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## Segway Riders Will Roll into Michigan City (at 10 mph)

by Paula McHugh

Consider this imaginary letter and ask yourself if it reminds you of something vaguely familiar:

*"Hi folks. Just wanted to let you know that I've quit my corporate job. I couldn't stand another day in the cubbyhole culture. I'm joining some other friends who feel the same way and we're planning a cross-country trip to experience what the real America is like. We'll be traveling very slowly down the back roads for the next few months, and we plan to meet up with folks from all walks of life. We will be documenting our travels as we go and our plan is to eventually produce a feature-length documentary of our adventure."*

Sounds sorta like Kerouac or Kuralt, doesn't it? But read on:

*"We'll begin our trip from Seattle in August and end it in Boston sometime this fall. We're financing this through our own savings and by plastic, but we are looking for sponsors, too. By the way, we will be traveling by Segway Human Transporter (HT)."*

The letter above may be imaginary but the trip across America that Hunter Weeks, Josh Caldwell, Pat Armstrong, Alon Waisman, and Gannon Weeks are making is very real. The "American Dream: America at 10 mph" team will be rolling in to Michigan City very soon with a pre-arranged reception at *The Beacher* office. The travelers have told us—as of this writing-- they will be here around October 11, give or take a day or two. The traveling crew hopes to meet and talk with people in our community before they head up the road for their next stop in New Buffalo. Doug Waters of Long Beach Realty has been busy making overnight arrangements for the crew, who embarked on their trip not knowing where they might end up sleeping during their long stretch across America. Some of the more unusual places have been a bunk house in Wyoming and upon rubber rafts loaded on a truck. Many others who have been following the team's cross-country adventure via their website, 10mph.com, have pledged overnight accommodations or invitations to dinner at stops along the men's route.



Alon, an IU grad, is in charge of changing and charging the HT's batteries—no small task when the batteries last only ten miles on a charge. The crew is traveling a total distance of 4300 miles. The cross-country journey started in early August and is expected to reach Boston by month's end. Look for the crew in Michigan City on or around October 11th, when they will be stopping by the *Beacher* office. (photo provided)

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Thanks to the *Beacher's* CyberScribbles, we have been keeping tabs on the men's whereabouts and their adventures since their Seattle sendoff in August. They are avoiding the Interstates, of course. Since some states have transporter laws concerning limited speed limits, the crew checked with officials of the 14 states they are passing through before they drew up their final route plan.

As we write this, the America at 10mph team is making its way towards St. Louis. They informed *The Beacher* that they are slowing down even more to allow extra time to talk with people along their route.

"That makes our arrival date (in Michigan City) a little unpredictable," Alon explained. "Sometimes we've felt rushed, and we don't want to defeat the purpose of our original plan."

Josh Caldwell, a former social studies teacher and a web developer, is the designated driver of the two-wheeled human transporter, although the other team members have been taking turns on the battery-powered Segway HT. By the time they reach Boston,



America at 10 mph crew members Josh Caldwell and Alon Waisman talk with inventor Dean Kamen at a conference in Denver. (photo provided)

the crew will have logged 4,300 miles and will have met more people along the way than they ever could get to know in their previous corporate lives. Since early August, the team has posted daily logs and photographs of their adventures on their website. Hunter Weeks, the project's director and co-producer, likes the advantages this slow-moving adventure has upon photography, according to his comments on the website. For that matter, each of the men appreciate the idea of "slowing down, taking a different road, and capturing a true sense of what this country is about." Hunter will direct the upbeat feature-length documentary of the crew's cross-country travels, focusing on the people they've met.

Alon phoned us from Lawrence Kansas last week, where the crew was spending the night. He said that the weather cross country has been "virtually perfect up to now."

"Only one time did we have to pack up and get off the road. It was in Kansas during a lightning storm," he said.

Alon and Josh told *The Beacher* that the restraints of the planned trip mean that they don't get their normal amount of exercise. But they are chalking it up to experience.



While traveling through Wyoming, the crew stopped at the Nez Perce Indian Reservation where they demonstrated the HT to some young boys. (photo provided)

Josh said that being out on the HT allows him to drink in "all the sights, sounds and smells along the way."

"Hunter and Gannon are cramped up in the Jeep all the time. It's harder for them. We brought along a bicycle, and that gives everyone an opportunity for some exercise," Josh said, adding that dirt blowing in his eyes has been more of a problem than worrying about muscle atrophy.

"I see a lot of beautiful landscape. I'm finding there's plenty to discover on the roads-less-traveled," he said. "It's been a blast."

Currently, the 10mph.com website carries video and audio clips of encounters along the way, in addition to still photos, diary entries, and tidbits of information about each state they have visited. The team members have made it a mission to "produce cool (web) content," and to further their development as documentary filmmakers. Their website has already been chosen a Yahoo Weekly Pick, a bellwether of top websites. Media from NPR to Wired News to small town newspapers have featured the teams' journey so far.

Alon, the crew's bookkeeper and navigator, has ties to our Hoosier state. Alon graduated from Indiana University with a degree in business and computers and is pursuing advanced training in multi-media design and video game design. Alon is in charge of changing and charging the human transporter's batteries—no small task when the batteries last only ten miles on a charge. Although Segway LLC is not a sponsor of the trip, the company donated additional batteries to the crew for their journey. Each battery takes seven hours to charge and the rolling transport uses two batteries at a time. One small irony of the trip when the men embarked from Seattle was encountering a dead battery in their support vehicle rather than from the two-wheeled transporter. Alon told us that he uses a GPS device to log virtually every stop, every start, every battery charge.

"I'm keeping very detailed records," Alon said.

Turns out that Josh, too, has ties to Indiana. His Aunt Irma lives in North Liberty near South Bend, and he told *The Beacher* that he hopes to get in touch with her while in our area.

The crew met up with Segway HT inventor Dean Kamen when they reached Denver, where they were invited to a Going Conference convened to discuss future technologies. Dean Kamen unveiled his invention in December 2001, and won the Lemelson-MIT Prize for Inventors the following April. Soon, many other awards for the non-gas propelled vehicle followed. San Francisco's Postal Service tried out the transporter for mail delivery, Seattle has used them for water meter readers, and numerous police departments, including nearby Calumet City's, are using the battery-run HT's for patrol work. This year's Indy 500 spectators might have seen the Brian Stewart team using the two-wheeled invention to ride back and forth

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from the pit crew delivering repair items.

The America at 10mph team has a scheduled stop in Gary before heading to Michigan City. Since we cannot be definite about the time the crew will arrive as we go to press, we suggest that you log onto their website. Josh promised to put a special Michigan City link on the page as they get nearer to Indiana. Or, tune in to Chicago media stations over the next week to gauge their progress on the road. Keep a lookout for a Jeep towing a trailer with the "America at 10mph.com logo" and for Josh Caldwell steering the Segway HT into LaPorte County. Keep in mind that the two-wheeled human transporter averages ten miles an hour.

We hope—as does the America at 10mph team—that you will make it a point to stop by *The Beacher* when they arrive to say hello. And who knows?—maybe you will be included in the documentary they are putting together. Also, the crew is looking for local artists' original CD's in the towns they pass through to review for possible use in their feature-length documentary. The address to send copies is on their website. Read even more about America at 10mph.com in this week's CyberScribbles column.

Jack Kerouac kick-started the open road

American Dream many decades ago, and Charles Kuralt's journeys have inspired numerous travel journalists. What the America at 10 mph team appears to suggest to us all is to slow down; smell the flow-ers; wave; get to know your neighbors.

**Editor's Note:** As we go to press, the America at 10 mph Team is expected to arrive in Michigan City on or about October 11th. Check their website, 10mph.com, for daily updates as to their progress.

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The America at 10 mph crew at a roadside stop out west. When you see the Jeep and trailer, you'll know the team has reached Michigan City. (photo provided)



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Featured writer will be Marsha Wenig, CYT, and creator of *YogaKids* and the President of YogaKids International. Her work with *YogaKids* had been featured in Time, Child, Yoga Journal, Family Life and on Inside Edition, The Food Network, Fox, CNN, and countless other publications and broadcasts around the world.

Marsha is the recipient of three Parents Choice wards, two Kids First! Awards and an Aegis Award for her three top-selling *YogaKids* videos/DVDs. Her first book, *YogaKids: Educating the Whole Child with Yoga*, was published in the fall of 2003. The *YogaKids* Facilitator Certification Program is currently training hundreds of students to teach the *YogaKids*-style of teaching.

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The interviewer for the program will be library graphics coordinator and yoga instructor, Susan Meyer.

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## CyberScribbles

by Paula McHugh

### America at 10mph.

While we anxiously await the visit to Michigan City from Segway HT rider Josh Caldwell and crew, this is a good time to look at their website to get acquainted with the group and their adventures across America thus far. First, log on to 10mph.com to follow the team's latest entries. Each of the members of the group have been keeping an online diary. Entries are posted almost daily, with accompanying photographs. Producer and co-director of the project, Hunter Weeks, has posted some spectacular shots of lightning across the plains, llamas, mountain scenes, and much more. Alon Waisman sent us pix of himself demonstrating how to ride the gyroscope-balanced human transporter to a group of children from the Nez Perce reservation in Wyoming.

