

The Illinois Supreme Court says it's constitutional to punish underage drinkers by taking away their driver's license, even when the offense has no connection to driving.

The court ruled Tuesday that Illinois lawmakers made a reasonable link when they decided to use driver's licenses as punishment for underage drinking.

The court says someone who drinks illegally might wind up driving drunk.

The ruling comes in a Clinton County case, where the law unconstitutional, saying it would violate a driver's due process rights to suspend a license for a crime that doesn't involve driving.

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Cleared cop faces suspension

Weis to fight panel's slap at officer freed in Iowa assault case

BY FRANK MAIN

Staff Reporters/mafrank@suntimes.com

A Chicago cop's assault conviction was reversed and he was freed from an Iowa prison in 2008 — but he could still face a 90-day suspension under a recommendation by Chicago's Independent Police Review Authority sources say.

Chicago Police Sgt. Jody Weis sought a pardon for Officer Mike Mette after he was convicted of injuring a drunken college student during a fight in Dubuque, Iowa, in 2005. Weis sent a letter to Iowa's attorney general in August 2008 saying he believed Mette punched the student in self-defense. The Iowa Court of Appeals acquitted Mette on Oct. 1, 2008, and he was released from prison.

So when the Independent Police Review Authority late last year recommended an unpaid 90-day suspension for Mette, Weis strongly objected, sources say. That wasn't the end of the matter, though. Under the ordinance that created



Police Officer Michael Mette is shown after he returned home in 2008 after being freed from prison in Iowa. | KEITH HALE/SUN-TIMES

the Independent Police Review Authority, yet, sources said.

The Independent Police Review Authority created in 2007, investigates excessive-force claims over punishment go before a three-member panel of the Chicago Police Board.

The superintendent's office is expected to argue against suspending Mette. A hearing isn't scheduled

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captain, a lieutenant, four sergeants and five officers, according to new information released Thursday. Most of the allegations involved excessive force against citizens.

The agency's recommendation to suspend Mette puzzles his family and fellow officers, who say it's not fair for Mette to face punishment for a crime that an appeals court decided he didn't commit.

"It's unbelievable," said the 32-year-old officer's father, Bob Mette. But Curtis Tarver II, a spokesman for the agency, stressed that its investigators look for violations of police rules — even if the violations don't rise to the level of criminal conduct.

The agency started investigating Mette when a complaint was filed the day after the Oct. 3, 2005, brawl. In November, the agency found that Mette violated police rules by bringing discredit to the department by getting drunk; by conspiring with a family member to give a false account to police; and by getting arrested and charged with assault, according to a synopsis posted Thursday on the agency's website.

Several other allegations were dropped.

The controversy erupted after Mette traveled to Dubuque to attend his brother's birthday party. Mette was arrested for punching Jale Gotthard once in the face — breaking his nose and jaw, and knocking him out. Mette and other witnesses said Gotthard attacked him first.

In a case that was highly publicized in Iowa, Mette was sentenced in 2007 to five years in prison and served 11 months before the appeals court ruled that he was wrongfully convicted. There wasn't any evidence to show Mette could have retreated from the fight without throwing a defensive punch, the appeals court said.

At the time of the acquittal, Weis issued a statement saying it was a "vindication for Officer Mette, who was confronted by a violent attacker and acted in self-defense." After he was freed, Mette rejoined the Chicago Police Department.

Mette, who is on the East Coast on a police memorial bicycle ride, doesn't want to comment on the proposed suspension until it's solved, his father said.