Except for Gannon Weeks and Alon, the team members are graduates of Principia College in Illinois. Gannon is an artist and Alon spent four years in Bloomington, Indiana as a student in IU's School of Business. You can learn about each member of the team by reading their biographies posted on the website. Each of the crew members come with some pretty impressive credentials, especially for twentysomethings.

This column first got wind in early August of the America at 10 mph website from the Yahoo Weekly Picks e-mail service. We took note of the team's route and discovered that they would be rolling through Michigan City and New Buffalo on their way to Boston. Since they were looking for people along their route to meet with, we made haste to contact them. Hunter's first e-mail response to us indicated that they would arrive in our fair town by mid-September. He also promised CyberScribbles a ride on the Segway HT, all the way to New Buffalo. As you will discover when you view their website, the crew is more interested in the journey than the destination. They each took a leap of faith when they left their jobs to pursue life in the literal slow lane for three months. And they want to see, experience, and document what is good about the people and places they encounter along their route. Since *The Beacher* has always featured a similar upbeat philosophy within its weekly pages, we made haste to contact the crew. The crew has encountered buffalo and goats, llamas and rattlesnakes, and mostly fair weather. So far.

For each daily posting of the team's current location, fans have the opportunity to respond with their comments. The crew has had nearly 300 invitations for dinner or an overnight stay somewhere along their route. Long Beacher Doug Walters has agreed to host the crew while they are in town.

I have spent considerable time keeping tabs on 10mph.com, so the regular three or more websites that you expect to see here are absent for now. Back with more listings next week. But for now, keep a lookout for the slow-rolling travelers heading our way.

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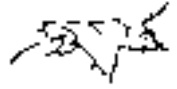
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(l) Dorothy Keppen, past president of the Art Center Guild and Board Historian. (r) Virginia Bushong, Michigan City Lighthouse docent and writer for the Museum Quarterly at the September Guild meeting.

On Sept. 23, members and guests of the Lubeznik Art Center Guild sponsored an Art Education program featuring local Michigan City Lighthouse Museum historian, Virginia Bushong, a docent and a veteran writer for the Museum Quarterly. As a gifted historian and local resident, Ms. Bushong addressed the Ice Age forces that set the stage for the LaPorte landscape "that artists love to paint." Her in-depth account of the early geological history of LaPorte County focused on research regarding many facets, including the formation of the Great Lakes, importance of glacial ice age temperature, development of kettle lakes and the continental divide in our own community. Ms. Bushong's information of the Ice Age challenged the audience to explore in greater detail and enhanced a better understanding of the early Michigan City community. Her work amounts to an irreplaceable public service.

### Next General Meeting

The October Lubeznik Art Center Board meeting will be conducted on Mon., Oct. 4, at 9:30 a.m. at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. Avenue of the Arts. Following the general meeting, Art Center Guild officers for 2004-2005 will be installed as well as a "Source of Pride" celebration. For more information, phone 874-4900.

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The first phase of housing will feature a clubhouse and four apartment buildings with 64 units featuring 48 two bedroom, two bath units and 16 three bedroom, three bath units. The series of apartments will be known as University Park at University Village and the first phase will be ready for its first residents by August 2005.

These apartments will be available for rent by students and the community. The spacious apartments will feature a washer and dryer in each unit and each bedroom will have a high-speed internet connection. There will be safe, easy access to the PNC campus across Highway 421 at an existing stoplight so that students can drive, walk or bicycle to class and home. Sidewalks will connect the campus and University Village.

Soon, University Village will also include 44 single-family homes and 12 duplex lots that will accommodate 24 living units. A second phase of University Park at University Village will accommodate 96 more apartments for a total of 160 apartments.

The complex will be served by municipal utilities. The residents will enjoy a clubhouse, exercise room, swimming pool, sand volleyball courts, lounge and multi-purpose room.

"We are happy that our students will have this housing option," said PNC Chancellor James B. Dworkin. "Many students and parents indicated to us there is a real need for PNC students to live close to campus for convenience as well as to enjoy an independent living experience; University Village makes that possible."

No public funds will be used for this project and University Village residences will be open to students and community members.

This development was enhanced by a generous donation of nine acres by the Kesling and Rocke Orthodontic Group to bring the total property acreage to 46 acres.

## **Mighty Mic Showcase**

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## Vintage Aircraft Makes Midway Connection

The Midway Dauntless  
made the trip from Florida

by William F. Keefe

There's a new kind of flying machine at Midway Airport.

Suspended for easy viewing, a World War II Navy aircraft has found what officials say is a permanent home in the Chicago airport's Concourse A.

The plane's informal dedication on September 2 finalized the connection between the airport that was named for the June, 1942 Battle of Midway and an aircraft of the type that contributed to the Allied victory. Midway has earned a prominent place in WW II history as the first major Allied naval triumph.

In ceremonies held in Concourse A, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, veterans of the 1942 battle, and invited guests and sponsors inaugurated the display of the SBD Dauntless dive-bomber, one of the type that carried the air-sea war to the Japanese fleet six months after Pearl Harbor.

Standing only feet from the single-engine Dauntless, Midway vets Norman "Dusty" Kleiss, Ivan Swope, and some nine other Midway participants reminisced about the three-day battle. The plane hangs in the airport's security area, visible to arriving and departing passengers.

Particularly poignant were the memories of retired Navy Captain Kleiss. Flying with his squadron of dive-bombers at 22,000 feet, Kleiss said, he saw three Japanese ships coming into view. Two were aircraft carriers, the third a cruiser.

"Five minutes later all three ships were headed for the grimy deep." The ships were the

*Kaga*, the *Hiryu*, and the *Mikuma*; the *Kaga* and the *Hiryu* were aircraft carriers.

The Japanese attack that had been designed to capture Midway Island ended in major losses for the attackers. The venture in the mid-Pacific, some 1,150 miles northwest of Hawaii, cost the Imperial Navy four aircraft carriers, one cruiser, 322 planes, and the lives of 3,500 fighting men.

The Midway SBD—the letters mean Scout-Bomber/Douglas, or dive-bomber manufactured by the Douglas Aircraft Company—served in the United States and its Atlantic Coast waters during World War II. Assigned until June, 1943 to the light carrier *Belleau Wood*, it was moved later the same year to Glenview Naval Air Station, Chicago, to serve as a training plane. Flying the SBD and other aircraft, trainees landed on and took off from the Lake Michigan flat-tops *Wolverine* and *Sable*.

In November, 1943, the plane, No. 10575, crashed into Lake Michigan in a training accident. It lay on



The Midway Dauntless made the trip from Florida on a flatbed trailer that also had space for the plane's detached wings.

the lake bottom until the summer of 1991—about 48 years—when a recovery team representing A&T Recovery of Chicago retrieved it from the lake.

Dismantled and transported to the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Florida the plane underwent a complete restoration. It was one of about 140 aircraft of diverse types that are normally on exhibit at the NMNA.

Taken apart again, with its wings riding on the same flatbed trailer as its fuselage, the plane arrived in Chicago in early August, then received an informal welcome at ceremonies held on August 19. More than 200 persons attended, among them three Navy pilots who had received their carrier qualification training on the Lake Michigan flattops before taking combat assignments in the Pacific Theater.



The welcome mat was out at a Chicago boat yard as guests enjoyed refreshments during informal ceremonies marking the arrival of the SBD Dauntless from Florida.



The three were Charles "Chuck" Downey of Poplar Grove, Illinois; Grant Young of Lanark, Illinois, and Robert Prorok of Chicago. All three also attended the September 2 exhibit opening.

The welcome at Crowley's Yacht Yard in Chicago awakened memories for all three one-time trainees. Among other recollections, they said the letters SBD recalled the pilots' affectionate nickname: "Slow But Deadly."

Owner of a Myers OTW single-engine plane, Downey still flies. Eighteen years old when he completed his flight training, he became the youngest commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy.

### Part of Larger Exhibit

The SBD will eventually be part of a larger exhibit commemorating the Midway battle, according to David Truitt, chairman of the Chicago Marine Heritage Society. The display will be financed by contributions totaling \$1 million from both individual donors and corporations. The Dauntless is on indefinite loan from the NMNA.

Of the 150-250 training aircraft of all kinds that were lost in Lake Michigan during the war, only a handful have survived, according to NMNA officials. A few SBD's may still be at the bottom of the lake. One other, now restored, is the centerpiece of a special display at the Kalamazoo (Michigan) Aviation History Museum. A third, identified as No. 2106, took part in the Battle of Midway and is now on display at the NMNA.