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Miss U.S.A. hopeful downplays photos

24-year-old Ashley Bradarich, being sexy is just part of being a woman. When the Homer Glen native walks on stage at Las Vegas' Pinafe Hollywood on Sunday to vie for the Miss USA 2010 crown, she'll be flaunting the body she spent months sculpting since becoming Miss Illinois USA last fall. One thing that won't be on Bradarich's mind? A recent flap over a series of sultry pub-

licity shots of Miss USA contestants clad in lingerie. "All of the reactions I've gotten have been positive," she said by phone from Las Vegas. The racy photos were shot by Miss USA's official photographer and posted this week on NBC's Web site. They feature the women lounging around a bedroom in thigh-high garters, leopard print undies and seductively unbuttoned men's shirts. In Bradarich's photo, she's dressed in a black bra, panties and stockings. "They let us wear whatever we felt comfortable wearing," she said. But some of her competitors and some state directors for Miss USA were upset by the photo spreads. One of the women even lost her job as an advocate for a child trafficking awareness organization after the photos surfaced.

Biscabeth Martin, SouthtownStar

Oil leak tops estimates, BP admits

Gulf | Crude hits Louisiana wetlands

NEW ORLEANS — BP conceded Thursday that more oil than it estimated is gushing into the Gulf of Mexico as heavy crude washed into Louisiana's wetlands for the first time, feeding worries and uncertainty about the massive monthlong spill.

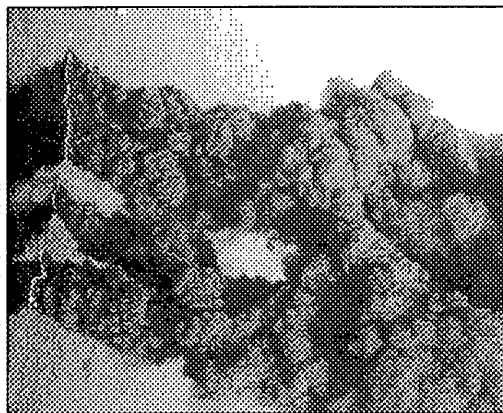
Mark Proegler, a BP spokesman, said a mile-long tube inserted into a leaking pipe last weekend is capturing 210,000 gallons a day — the total amount the company and the Coast Guard have estimated is gushing into the sea — but some is still seeping. He would not say how much.

Several professors who have watched video of the leak have said they believe the amount spewing out is much higher than estimates. Also Thursday, the EPA di-



Oil sticks to a boat Thursday on a beach near Venice, La.
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rected BP to use a less-toxic form of chemical dispersants to break up the spill. The EPA said much about the effects of the chemical re-



Smoke pours from a controlled burn of oil Thursday in the Gulf of Mexico.
JOHN KESSELS-AP, COAST GUARD VIA GETTY IMAGES

main unknown. One of the chief agents being used, called Corexit 9500, is identified as a "moderate" human health hazard. A spokesman for Naperville-based Nalco Co., which makes Corexit, said the company was gratified that the EPA acknowledged that use

Inmate can have his bikini pictures: court

MADISON, Wis. — An inmate at Wisconsin's maximum security prison will soon have four reasons to smile.

An appeals court on Thursday ordered prison officials to give inmate Johnny Lacy four photographs of women in bikinis that he ordered through the mail. The court said the photographs were improperly withheld from Lacy under a prison policy banning pornography.

Two of the photos show women sitting on the beach in bikinis and two others show a woman standing in a pink bikini in front of a wall.

The court says the four photos do not violate the prison's pornography ban, AP

Chew on this: Ronald not retiring

Ronald McDonald is not ready for retirement, McDonald's Corp's CEO Jim Skinner said Thursday at the restaurant chain's shareholders meeting Thursday.

Critics say the red-haired clown promotes unhealthy eating.

"The answer is no," Skinner told shareholders at the company's head-quarters in west suburban Oak Brook.

"He is a force for good," Skinner said.

"Ronald McDonald is a pied piper drawing youngsters all over the world to food that is high in fat, sodium and calories," said Alfred David Krieger, a retired physician.

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Concussions worse on young people, panel of Congress told

WASHINGTON — Young people who suffer concussions are at greater risk of long-term physical and mental consequences, lawmakers were told Thursday at a hearing on head injuries to high school athletes.

Michelle Pelton, a former high school basketball and softball player from Swansea, Mass., related to the House Education and Labor Committee how her life has been affected by five concussions. "Every day I endure memory loss, lack of concentration, depression, slow processing speed and cognitive effects that make my everyday life a battle," said Pelton, now 19.