That plane has also undergone a complete restoration after being recovered from Lake Michigan in the early 1990s. Its combat record notes that it sank a Japanese warship early in World War II. Assigned to a Marine squadron and based on Midway with 15 other Dauntless bombers, it took part in the attacks on the Japanese aircraft carriers.

The Dauntless returned to its island base with 219 bullet holes, but was still flying. Enemy fire had brought down eight of the 16 Marine planes and two others were so badly damaged that they could no longer be flown. The pilot had to land No. 2106 on one wheel.

Patched up and returned to the U.S. mainland, the Dauntless went to Glenview and began its new career as a training plane. It crashed into the lake in June, 1943 while attempting to make a carrier landing. Lifted from Lake Michigan, then transported to Pensacola for restoration, it aroused the interest of NMNA officials.

"We knew it had historic significance," Navy officials noted on its arrival. "But we didn't know just how historic it was."



A photographer converses with Capt. Charles "Chuck" Downey (right), World War II Navy combat pilot, and friend Pat Clarke. Downey completed carrier qualification training on the converted flattop *Wolverine* in 1943.



The welcome-home fete for the SBD Dauntless dive-bomber utilized placards to explain the historic backgrounds connecting the Battle of Midway in 1942 and Midway Airport in southwest Chicago.



On its way to Midway Airport on August 19, the SBD Dauntless shows the effects of tender loving care. The plane underwent a complete restoration at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Florida. (Keefe photos)



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## "The Boys Next Door" at CTG



David Pera, Andy Urschel, Greg Pachnik and Mike McCalment  
in a scene from "The Boys Next Door."

CTG's Chicago Street Theatre will present the Tom Griffin play, "The Boys Next Door" Oct. 1-16. Touching and funny, the play first appeared on the CST stage during the 1990-91 season and took CTG to triumph at the Glasgow International Drama Festival.

This is the story of four mentally handicapped men who live together in a communal residence under the eye of their social worker, Jack. The script shines with humor and understanding and reminds us of our shared humanity.

Norman works in a doughnut shop and is unable to resist the lure of the sweets and takes a great pride in his huge bundle of keys. Lucien P. Smith has the mind of a five year old, but imagines that he is able to read and comprehend the weighty books which he lugs about. Arnold, the ringleader of the group, is a hyperactive compulsive chatterer who suffers from a persecution complex. Barry, a brilliant schizophrenic is devastated by the unfeeling rejection of his brutal father, fantasizes that he is a golf pro.

Experience the moments of great poignancy which remind us that the handicapped, like the rest of us, want only to love and laugh and find some meaning and purpose in their lives.

There will be an Opening Night Gala following the Fri., Oct. 1, 8 p.m., performance. It will be hosted by Cafe Paradiso in the Chicago Street Theatre lobby.

Other performance dates are Sat., Oct. 2 (8 p.m.); Fri., Oct. 8 (8 p.m.); Sat., Oct. 9 (8 p.m.); Sun., Oct. 10 (2:30 p.m.); Thurs., Oct. 14 (8 p.m.); Fri., Oct. 15 (8 p.m.) and Sat., Oct. 16 (8 p.m.).

The Chicago Street Theatre is located at 154 W. Chicago St., Valparaiso.

Tickets are \$12/adults, \$8/students 21 and under with ID; \$10/senior citizens and \$10 each for groups of 10 or more. Phone the box office at 219/464-1636 or log onto [www.ctgonline.org](http://www.ctgonline.org)

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### Recycle Dates

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### Leaf Pick up

Oct. 18 through Nov. 24. Place leaves along the edge of the road, not in the road.

### Beach Clean up

Anything on the beach after Oct. 13 will be removed and disposed of.

### From the Park Department

This year there were 125 kids participating in the park program. Special thanks to Stefanie Heywood, Camp Director, and her counselors: Jenna Thorne, Jenni Mellen, Jack Butler, Elizabeth Heywood, Kevin Lombard and Adam Fithian. Great job! If any parents have suggestions for next year, phone or mail them to the Clerk's office. We are always open to new ideas.

### From the Fire Department

All buildings, houses and businesses, must display address with numbers no less than four inches in height.

### From the Police Department

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### Halloween Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat will be held on Sun., Oct. 31, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Leave on your front porch light to participate.

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**E-mail for the Clerk's Office:** [tolbc@comcast.net](mailto:tolbc@comcast.net)

## Blood Drive Schedule

The next drive is Wednesday, October 6, at St. John's United Church of Christ from 12 noon until 6 p.m. St. John's Church is located at 101 St. John Road in Michigan City (north of Marquette Mall).

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**Kevin Chalfant at One Night Jam**

Sun. Oct. 3, at 7 p.m., Chicago Street Theatre's "One Night Jam" acoustic concert series will present Top-10 recording artist Kevin Chalfant and The Storm.

Back in 1991, The Storm exploded across the nation's airwaves with their smash hit, "I've Got A Lot To Learn About Love," a song that many originally mistook for a new Journey tune, partly because the lineup included ex-Journeymen Gregg Rolie and Ross Valory. However, Storm frontman and vocalist Kevin Chalfant quickly made his own mark on the melodic rock scene as people came to realize that not only did he have a remarkable, soaring voice, but was also quite a talented songwriter as well. First coming to national attention as the lead singer of the band 707 on their "Megaforce" album, Chalfant built on that following with two albums from The Storm, and again with his new band Two Fires.

Chalfant has also sung with The Alan Parsons Live Project and Jim Peterik's World Stage project. Somewhere in between all that he started his own music label, Clique Records, and added a producer's hat. Several years ago, Chalfant reunited with original Storm guitarist Josh Ramos and acquired the use of the band's name, and started performing again as The Storm.

Opening the show will be native Chicagoan and established singer/songwriter Lisa McClowry. McClowry can be currently heard all over the national and international airwaves. She is the winner of 2002 "Best Songwriter" award at the Los Angeles Best New Talents Awards Showcase. McClowry sang the theme song "Bridge to the Stars" in the recent motion picture release "The Wild Thornberrys." Along with Mark Mothersbaugh of the well-known 80's band Devo, and long time musical partner, Lavant Coppock, McClowry co-wrote and sang a featured song "Through the Eyes of A Child" in the motion picture "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle." She also provided the singing voice for the animated princess in the box office hit "The Rugrats in Paris."

Tickets are \$25 and all seating is reserved. For reservations, phone 219/464-1636 or go to CST's website at <http://www.ctgonline.org/onj/storm.html>

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The breakfast will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, juice, coffee and milk. The cost will be \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children 4-10 years, under 4 years of age free. Tickets will be available at the door. The purpose of this event is to raise funds for the Open Door Health Clinic.

Other, and one of the most dramatic and best known, service activities of the Lions Clubs is the Leader Dog program for the Blind. The Lions raise funds to help support the Leader Dog School in Rochester, Michigan. Blind people who want to be free and active can have a Leader Dog for the asking.

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## Harvest Days Oct. 8-11

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A 10-category scarecrow contest will greet visitors at 30 business establishments. While viewing the creations, you can pick up a piece of the puzzle at 10 or more locations to win a valuable gift basket.

A multitude of workshops and demos will provide ideas for decorating and accessorizing, floral arrangements and holiday cooking.

There will be wine tasting and vineyard tours, art gallery exhibitions and receptions, a bonfire, hay rides, haunted house, live entertainment. The 5th annual WOW Art Gallery Hot Rod Happening, with more than 150 vintage cars on display, is scheduled for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (MI time) on Sun., Oct. 10.

Join in on doggie apple bobbing, hands-on activities for the kids and more. Events will take place throughout Harbor Country's eight SW Michigan communities of New Buffalo, Union Pier, Lakeside, Sawyer, Harbert, Three Oaks, Michiana and Grand Beach, as well as Buchanan.

For a detailed schedule of the Harvest Days events, contact the Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce, 1-800/362-7251 or log onto [www.harborcountry.org](http://www.harborcountry.org)

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## Orchestra Season Offers Symphony Blockbusters

The La Porte County Symphony Orchestra's Annual Children's Concert will lead the 2004-05 season of "Symphonic Blockbusters" with an October 13 concert that will entertain 8,000 area students and teachers. Continuing the tradition of bringing internationally-renowned guest artists, the Symphony presents its 32nd season with another great line-up of talented performers.

The season will include a pops classic concert of chart topper hits, an Artist in Residence recital by pianist Robert Auler and friends, an evening of acclaimed movie music and the ever popular April Pops Concert, featuring hits from "Phantom of the Opera," "Cats," "42nd Street" and "Chicago." Music Director and Conductor Philip Bauman continues to challenge the artistic talents of the orchestra and set new standards of performance to present an entire gamut of musical literature.

### The 2004-05 Season

**Tame That Turbulent Air Annual Children's Concert**, Wed., Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m., 11:10 a.m., and 12:45 p.m. (sold out). (Season ticket subscribers free, others pay \$1 at the door), Civic Auditorium, La Porte.

This annual concert is presented to nearly 8,000 students and teachers from 50 area schools. Under the direction of associate conductor Carrie Ann Carlson, the Symphony is set to launch into a concert of "atmospheric orchestrations." Joined by professional whistler Martin Werner and vocalist Mary Kay Steele, the orchestra will delight children in an interactive dream world.

**Chart Toppers Pops Classique**, Sat., Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., Civic Auditorium, La Porte. Featuring pianist and Artist in Residence Robert Auler and the Northwest Indiana Symphony Youth Orchestra.

**Robert Auler and Friends Chamber Concert**, Sun., Feb. 13, 3 p.m., Presbyterian Church of La Porte.

**Movie Magic Classic Concert**, Sat., March 19, 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Michigan City. Featuring the Young Artist Competition Winners and organist Lorraine Brugh.

**A Night on Broadway Pops Concert**, Sat., April 23, 7:30 p.m., Civic Auditorium, La Porte. Featuring soprano Martha Cares, tenor Brian Manternach, and the La Porte High School Chorale, directed by Thomas Coe

### Headliners will include:



Professional whistler **Hans Martin Werner**, of Germany, will have children whistling along to familiar tunes at the annual children's concert on October 13. Werner received a Doctor of Music Arts degree in Conducting from the University of Michigan. He is music director and conductor of the Bach Chorale of St. Cecilia Music Society, Grand Rapids, MI.



**Robert Auler** maintains an active national and international performing career. He is currently working on a recording of all the cello and piano works of William Bolcom with cellist Wesley Baldwin. Auler is an assistant professor of piano at the State University of New York at Oswego. He will be making his Carnegie Hall debut in June and is this season's Artist in Residence and will perform in Nov. & Feb.



Local favorite **Mary Kay Steele** began her musical career in her backyard singing on her swing set. She graduated with honors in music from Culver Academies, and pursued a degree in musical studies and dance at the University of Iowa. For the past two years, she has been performing at The American Girl Theater in Chicago.



The March classic concert will feature the talents of organist **Lorraine Brugh**. She is assistant professor and Director of Chapel Music at Valparaiso University. She holds the Frederick J. Kruse Endowed Chair in Church and is University Organist. She completed the bachelor and master of music in organ performance at Northwestern University.



Internationally renowned soprano **Martha Cares** will sing Broadway favorites in the season's finale April Pops Concert. She has appeared with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Florida Grand Opera, Grant Park and Chicago Opera Theater. Her voice is heard in numerous television and radio commercials including the award-winning United Airlines and Cheers campaigns.



Tenor **Brian Manternach** will join Cares as a vocalist at the April Pops Concert. He has been heard throughout the country in opera, recitals and concert work. He has a bachelor's in music from St. John's University and a master's in music in vocal performance from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He has taught

voice at Notre Dame and IUSB. He has a private voice studio in South Bend, is music director of Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame and is pursuing a doctor of music degree from Indiana University.

### Tickets

Conductor's Circle tickets are \$70 for adults, \$65 for seniors. Adult Season subscriptions are \$50 for adults, \$45 for seniors. The Family Season pass is \$100, and the Student Season is \$15. Any student in a school music program may receive a Student Season pass free. Tickets are available through the Symphony website at [www.lcso.net](http://www.lcso.net).

### "Unmask the Music" Benefit Gala

The La Porte County Symphony Orchestra will present "Unmask the Music," a benefit for orchestra season programming and educational programs, at 7 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 30 at Heston Hills Banquet Center. Complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Silent and live auction items will be available. The evening will feature various music groups. Tickets are \$75 per person with reserved tables available. Call (219) 325-0666 for more information.

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### More Information

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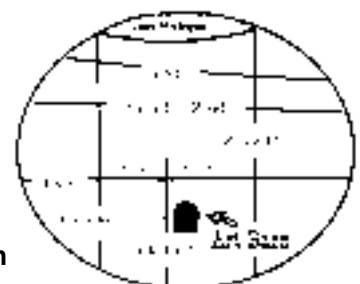
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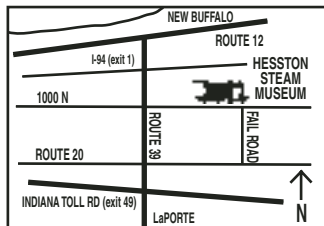
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The "Covered with Compassion" project seeks donations of new and gently used blankets, sleeping bags, coats, scarves, hats, sweatshirts, sweaters and toiletries that club members plan to take to the reservation themselves.

Social Work Club member Linda Pruitt explained that Pine Ridge is home to many Lakota Sioux and is also the site of the Wounded Knee Massacre. It is considered the poorest county in the United States with an 86 percent unemployment rate. About one-third of the residents live without electricity and some - many of them elderly - suffer through South Dakota winters without heat. Sixty percent have no telephone and a number are without plumbing. Many residents cannot even afford the basics of toothpaste and soap.

The idea to help the Pine Ridge Reservation came after academic advisor Beth Rudnick visited Pine Ridge to see Wounded Knee and was overwhelmed by emotion. She explained that while the area is plagued by extreme poverty, the residents were welcoming to the visitors. She came back with a commitment to help. The Social Work Club members quickly added their support.

"As future social workers we can't help but care about people in these kinds of conditions," said Pruitt. "As social workers we believe we can make a difference in people's lives, even if it is just one life at a time."

Diane Ironbird, a Pine Ridge social worker, said that homebound residents are particularly vulnerable and would benefit from these essential donations.

Donations will be gathered at PNC through September and Social Work club members plan to drive the items to the reservation and distribute them. Items can be taken to the Schwarz Hall Room 209 on the PNC campus, 1401 S. U.S. 421, Westville. Monetary donations are also welcome to help cover travel expenses and to help buy additional items for reservation residents.

More information can be obtained by contacting Pruitt at [lindapruitt10@hotmail.com](mailto:lindapruitt10@hotmail.com).

## Auditions at Chicago Street Theatre

CTG's Chicago Street Theatre is holding open auditions for their upcoming musical production of "Annie." Director for the play is Jonni Pera.

All adult roles have been cast; this audition is for orphan roles only, girls ages 8-12. The auditions take place at Chicago Street Theatre, 154 W. Chicago St., Valparaiso. Dates are Sat., Oct. 2, at 2 p.m., and Mon., Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

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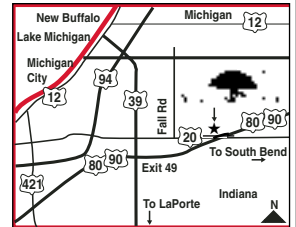
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Home, office, and garden items, and clothing. At the shelter, Rt. 6 & County Line Rd, Westville.

Because the society does not have storage space, they cannot accept donated items before Fri., Oct. 1.

**Schoolhouse Shop Fundraiser:** Sat., Oct. 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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## Writers' Openhouse Oct. 3

Beginning writers to published authors are invited to attend a Writer's Openhouse at the Chesterton Art Center on Sun., Oct. 3, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The event is planned as an opportunity to network and empower one another at whatever level of writing one is currently working. Free writers' goodies will be given out to the first fifteen people who sign up to attend the free event. Activities will include a fun skill-building exercise and follow-up.

The event is hosted by Paula McHugh and Kathy Garzella, Northern Indiana Chapter members of the International Women's Writing Guild.

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This day is a fun-packed family event that offers flyovers, aviation exhibits, hands-on activities, demos, tours, veteran presentations, music, food and fun.

Grissom Air Museum is located on Hwy. 31 between Peru and Kokomo. The festival runs from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Admission to the museum, which includes the Festival, is \$3 for adults, \$2 for veterans, senior citizens and students age 7-18, and free for museum members.

The Greater Cincinnati Flying Circus will put on colorful radio control air shows featuring dog fighting, aerobatics, helicopters, jets, biplanes, and even a flying broom.

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Music will be provided by the Peru Circus Band and the Swampwater Stompers. Three special performances called the "Fabulous Forties" will be performed by the 3rd Age Theater, a national theatrical group exclusively composed of performers age 55 and older.

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## Polish String Quartet to Perform at VU

A Polish family with a more than 200 year musical tradition will perform at Valparaiso University's Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 7th.

The Walasek String Quartet will perform works by Polish composers Moniuszko and Chopin and American composers Gershwin, Barber and Kritiz.

Tickets for adults are \$10 and senior citizens and students are \$5. Phone 219/464-5162 for more information or to reserve tickets.

The Walasek String Quartet is the world's only professional string quartet whose members are exclusively close family members. The group consists of cellist Wojciech Walasek and his children, violinists Emilia Walasek and Wojciech Walasek, Jr., and violist Kamil Walasek.

The family's musical tradition dates back to the 18th century, when it performed in the Vistula region of Poland.

Wojciech Walasek co-founded the acclaimed string quartets Wilanow and Varsovia as well as the Warsaw Virtuosos Chamber Orchestra, which he also served as artistic director. His children have won solo competitions, including the Mazowsze Region violin competition and the National Violin Competition in Elblag.