Last October the House Judiciary Committee held a hearing on head injuries in football, but the focus there was on life-altering injuries to professional football players. "It was clear to us that if the NFL was paying attention to concussions at the professional level, we should be doing the same at the high school level," said Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.).

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'HE WAS JUST A GOOD MAN'

VIEWING | Colleagues, friends turn out in force for slain officer

BY CHERYL V. JACKSON
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It was a thick blue line Thursday as a steady stream of police officers and community members filed through Leck & Sons Funeral Home for the wake of slain Chicago Police Officer Thomas Worthington IV.



"He was just a good man. He represented our city as well as our country," said friend Dana Gill. The slain officer was a first lieutenant in the Army National Guard and had recently completed a second tour of duty in Iraq.

At the funeral home at 7388 S. Cottage Grove, the officer's body was flanked by his framed police bat, his military boots, rifle and helmet and a picture of him in his military uniform, as a law enforce-

ment officers passed, many of them saluting.

Chicago blue weren't the only ones in uniform there. Officers from Evergreen Park and Metra were among those paying respects and visitors in military uniforms and Tyalfic Management Authority vests viewed the body.

Flowers from Evergreen Park and New York police departments were among the tributes.

Many wore buttons with his picture, name and the words "In Loving Memory."

"He meant so much to so many people and touched the lives of so many," said Ray Jackson, whose son grew up with Worthington. "This is just a testament to that."

Lots of people at the viewing had never met Worthington but read about his death and knew of his efforts to make a local park safer. The Englewood Police District officer was shot to death across the street from that park, in front of his parents' Chatham neighborhood home, last



Family arrives Thursday at A.R. Leck and Sons Funeral Home for the viewing of slain Police Officer Thomas Worthington IV. His funeral is today. | SCOTT STEWART/SUN-TIMES

week when four men tried to steal his motorcycle. Worthington's father, retired Sgt. Thomas Worthington III, was standing outside when his son was attacked, and the elder man shot and killed one of the alleged assailants.

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Nuclear cuts 'just one step'

U.S.-RUSSIA | Agreement shrinks arsenals but doesn't touch 'loose nukes,' suitcase bombs

BY JENNIFER LOVEN

PRAGUE — The nuclear weapons cuts President Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev signed on Thursday would shrink the Cold War superpowers' arsenals to the lowest point since the frenzied arms race of the 1960s. But they won't touch the "loose nukes" and suitcase bombs seen as the real menace in today's age of terrorism.

"This ceremony is a testament to the truth that old adversaries can forge new partnerships," Obama declared. "It is just one step on a longer journey."

The warheads covered by the treaty are lethal relics of the Cold War and even with the planned reductions there will be enough firepower on each side to devastate the world many times over.

And of more immediate concern are attempts by terrorist groups such as al-Qaida and nations such as



President Obama (left) and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev (right) shake hands at a ceremony in Prague.

STEVE HUNTLEY: We can't put nuclear genie back in bottle | Page 19

Iran and North Korea to acquire or use nuclear weapons or "loose nukes" — a term used to describe nuclear weapons but also materials or know-how that could fall into the wrong hands.

Obama and Medvedev

showed solidarity for a spring showdown with Iran. And, beginning Monday, leaders of 47 countries will gather in Washington in an effort to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, crack down on illicit nuclear trafficking and lock down vulnerable nuclear materials around the world.

Introduced Thursday with trumpet fanfare, the two grinning presidents sat at an ornate table in Prague's hilltop presidential

castle and put their signatures to a landmark successor to the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. Nearly a year in the making, the "New START" signaled a bold opening in previously sour U.S.-Russia relations. If ratified by both nations' legislatures, it will shrink the limit of nuclear warheads to 1,550 each over seven years, down about a third from the current ceiling of 2,200.