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‘Joseph’ Brings Together Talent From Across the County

by Mary Fox

David Tucker speaks modestly of his role as Joseph in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. “I kind of got lucky there,” the LaPorte High School senior said. Andrew Tallackson, who is directing the play for the Young People’s Theatre Company, disagrees. “He’s got a wonderful voice.”

The production is David’s first theater role, but his musical acumen cannot be underestimated. He has received a full scholarship to Ball State University to study music history and music appreciation and has no problem telling people that he enjoys classical music more than any other.

Not only David’s voice leaves director Andrew in awe. He is struck, too, by the talent in the rest of the cast. “When we do Jacob and Sons, and they hold that final note, the hair on the back of my neck literally stands up. I get goosebumps,” Andrew said.

It is music the director knows well. Andrew first was part of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat as a fifth-grader at The Emerson School for Visual and Performing Arts. “I was playing it on the piano in the pit when I was 12. And the music just never left me,” he said.



Narrator Jane Clemons tells the story of Joseph as Emily Cass, Allison Hillman, Marissa Gonzalez, Teresa Ludvigsen and Maegan Passafume listen.



In a dance routine are Emily Cass, Jane Clemons, Teresa Ludvigsen, Allison Hillman, Jordan Mellen, Alexandra Prast and Marissa Gonzalez.

Andrew considers the 1999 Michigan City High School production of Joseph that Stan Holdcraft directed as “the standard for a high school production.” The musical has not been performed in Michigan City in five years. “I think people missed the play,” Andrew said. “They missed the music. The star is the music. I think kids wanted to do this play, and I did, too. We went into it with the attitude that we’re not going to reinvent the wheel. We’re not going to try to top what they did. We’re just going to do the best job possible, and have fun doing it.”

More than a week before the performances, nearly all the seats were sold out. “That’s a testament,” Andrew said. “People love the music.”

Performances are set for 8 p.m. Oct. 1 and 2 and for 2 p.m. Oct. 2 and 3 at Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St.

The production is the first for the Young People’s Theatre Company, a theater group that recently formed in Michigan City. Steve Gonzalez, whose daughters Marissa and Brie have been active in theater, approached Andrew with the idea for the theater company. Steve explained his love for theater and his interest in giving youth another venue for showcasing their skills. “We’re here to encourage, not discourage,” he said. Steve has



Narrator Marissa Gonzalez sings as, from left, Sarah Cooper, Jordan Mellen, Alexandra Prast, Faye Stokes, Emily Cass, Allison Hillman, Teresa Ludvigsen and Maegan Passafume listen.



Bill Stark, who plays Jacob, and David Tucker, who plays Joseph, try out their costumes.

were in Footloose with Jessica last spring at the high school.



Marissa Gonzalez begins to sing while Allison Hillman and Maegan Passafume watch.

solicited businesses, family and friends to raise more than \$5,700 for the company. Joseph is just the first offering of the company, Steve explained. “We want this to be a long-term commitment,” he said.

For choreography, Andrew sought the expertise of Lindsey Edson, who has been in many productions, studied at Columbia College and is now studying with Second City. “I’ve always wanted to work with her,” Andrew said of Lindsey.

Both the director and choreographer have drawn rave reviews from the young people. “I love Drew. He’s so nice,” Teresa Ludvigsen said. “He has a way of making everyone feel they’re a star.”

“She relates to us,” Jessica Lewis said of Lindsey. “She’s young, and we’re young, and she makes it fun for everybody. She’s a really good teacher.” Lewis, a freshman at Purdue University North Central, is with Michigan City High School friends during the production. A number of the cast of Joseph also



Costume designer Lynne Blitstein helps Adam Pakuszewski with his turban.



Joseph's brothers, played by Adam Pakuszewski, Jacob Galloway, Aaron Garrett, Travis Schilla, Brandon Williams and Ethan Vail, reminisce about the good old days.

The Young People’s Theatre Company has brought together talent from throughout LaPorte County. The cast includes students from LaPorte and South Central high schools, as well as Marquette and Michigan City high schools and Elston Junior High . Costume designer Lynne Blitstein has watched the students grow closer while rehearsing. “I think at the beginning the kids were a little tentative, but now they’ve gotten to know each other well. It’s been an excellent way for them to learn about kids from other schools in a positive way and to bring the county together. Now they’re like a big family.”

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As the Pharoah, Joel Wendel listens as Adam Pakuszewski, who plays both a butler and Gad, has a word with him.





Joel Wendel prepares for his role as Pharoah while Jordan Mellen, Allison Hillman, Alexandra Prast, Emily Cass and Maegan Passafume dance.

**Joseph** Continued from Page 33

Lynne sees the importance of the new theater group as far in scope. "I think theater certainly gives the kids a very positive way to express themselves," she said. "We need to have something other than sports for kids to be involved in. We need to begin building our audience for theater. Theater is one of America's authentic traditions. If we don't build our next generation of audiences by having our kids in theater, it would be sad."

Joseph cast members have found the musical both

fun and as a way to hone talent. Teresa Ludvigsen, a senior at LaPorte High School, plans on an acting career. "It's not just community theater," she said. "For those of us who are serious about an acting career, this is a chance to do our work."

Marissa Gonzalez, who played Bloody Mary in the



MCHS production of South Pacific and is one of the narrators in Joseph, said the show has broadened her friendships. "It's not the same kids you see at school. You get to meet different people. Everyone wants to be here for the same reason. They want a good show."

Narrator Jessica Lewis tells the story.

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## Young People's Theatre Company

Joseph is the first venture for the newly formed Young People's Theatre Company. The cast and crew are as follows:

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**Jane Clemons**-Michigan City, graduate  
**Jessica Lewis**-Trail Creek, PNC  
 Joseph: **David Tucker**-LaPorte, LPHS  
 Reuben: **Aaron Garrett**-Michigan City, MCHS  
 Levi: **Jacob Galloway**-LaPorte, MCHS  
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 Benjamin: **Brandon Lambert**-Michigan City, Elston Middle School  
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 Butler/Gad: **Adam Pakuszewski**-Michigan City, MCHS  
 Baker/Simeon: **Ethan Vail**-Michigan City, Elston Middle School  
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 Stage Manager: **Amanda Povlock**-Trail Creek, MCHS  
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## *foodstuff* by carolyn m'connell Millennium Park, with the Five-Star Supper Club

Chicago's Millennium Park is all over the place - newspaper stories, magazine articles, news on the television screen - all so beautiful, so exciting that I suppose we'll never tire of hearing about it. So, Beacher readers, here's still another story about it, specially for you.



(l to r) Lorraine, Mary, Pat and Gloria, Four-Stars on the SouthShore

We Five-Stars took the 8:40 SouthShore on one of the hottest Tuesdays in summery September. At our last get-together, we'd wanted to choose a favorite restaurant as a reward for five perfect at-home suppers during the last few months. That's when someone mentioned that Millennium Park would make for a great outing. We jumped at the idea. Perhaps you've noticed that we Stars are quite agreeable.

The day finally came. Pat Latchford drove Gloria Godfrey and me to the SouthShore station and found a parking place among the hundreds of commuters' cars - at the furthest corner, of course. Mary Samelson was there ahead of us, with Lorraine Frank (our sub for Shirlee Anderson who was tied up that day). All aboard.... and then an endless train ride - I can't imagine how I stood commuting two days a week into Chicago and back - but now, with four friends to chat with (sure, mostly about food), it's a pleasant ride and, on the way home, a restful one.

At the park, we started at the Family Album display and that's where our oohs and aahs began.



Entering Millennium Park, there's Pat, Gloria and Lorraine and Mary.



First stop was the Family Album display.

Those sounds didn't stop. Millennium Park is spectacular - so beautiful, so clean, so artistically installed. We meandered past the Pritzker Pavilion with its stunning stage and green green lawn, we walked part of the 'boardwalk' but the sun was so blazing that day

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we backtracked after ten minutes or so. We then visited the famous Crown Fountain where people were wading in inches of the cool water as the photograph pictured columns spat it out. That is perhaps the happiest place in the city of Chicago. I've never seen so many happy faces in one area. No, we five didn't remove our shoes to join them - we just giggled at the entire scene.



The 'boardwalk' - and those boards are beautiful

Fun to  
watch this  
face on  
the  
fountain  
pucker up  
and spit  
water,  
clean  
water



The Four Stars wouldn't pose in water, these four did

Then, of course, to The Bean. Truly amazing. You walk under it on a 90 degree day and everything is cool. Really cool. The Bean is so shiny you see the reflection of Michigan Avenue buildings and traffic as well as groups of us awe-stricken folks standing under it, grinning and waving, still oohing and aahing.