Senate will hardly be automatic, requiring 67 votes in the 100-member chamber during a congressional election year when cooperation can be hard to come by. Beyond that, urgent international nuclear tasks still face the two leaders. For example, they are trying to forge agreement on how to tackle Iran's continued defiance of United Nations demands that it cease enriching uranium. **AP Comment at suntimes.com.**

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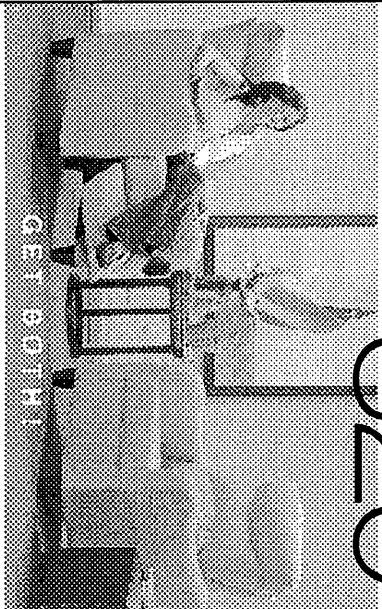
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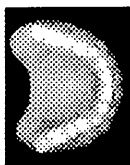
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Hurt city workers

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Managers to eye those on leave, urge work return

BY FRANK SPIELMAN

City Hall Reporter
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The Daley administration is moving to put injured city employees back to work — and to closely monitor those who remain on leave — four years after a Chicago Sun-Times investigation of costly workers' compensation abuses triggered federal subpoenas.

Starting next week, every city department will designate a manager to ride hard over injured employees and ensure they are seeing doctors, going to rehab and following prescribed treatment. Monthly status reports will be made to the City Council's Finance Committee and the city's Office of Budget and Management.

The city will intensify its efforts to re-assign physically restricted employees to less taxing work.

Employees unable to return to work even after reaching the "maximum level of medical improvement" will be required to provide proof of "at least 10 job searches a week."

To shine the light on abuses, the names of injured city workers and their claims filed with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission will be posted monthly on the city's Web site.

The coordinated crackdown comes four years after a Sun-Times investigation found that one of every five patronage workers on the secret don't list kept by the mayor's now-convicted former patronage chief filed at least one workers' compensation claim against the city. That incredibly high injury rate cost taxpayers more than \$88 million.

On Thursday, Budget Director Eugene Munin was asked why City Hall is only now cracking the whip.

"I don't think it's only now. We have a standardized tracking system we didn't have before. We now have a manager [sleeping] in each department. . . . But, I don't think it's fair to say we haven't been doing anything about this," Munin said.

Dog tired after adventure on the Ike

BROADVIEW | Cops finally catch up with traffic-dodging pooch

BY STEFANO ESPPOSITO

Staff Reporter/espposito@sun-times.com

One day, when "Ike" is milky-eyed, grizzled and wobbly, he'll be able to tell his grandpups: "I didn't just settle for a dog's life — I sucked the marrow out of life."

That's providing the young pit bull doesn't continue to get his kicks from darting in and out of rush-hour traffic on the Eisenhower Expressway — as he did Wednesday and Thursday, nearly getting flattened by a semitruck in the process.

Broadview cops finally cornered Ike — the name given to him by the various police agencies that spent hours trying to catch the pooch — Thursday morning at 25th Avenue near the Eisenhower.

"I didn't say anything," said Broadview police officer Antonio Seaburn, who caught the dog. "I was just hoping he wasn't going to turn violent and bite on me."

After hours of running, Ike had no more fight left in him.

"He was very tired and happy somebody finally got to him," Seaburn said. "As soon as he lay down



ABOVE: Ike the dog was taking it easy Thursday after two wild days on the Eisenhower Expwy. **RIGHT:** Ike looks over the barrier that runs down the middle of the Ike. | RICHAUD A. CHAMPAIN/SUN-TIMES (ABOVE) AND NCS

in the back of my car, he fell asleep."

Thursday, Ike was sprayed out on a gurney with an IV attached to his right front leg at Hillchester Hospital For Animals in Hillside.

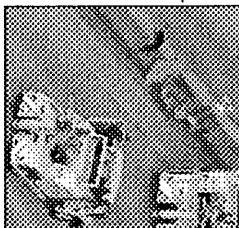
The recent expression on his face suggested he'd grown weary of freeways and TV cameras.

"He's worn out — he's done a lot of running," said Hillchester veterinarian Tracy Gatzka, adding that Ike didn't appear to have any

serious injuries.

Hillchester staff spent the day on a gurney with an IV attached to his right front leg, at Hillchester Hospital For Animals in Hillside, and others claiming he was their long-lost doggy.

But by Thursday evening, the story of how Ike came to be wearing in and out of traffic on the clogged expressway remained a mystery. The true owner had not come forward. Ike has no tags and



no embedded microchip. If you think Ike might be yours, call the animal hospital at (708) 449-6300. *Comment at sun-times.com.*

Boy, 5, beaten to death: 'Worst thing I've ever seen'

The fatal beating of a 5-year-old Gary boy left veteran investigators shaken after they saw deep, dark scars from the back of his head to his knees.

Leon Walker's injuries were inflicted by someone who beat him repeatedly over time, police said.

"It's the worst thing I've ever seen," Gary Police Cmdr. Thomas Deuster Jr. said Thursday.

Investigators are now trying to figure out who did it. The boy's mother was questioned and released.

His father was in custody Thursday night, being questioned. According to a police report, the father told them the boy had complained of a stomachache and told him, "I think I got a booboo." The father told police he left the room to get Leon something to eat from the kitchen, and then returned to find him unconscious on the ground.

But investigators say they found items at the home that suggest the boy was restrained while he was struck with an object, perhaps a belt. Leon was taken to a hospital on Monday.

Latif Caldwell, Post-Tribune

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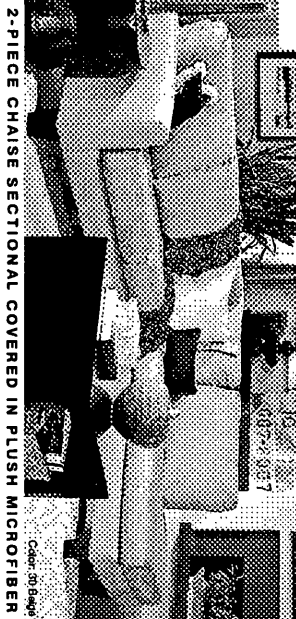
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Jail dorm closures could save \$15M

Dart shuts facility with 600 beds, targets one with 300 as inmate population falls

BY RUIMANA HUSSAIN

Staff Reporter/rhussain@suntimes.com

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart announced Thursday he closed a 600-bed dormitory unit at Cook County Jail and plans to shut down another 300-bed facility next month in a plan that could save taxpayers \$15 million a year. Dart cited the shrinking inmate population within the last few years and various "management methods" for the closures, but said he has no intentions that the reduction trend might change. That's why he said he will keep the 800-bed Division III facility "unhobbled" to be used for future overflow spikes at the jail.

The 600-bed facility, which was closed last month in Division II, had housed a kitchen in the 1950s. Half of it will be converted into a cafeteria, Dart said. In 2002, the average daily capacity at the jail exceeded 11,000, and many detainees were forced to sleep on the floor or rotate bunk time. Currently, there are 8,600 inmates. The closures also are allowing the shifting of 175 correctional officers to other posts. That move would save the county \$10.5 million, which would have been spent for new hires, Dart said.

He said he hopes the reallocation of jobs will alleviate some of the need for roughly 500 federally mandated hires, which county officials agreed to Tuesday. As part of a decades-long court battle over conditions at the jail, U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall recently ordered Dart to hire 210 new sheriff's officers in 2010. There also were 235 vacant positions that needed to be filled. So far, 100 new hires and 96 positions have been converted into officer positions, sheriff's spokesman Steve Patterson said. Patterson said county officials hope Kendall will consider the 175 reallocated positions as new jobs. "I'm not going to pressure the judge," Dart said. "... But I feel confident that things such as this have to impact those type of numbers."