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Ah, The Bean

**Millennium** Continued from Page 37

Then our supper club went to lunch. Park Grill just opened in July and is already one of Chicago's most popular eating places. It was totally shoulder-to-shoulder the day we were there, perhaps because the temperature was too hot for outdoor seating. Right away I asked our waiter to find out if I could get a shot of the chef. With my usual foodstuff luck, the chef came right out to say hello to us. Bernard Laskowski, former chef at the Pump Room and Bin 36, is in charge of both the indoor and outdoor restaurants and the Tribune says he sets a high standard for his American Restaurant. The Beacher is in total agreement with you, Tribune.




Beaming Four-Stars with Chef Laskowski

I ordered garlicky steamed mussels and sliced heirloom tomatoes as a salad. Delicious. Lets see - Pat and Mary each had the steak sandwich, Gloria ordered calamari and Lorraine raved about her smoked salmon heaped onto pumpernickel. All, beautifully presented along with tapenade and tasty bread chunks, to start. Good company, good food - only problem is the unbelievable noise in the place. We Five Stars couldn't hear each other, even sitting at our ordinary-sized round table. But, you know, I'll bet each and every one of us returns for another meal there anyway. That's how good it is. By the way, we were glad we'd made advance reservations as there was a long line of hungry Millennium visitors waiting to be seated.

It was a memorable day - the beautiful park glistening in the hot sun, the fine restaurant with its fine food, the company of good Stars, a cooling visit to air-conditioned Marshall Fields just a block away, the sluggish ride on that old SouthShore - restful en route back to Michigan City. If you readers haven't done Millennium Park, start planning it now. I assure you, you'll love it as much as we did.





Lorraine and Mary wanted to climb Fields' Frango mint wall



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## Bach Recital at Valparaiso University

The Castillon Trio, an ensemble of Valparaiso University music faculty, will be joined by guest flautist John Wachala in a Sat., Oct. 2nd performance of J.S. Bach's "A Musical Offering."

The recital will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the VU Center for the Arts. The performance is free and open to the public.

Castillon Trio members are violinist Dr. Andrew Smith, assistant professor of music; pianist Dr. Joseph Bognar, assistant professor of music; and, cellist Andrea Mills, adjunct instructor of music.

The trio was selected artists-in-residence of the LaPorte County Symphonic society in 2004, as well as at the Stamford International Music Festival in the United Kingdom.

John Wachala founded and frequently performs with the Calumet Chamber Musicians. He earned his master's degree in music from Roosevelt University and has given flute lessons since 1979 at his studio in Hammond.

"A Musical Offering" is a work consisting of two fugues, a trio sonata and ten canons, with each movement based on a theme composed by Frederick the Great.

## The 2nd Annual Plunge For The Cure

The 2nd Annual Plunge For The Cure will take place on Sat., Oct. 2nd, from 10-10:30 a.m. at Washington Park Beach. Yes, people are actually volunteering to jump into the lake for the American Cancer Society!

In 2003, more than 75 people came to the beachfront, and 31 went into the 55 degree water of Lake Michigan. Local merchants and service providers generously donated more than \$1600 worth of prizes for drawings following the Plunge. Donations to the Plunge For The Cure totaled more than \$2300 and were given to the American Cancer Society there at the shoreline of Lake Michigan.

Laura New, committee member, said, "Participants in this event don't have to swim in the lake or even wade out to their waists. They can simply dip their toes or their fingers into the water in order to be determined a participant. There's no minimum donation, but we hope that everyone will contribute a few dollars to the American Cancer Society."

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Purdue University North Central Alumni Association will host a bus trip on Sat., Oct. 30 to the Purdue Boilermakers vs. the Northwestern Wildcats at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

The bus will depart from and return to the PNC parking lot. The times will be determined by the television schedule and announced at a later date.

The trip is \$85 per person; with a discount price of \$75 each for paid Purdue Alumni Association members. This includes a light meal and refreshments on the bus. The trip will also feature games and the opportunity to socialize on the bus.

Reservations can be made by calling the PNC Development and Alumni office at (219) 872-0527 ext. 5697 or alumni@pnc.edu or by mailing a check payable to the PNC Alumni Association to Alumni Office, 1401 S. U.S. Highway 421, Westville, IN 46391-9542. Reservations will be confirmed when the check is received. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact (219) 872-0527 ext. 5697

## 50th Annual Harvest Festival Auction

Captain Michael Wolfe of the Salvation Army has announced that the 50th Annual Harvest Festival Auction will be held on Sat., Oct. 2nd, at The Salvation Army, 1201 Franklin St., Michigan City, in the lower level. The auction will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Breakfast will be available at 9 a.m. as well as viewing of the many items donated by local vendors. Lunch will be available from 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Captain Wolfe noted that the auction is usually held on Monday nights, but this year it was decided to try a Saturday to allow more folks to attend. He stated The Army is excited to be holding this important fund raising event for the 50th year in Michigan City. The goal for this anniversary year is \$15,000.

Auctioneer Laverne Klemm and his family and staff will donate their services, as they have done in previous years. This year the auction will follow a schedule:

10 a.m. General merchandise and certificates; 11 a.m. automobiles; 11:30 a.m. Jewelry; 12:30 p.m. Fine Art, Photos; 1 p.m. General merchandise, certificates and collectibles; 2 p.m. Produce, floral, trees; 3 p.m. Remaining merchandise.

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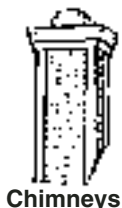
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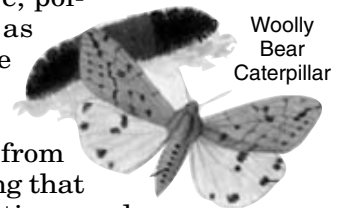
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"Bless the beasts and the children. . .for in this world they have no voice, they have no choice". That was Don Cooper's plaintive song in the sixties, and as far as dependence on us goes, it still holds true. However, a little walk recently with a visiting great-grand led me to know that this little one, at least, has a voice. Lily, age 4, and I took a walk to care for a friend's dog, taking our own Charlie dog with us, a walk that usually takes me about 12 minutes. This one took an hour and a half. Charlie, of course, loved the leisurely pace to enhance his snooping and sniffing time, and Lily loved everything she saw. A broad yellow leaf became a fan-like umbrella to wave and hold over her head. Then she spotted a red leaf half-hidden in a bed of ivy, and had to have it to stuff in her pocket. Then another, then another. It's been an early fall for colored leaves. Acorns were another treasure to stash, and Lily found some she had to have, polished brown and smooth as marbles. Great Gram Maggie added some nature study, pointing to the big trees around us that had grown from just these tiny acorns, adding that everything grows from a tiny seed, even babies. Lily's eyes grew wide. Was I kidding? Lily has a baby sister and KNEW babies didn't sprout from the ground. I wasn't about to go into the birds and bees and stuck to trees.

Woolly  
Bear  
Caterpillar

A little farther along, we came to a furry brown caterpillar crossing the road. Worried that it might get run over, we had to help it on its journey with a stalk of dried grass. Gently brushing it, caterpillar curled into a ball. Why? It was afraid. Why? That's the way it protects itself. Where's it going? Probably to get something to eat, or spin a cocoon. Why? An explanation of the cycle of life expanded, until the caterpillar was safely tucked under a bush along the road. On our way back we spotted a deer, watching us from along the creek. After another exponential series of why, we decided that perhaps the doe had a baby fawn hidden nearby as she wheeled away from our prying eyes and went bounding away along the trail with her white flag of a tail waving. We came to another caterpillar (lots of furry caterpillars mean a hard winter according to the Farmer's Almanac) and of course, had to make sure this one was helped off the road as well. A niggling little voice in my head wanted to say, Come on, we have to get home. Then I thought, why? In our hurry, scurry life, what could possibly be more important than this? Seeing the world through the eyes of a child where every moment is filled with new discovery and time doesn't matter. When Lily got home she emptied her pockets and scattered acorns so more trees would grow. Bless the beasts and the children. In this world, they know what counts.

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I blessed another grandchild this summer when Matt, 19, came to visit and added to the blessings he brings, among them, painting the garden shed, building the great wall of China along the back of my garden, and this year, hauling and laying wood chips along the path in back. This young man knows what I'm about in my meditation garden and I let him have at it with



his own design that created bamboo screens for my collection of rocks and giant conch. My guru at Clark's Secret Garden recommended just the plants I wanted to fill in this woodsy spot where ferns predominate: toad lilies. The name may sound awful, but the varieties are like baby orchids. . . the Japanese Toad Lily, *tricyrtis hirta* "Miyazaki" and "Samara". These varieties love woodland shade and bloom in summer or early fall. They arch gracefully with purple or white flowers, very unlike the cultivar sold more commonly that has spiky leaves like the old house plant called mother-in-law's tongue and prefers the sun. Matt's design created the this perfect place to plant them.



A perfect place for Toad lilies.

Another little boy was added to my garden of great grandchildren in September. That makes three children, six grandchildren, and now six great grands. . . and at last count, sixteen house pets among us. Bless the beasts and the children. My blessings abound.