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Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, at the county jail Thursday, walks among the empty beds in Division II, where he closed a 600-bed facility last month. Half of it will be converted into a cafeteria. | BRIAN JACKSON/SUN-TIMES

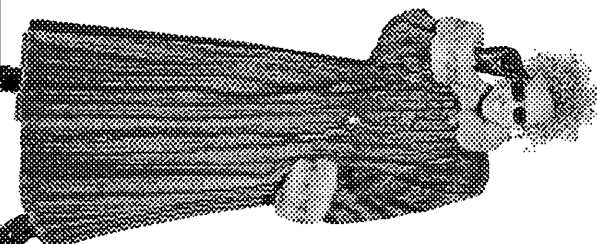
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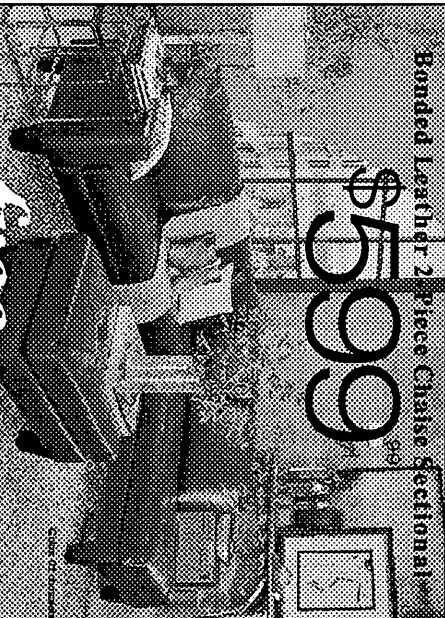
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Parents riled after driver DUI charge

BY KIM JANSEN
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A suspected drunken driver could have been removed from the wheel of a school bus before she drove 50 students home, school officials acknowledged Thursday. As furious Lions Park Elementary School parents demanded to know why 54-



year-old Betty Burden wasn't arrested until about 4 p.m. after her route, the Federal Motor Carriage Safety Administration said. Burden, 57, was charged with driving on federal laws "deliberately," Burden had qualified several vodka and orange juice drinks, reeked of liquor and was nearly three times the legal alcohol limit when she was eventually pulled from her bus by Mount Prospect police. Burden's spokesman for the federal agency said the school district had "completely misunderstood" the purpose of the law, which is "to get dangerous drivers off the road as soon as possible — especially if they're driving a school bus."

Ammiller later agreed that Burden could have been removed sooner, but said it was "a judgment call," adding, "Hindsight is always 20-20."

Mike McGarry, whose son Matthew was on Burden's bus Tuesday, said he was "shocked" Burden hadn't been removed right away. "They should know what the rules are," he said. "It's common sense."

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- ◆ This year, that'll be Nov. 7. That makes for 228 days a year of daylight-saving time.
- ◆ Only one country observes daylight-saving time year-round — Kyrgyzstan.
- ◆ In the Southern Hemisphere, where our winter is their summer and vice versa, they observe daylight-saving time from October to March.
- ◆ Most equatorial countries don't observe daylight-saving time because daylight hours are basically the same there whether it's summer or winter in the United States, Hawaii, Arizona (with the ex-

ception of the Navajo reservation), Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands don't observe it.

◆ In the United States, where it was first instituted during World War I, an extra four weeks was added to daylight-saving time in 2007.

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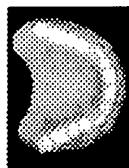
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Hynes: Campaign is over

CONCEDES | Comptroller says 'people have spoken,' has no regrets in strategy

BY DAVE MCCINNEY
AND ABDON M. PALASCH
Staff Reporters

Illinois state Comptroller Dan Hynes conceded the Democratic gubernatorial race Thursday to Gov. Quinn.

"The people have spoken, and the votes have been counted," Hynes said, his wife, Christina, at his side and his father, former Cook County Assessor Tom Hynes, off to the side.

Longtime friend John Schmidt was nearby. One of Dan Hynes' young sons could be heard crying at one point.

Hynes choked back tears as he said, "Long before I was a candidate for anything other than brother or son... He stopped and started over."

Hynes called Quinn to congratulate him on his victory. "I spoke to Gov. Quinn. We talked about working together over the next several

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months on the budget and on the campaign."

Hynes said he does not see himself running for any other political office because he missed his sons too much during this campaign.

In the last four weeks, I've realized how much of a sacrifice that was, so I don't see a campaign in my future," he said.

Did he regret the campaign commercial showing former Mayor Harold Washington criticizing Quinn? "I have no regrets in the way we ran this campaign," Hynes said. "We came a great distance at a time when no one gave us a chance. I'm going to have a lot of months to think about it. There's nothing I think I could have

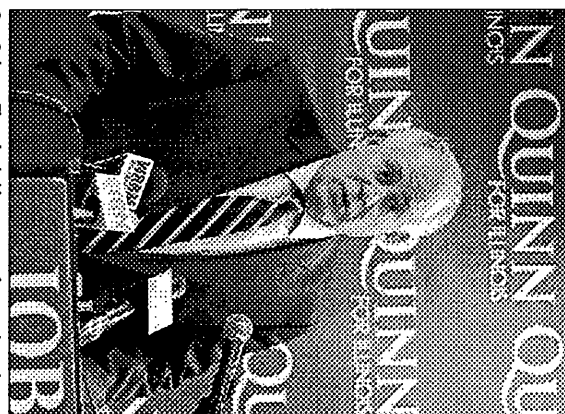


Dan Hynes on Thursday gets a hug from his wife, Christina, and applause from his staff as he concedes the gubernatorial campaign and throws full support behind Gov. Quinn at his headquarters, 57 W. Grand. | JOHN H. WHITE/SUN-TIMES

done more, nothing I wished I'd done more."

How can he ask people to vote for a man he called unable to lead throughout the campaign?

"It's true that we had a few disagreements during this campaign," Hynes said. "But that's what happens during spirited discussions about our future. And I have never



Gov. Quinn on Thursday holds a news conference about the campaign at Hotel Allegro, 171 W. Randolph. | KEITH HALE/SUN-TIMES

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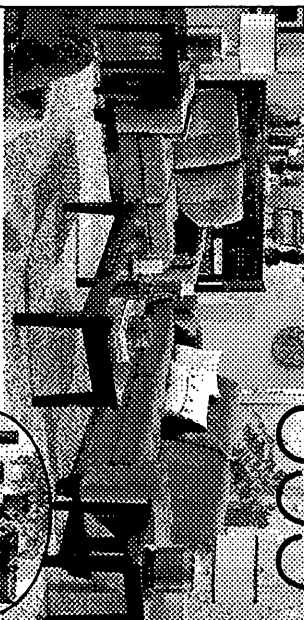
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Prosecutors quoted portions of Dugard's diary in the court papers seeking a protective order barring Garrido



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dated more than two years after Dugard was snatched from the street outside his South Lake Tahoe home. Dugard wrote, "I got a call for my birthday from Phil and Nancy -- they did something for me that no one else would do for me, they paid 200 dollars just so I could have my own kitten."

A decade later, however, Dugard wrote of the complex emotions surrounding her situation and Phillip Garrido.

I don't want to hurt him ... sometimes I hurt my very presence hurts him," she wrote. "So how can I ever tell him how I want to be free Free to come and go as I please ... Free to say I have a family. I will never cause him pain if it's in my power to prevent it. FREE."

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Tragic link

An orca note . . .

A Chicago connection: Dawn Brancheau, the SeaWorld trainer killed by an orca in front of a Florida audience Wednesday, is the sister of Laborers Union Local 1092 leader Chuck LaVerde, who is now in Florida helping to plan her funeral. "The family is adamant the whale not be killed," said a LaVerde family source.