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The **Girlfriend Sale** roster for November is nearly half full and we aren't even out of the month of September. If you're interested in participating, don't hesitate to call and reserve your spot for up to 30 items. Because of popular demand, our usual postcard mailing "call for participants" may just end up being a reminder of the sale dates. We will do our best to include everyone that would like to submit clothing, however, we need additional volunteers to do so. If you are able to give a day to help hang clothing, tag merchandise, or work at the sale, please let us know ASAP by phoning 879-3845. We will be making appointments for clothing drop off Oct. 5, 6, 19, 20, 26 & 27 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The sale dates are Nov. 5th, 6-9 p.m.; Nov. 6th, 10-3 p.m.; Nov. 13th, 10-3 p.m.; Nov. 14th, 12-4 p.m. All volunteers qualify for early bird buying privileges.

The **Long Beach Fitness Center** began renovation work in Room #4 last week with plans to provide toning, aerobics, and self-defense classes sometime this fall. The contractor was busy removing old carpeting in preparation for a new hardwood floor and making arrangements to replace the existing entry with commercial glass doors. We are happy to see so many new faces here at the Center and are looking forward to the added excitement and activity.

**Little Star Montessori** has increased enrollment this fall and opened a second classroom to accommodate the growing number of preschool students. It's nice to hear their tiny, happy voices on the playground again. The "Old School" in many ways continues to live on. **COMMUNITY = COMMUNICATION IN UNITY**

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There will be cake and punch and docents to give tours of the Old Lighthouse. There will also be Harbor Lights Li'l Lites of Mine replicas of the Pierhead Light as well as Christmas ornaments of that structure for sale.

## Ron Wennekes Paintings at The Depot

Beverly Shores artist Ron Wennekes will be showing his paintings of nature in an exhibit at The Depot Museum & Art Gallery of Beverly Shores. The exhibit will run from Oct. 3-31 and the artist's reception will be Sun., Oct. 3rd, 1-4 p.m.

The Depot is located at 525 Broadway, Beverly Shores, just north of U.S. 12. Admission is free, donations are welcome. The Depot is open Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m., May through November.

## Michiana Humane Society Benefit

Local golfer, animal lover and Board Member Andy Mason will attempt to golf 100 holes at Pottawattomie Country Club on Mon., Oct. 4th, to benefit the Michiana Humane Society.

To make a pledge per hole or donation, phone the Society at 872-4499.

## Barker Mansion Guild Meeting

The Barker Mansion Guild will meet Wed., Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. Laurie Sensow, owner of "Plain and Fancy" antique shop near LaPorte, will speak about the life and glasswork of Rene Lalique. Lalique glass, designed in Art Nouveau and Art Deco styles, was made by Rene Lalique from the 1890s to 1945.

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## Harvest Arts Festival Held at Shaker Cottage Complex

by Jan Van Ausdal

Saturday, September 18th was a very pleasant afternoon for the Harvest Arts Festival, which was held on the lawn of the Shaker Cottage Complex (over 2 miles west of downtown New Buffalo) from Noon to 5 p.m., Michigan time. Businesses represented included Panozzo's Pantry, Glad Rags, Too, Gaia Gallery, Harbor Muse, the Country Gardner, and some individual artists. Many visitors came for at least part of the afternoon's festivities.



The Kent Arnsbarger Band plays music for the afternoon.

A live band performed throughout the afternoon. Members of this Kent Arnsbarger band (based in Michigan City) were: Kent Arnsbarger (steel drummer); Brian Wilkie (guitar & harmonica player); Jimmy Teolis (bass player); and Jeff Ham (singer and song writer). The band has played together for about four years now. They play all around, from Chicago to Wisconsin, in Michiana, and even in Utah. Do they enjoy it? Oh, yes! To find out more about the group, call 219-325-8261.



Lonnie Pasquella (r.) serves soup to Pam & Ron Stepansky.

I went into Panozzo's Pantry to see what delicious food items were available for tasting. Lonnie Pasquella, (she is from Valpo and helps Patty once in a while),

was serving soup to Pam & Ron Stepansky of Chicago & New Buffalo. He tried tortilla soup, while she chose Cincinnati Chili. They commented, "This is the first time we stopped here. The soup is very good!" These soups are made with packets of ingredients from Frontier Soup of Illinois and available at Panozzo's. Others who help Patty are Linda Dant and Kelvin Krantz. Lindsey Hagan from Stop 41 in Long Beach told me, "I buy the most chocolate from the store!" Other delicious items available for tasting included pancakes with wild rice and jam and fruit-topped cheesecake. Many new and unusual items can be purchased at Panozzo's Pantry.

Patty Panozzo (l.) & Susan Ross (r.), her publicist, pose with a scarecrow.



Another group stopped by to see the work of artist, mk czerwiec who does paintings, cartoons, illustrations, and images. A popular item was her cartoon of the month calendar for 2005. From Michiana Shores, mk is a member of The Gaia Gallery Coop, who used to be a nurse at Rush Hospital in Chicago and other places, but is on hiatus right now.

Next, I photographed a group of friends who came to spend the afternoon. They were wives and daughters.



(l to r) Dory Lawrence & Annie; Cindy Homan (friend); Shawn Arnsbarger & Annie; Kristi Teolis with Francesca; and Gwen & Daryn Ham.

ters of the band members, and one friend. One wife told me, "When they play some place that's family friendly, absolutely, we go!" They had brought along a blanket so they could sit on the grass near the band and some toys for the girls.

Brats and sausage were being cooked on a grill outside (by Rich Trenbeth) and were served with potato chips, onions and Jersey Marry sauce. I tried a brat, which was delicious! Carol and John Shepp of New Carlisle were also eating brats. They said, "This is our first time and we're having a great day!"

In front of Gaia Gallery, Phil Hamilton of Shoreland Hills stood with his friends, Sandy & Frank Pressel of Valpo and their poodles, Dan & Oliver (who are brothers) and Haley (a girl dog) who is not related to the other two dogs. Frank said, "This is a great place and we love it here!"



Phil Hamilton with Sandy & Frank Pressel & their dogs Dan, Oliver & Haley.

Inside Glad Rags, Too, Michelle Aguirre of Chesterton and Helen Kekalia of Union Pier were very busy helping customers. Owner, Judith Mervine, was at the new store at Coffee Creek in Chesterton, which just opened up. Judith said, "We moved up her last Valentine's Day. It's wonderful to work here. All women like working with clothes." Charlotte Stern of Michiana Shores showed her husband, Harry, a great lavender hat she planned to buy.



Michelle Aguirre & Helen Kekalia of Glad Rags, Too admire Charlotte Stern in a lavender hat.

Outside, Lori Rochowiak of Intuitive by Design was selling her jewelry. She has been associated with Gaia Gallery, but will probably be on her own from now on. Maggie Murphy (from Chicago and Three Oaks) had brought her children Catherine, Lauren, and Jimmy to the Harvest Arts Festival. Lauren had selected one of Lori's bracelets. Maggie said, "It's the first time we've been here. I read about it in the local paper." Lori Rochowiak has three boys and said, "I'm missing them today."



Lori Rochowiak helps Maggie Murphy with her children Lauren, Catherine & Jimmy select jewelry.

Ruth Janes of Dayton, Washington, with her daughter, Susan Belling of Oak Park, Illinois and New Buffalo, stopped by the Country Gardener Ltd., where Maribeth Wulff, Designer, and Anna Fischer, employee, were present to answer any questions that visitors had. Ruth said, "I just try this and that, and then next year, something else. I grow roses, annuals, perennials, and vegetables." The Country Gardener offered a free iris plant and/or a free cookie. That's an offer that's hard to top! You can reach Maribeth Wulff at 269-469-1562.



Ruth Janes with her daughter, Susan Belling, talks to Garden Designer Maribeth Wulff & Anna Fischer.

Sisters Jodi and Sheree Hellenga were at a table showing the jewelry which they make. Their mother, Natalie (probably their best customer), came to the



(l to r) Jody & Sheree Hellinga, Phillip Van Lear (of Harbor Muse), Natalie Hellinga & Tina Pliske are having fun.

### Shaker Cottage Continued from Page 47

festival. They posed for a photo with Phillip Van Lear of the Harbor Muse and Tina Pliske of Michiana Shores. Phillip jokingly said, "I'm Natalie's adopted son!" The sisters have been associated with Gaia Gallery, which is having a closeout sale till the end of September. Some artists will go out on their own while others will still be associated as a group.

I spoke to Maureen Lighthall who has been the Director of Gaia Gallery. She told me, "Currently, we're regrouping. Our plans are to pause and reassess our situation and probably reopen in a new venue in the spring. We have been working very hard and we feel we need some time out. If we wanted to, we could open tomorrow, but we really need to regroup. We will meet in November to decide what's next. Many places would be interested in showing our work."



Helen Kekalia models a coat with an orange lining from Glad Rags, Too.