Bow wow!

Gov. Quinn, the devoted owner of the state's first dog, Bailey, is on the war path over a dangerous dog path.

Translation: Quinn is against over legislation that was pushed by Quinn's likely opponent, state Sen. Bill Brady, which could have



Gov. Quinn and Bailey.

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Harold Rubin in 1972



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allowed the mass killing of frightened, fighting and gasping shelter animals in a box of 101.

Upstart Quinn, who has a yelping 12-year-old Yorkshire terrier, is so incensed, he channeled up a dog legend Thursday. "I that bill had ever gotten out of the Legislature, I'd veto it faster than you can say 'Rd. Th'at' Quinn told Sneed.

Translation: Watch for Quinn to show up Saturday at the dog rescue section of the 2010 Chicago Dog Show at McCormick Place to show his displeasure over the legislation, which wound up being gutted by Brady on Wednesday after being condemned as cruel by the Humane Society of the United States.

(The heinous legislation was first slipped in Rich Miller's Capitol Fox newsletter, Springfield's political must-read.)

Dogsbot Sneed is told Quinn has invited Una, the Westminster Kennel Club dog show award-winning Illinois beagle, to visit the mansion anytime.

A Tiger tale . . .

PERA billboards have been pulled at the request of sex scandal strip-nelled Tiger Woods, which read: "TOO MUCH SEX CAN BE A BAD THING . . . for little tigers too. Help keep your cats (and dogs) out of trouble. Always spray or neuter!"

Auction action . . .

It's "Weird Harold" Rubin time again!

Past partner: Decades ago, "Weird Harold" was Chicago's bookstore bad boy, whose shop on South Wabash Avenue was a frequent target of police raids searching for porn.

Old chatter: Three years ago, Rubin, who claimed he was waging a public battle against censorship, died.

New chatter: Now comes word Rubin's collection of gangster memorabilia will be auctioned off March

17 at Leslie Hindman Auctioneers, 1888 W. Lake St.

"There's no pornography," said Hindman, who specializes in high-end paintings, furniture and jewelry. "But there are room keys from the gangster-friendly Lexington Hotel, newspapers pertaining to Al Capone, a bulletproof vest, Rubin chains was stolen by John Dillinger, handwritten liquor prescriptions written during Prohibition, etc.," she said.

Ring, Ring.

Zip the lip time? Sen. U.S. Senate hopeful Alex Glannoulas, who is preparing for a contentious battle with GOPer Mark Kirk, has abruptly canceled the private cell phone number he had supplied to reporters during his primary bid.

Translation: Calls are now being directed to his campaign office or state office.

Coo corner . . .

In case you're wondering, actor Leonardo DiCaprio jetted off to spend time with his inamorata, Bar Refaeli, after taking a promotion break from his new flick, "Shutter Island."

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The cool flic: Levi Johnson, the father of Sarah Palin's grandchild — who kissed, told and posed nude for hicks — has been ordered to pay nearly \$18,000 in back child support, according to TMZ. Good going, Bristol.

Sneedlings . . .

Today's birthdays: Pretty Kostasinos, ageless Pats Dominga, 82 . . . Saturday's birthdays: Richard James Sanders, 80; Elizabeth Taylor, 78; Joanne Woodward, 80; Ralph Nader, 76; Ted Tetzlaff, ageless, and Chelsea Clinton, 30.

Comment at suntimes.com.

'Growing Pains' actor found dead

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Vancouver police say "Growing Pains" actor Andrew Koenig has been found dead.



The actor's father, Walter Koenig, said his son "took his own life."

At a news conference in the park where his body was found, police said foul play was not suspected, but would not release a cause of death because the coroner is still investigating.

Friends found the body around noon Thursday in a heavily wooded area about 100 feet from a popular foot path. Koenig, 41, was visiting friends in Vancouver when he went missing more than a week ago.

The California native had a recurring role on the 1980s sitcom as Boney, a pal of star Kirk Cameron's character, Mike.

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