I snapped a photo of Helen Kekalia from Glad Rags, Too, modeling a marvelous black coat with multi-colored buttons and an orange lining, walking around outside the complex. Many of the women present admired this long coat.

Blake Vissing of Long Beach with A. J. Baney and Adam Sewell of Michigan City sat on the ground to listen to the band playing outside. One of the band's numbers was "I've Spent Some Time in New Orleans."



Adam Sewell, AJ Baney & Blake Vissing listen intently to the band.

Inside at Harbor Muse, Dale Olah and Jeff Case of Chicago and Rolling Prairie were debating the purchase of a small scarecrow for one of their homes. They had been out to the Shaker Complex before.



Dale Olah & Jeff Case consider buying a scarecrow from Harbor Muse.

Carol Erlback of Chicago and Randy Vissing of Long Beach were set up at tables outside Harbor Muse, showing their jewelry to those who visited the event. Susan Barnes of Michigan City and Gina Levinson of Chicago stopped by to admire their jewelry. Susan said it was her first time at this type of show, but she knows some of the artists who were present for the afternoon.



Susan Barnes & Gina Levinson admire the jewelry of Carol Erlback & Randy Vissing.

It was getting late in the afternoon and a bit cooler outside. Time to leave, after a fun-filled afternoon of meeting & talking to people and enjoying music, food, and various types of art—all a part of Harvest Arts Festival!



## PNC Odyssey Arts and Events Series

Purdue University North Central will celebrate the sixth year of its Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series with a public opening of its multi-piece contemporary sculpture exhibit, Odyssey 2004 – 05 on Thurs., Oct. 7, 3 – 4:30 p.m. in the Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall Room 02. The program is free and open to the public. Families and children are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The theme of this year's show is "Freedom" and 13 sculptors have created pieces that reflect their interpretation of "freedom." The artists' representations range from pieces reflecting opportunity; one's ability to move freely in our county; the ability to explore the cosmos and the lack of restrictions and self determination.

The Odyssey exhibit brings together 16 new sculptures that will grace the 305 acres of the PNC campus.

S. Thomas Scarff, in his sixth year as curator of the PNC Odyssey sculpture shows, remarked, "This show will be filled with pieces that stir emotions, cause people to think about the many definitions and interpretations of "freedom" and how it impacts every facet of our lives."

The Odyssey Cultural Series will feature a variety of other events throughout the year, including exhibits of art, film showings and a PNC theater presentation of "The Diary of Anne Frank" performed by PNC students.

Sculptors exhibiting and their works with the Freedom theme as part of Odyssey 2004- 05 are:

Christopher Furman – *The Price of Freedom*

Mike Helbing – *Variation on My Victory*

Joe Hunt – *Idea (Trains of Thought)*

Kara James – *Handmade Revolution*

Faheem Majeed – *Enabled*

David Noguchi – *Flight of Freedom*

Eric Nordgulen – *Anatomy Vessel*

Fritz Olsen – *Passage to Freedom Through Winds of Change*

Wayne Rice – *The Spirit of Kilroy*

S. Thomas Scarff – *A Slice in the Fabric of the Cosmos*

Peter J. Smith - Phillips – *Freedom of Self*

Don Wenig – *One Seat*

Michael Young – *A Point Free*

Bob Emser – *Structural Spaces – Exteriors Within*

Dessa Kirk – *Emilee*

Rojelio Tijerina – *Untitled*

Most works are for sale.

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September 30 — Book Repair Workshop. 3-5 pm at the LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. Free. Bring several books or magazines to practice on. Info: 219/362-6156.

October 1 — "Art on a Budget." Art exhibition and affordable art for sale opening reception 5-8 pm at 18 Artists Gallery, 540 Indian Boundary Rd., Chesterton.

October 1-2 — Farmer's Market at the Schoolhouse Shop, Furnessville. 10 am-4 pm.

October 1-2 -- First United Methodist Church Women's Rummage Sale. Fri. 9 am-1 pm; Sat. 9 am-noon. 7th and Pine streets, Michigan City.

October 1-3, 8-10, 15-17 — "The Nerd" presented by the Footlight Players. Curtain Fri & Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. Tix \$10; phone 874-4035. Footlight Theatre, 1705 Franklin St., MC.

October 1-2, 8-10, 14-16 — "The Boys Next Door." Community Theatre Guild production at the Chicago Street Theatre, 154 W. Chicago St., Valparaiso. Tix \$12/adults, \$10/sen. cit (62 & over); \$8/students (21 & under); \$10 each for groups of 10 or more. Curtain 8 pm on Thurs, Fri & Sat; Sun matinee 2:30 pm. See story this issue. 219/464-1636.

October 2 — Farmer's Market, 8th & Washington streets, MC. 8 am-noon.

October 2 — Footsteps to Fitness 5K Run/Walk 8 am at the Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve Amphitheater. Registration form: 219/983-9832, ext. 502. Free & non-competitive event.

October 2 — Indiana Bluebird Society Annual Meeting. 7:30 am at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center. Public invited to attend.

October 2 — 50th Annual Harvest Festival Auction fundraiser for The Salvation Army, 1201 Franklin St., MC. Breakfast 9 am; auction begins 10 am; lunch noon-12:30 pm. Info: 874-6885.

October 2 — Writing Out Loud at the MC Public Library. Featured speaker: Marsha Wenig of Dancing Feet Yoga. 7:30 pm. Free & open to the public. Susan Meyer will be the interviewer.

October 2 — The Castillon Trio, an ensemble of Valparaiso University music faculty, in concert. 7:30 pm in the VU Center for the Arts. Performing JS Bach's "A Musical Offering." Free & open to the public.

October 3 — Writers' Openhouse at the Chesterton Art Center, 115 S. Fourth St., Chesterton. 1:30-3:30 pm. Get acquainted meeting hosted by the International Women's Writing Guild, Northern Indiana Chapter. Preregister for free goodie bag with Paula McHugh, 219/921-1044.

October 3 -- LaPorte Co. Extension Homemakers

Antique & Appraisal Fiare. Noon-5 pm in the Community Bldg. at the LaPorte County fairgrounds. For \$5 you can have one item appraised, plus dessert & beverage. Dealer booths will also be set up.

October 3 — Benefit performance for Daniel Blitstein at the Mainstreet Theatre, 807 Franklin St., MC. Young People's Theater Company will present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Tix \$10; phone First United Methodist Church, 872-7200.

October 3 — Ron Wennekes opening reception at The Depot Museum & Art Gallery, Beverly Shores. 1-4 pm. On exhibit Oct. 3-31. Free & open to public.

October 3 -- Deep River Grinders vs. the Indianapolis Blues in a game of 1858 vintage base ball. 2 pm at Grinders Field, Deep River County Park. (Take US 30 west past Deep River Water Park to next signal light; turn right and follow signs.) Free adm. Concessions will be sold.

October 5 -- MC Concert Assoc. first concert of the 2004-2005 season: "One Enchanted Evening." 7:30 pm at LaPorte Civic Auditorium, LaPorte. 879-7934.

October 6 — Mighty Mic Showcase at the MC Public Library. Guest host blues guitarist Keith Scott. 6:30 pm. Free & open to the public.

October 6 — Barker Mansion Guild meeting. 7 pm. Laurie Sensow will speak about the life and glasswork of Rene Lalique. Guests are invited. 631 Washington St., MC. Info: 873-1520.

#### Places to Visit:

Barker Mansion, 631 Washington St., Michigan City. Adm. \$4/adults, \$2/kids 18 and under, free/kids under 3. Guided tours Mon-Fri 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm; Sat & Sun noon & 2 pm. 873-1520.

Great Lakes Museum of Military History, 360 Dunes Plaza, Michigan City. Info 872-2702 or on the web at [www.militaryhistorymuseum.org](http://www.militaryhistorymuseum.org)

LaPorte County Historical Museum, county complex in downtown LaPorte, Indiana. Hours 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Sat. Adm. free; donations welcome. 219/326-6808, ext. 276 or [www.lapcohistsoc.org](http://www.lapcohistsoc.org).

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. 2nd St., Michigan City. Tues.-Fri., 10 am-4 pm; Sat. 10 am-2 pm. Phone 874-4900.

New Buffalo Railroad Museum, 530 S. Whittaker St., New Buffalo, MI. Open Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm; Sat-Sun, 10 am-3 pm (MI time). Info 269/469-5409.

Old Lighthouse Museum, Washington Park, Michigan City. Open Tues-Sun, 1-4 pm. Adm. \$2/adults, \$1/kids grades 8-12, 50 cents/kids grades 1-8, free to preschoolers. Group tours available, phone 872-6133.

Rag Tops Museum of Michigan City. 209 W. Michigan Blvd. A collection of classic, antique & unusual vehicles & memorabilia. Open every day 10 am-7 pm. Adm. \$6/adults, \$5/sen.cit., \$4/kids, free/under 3. 878-1514.

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**On September 30, 1846**, Boston dentist William Morton made the first recorded use of ether as an anesthetic.

**On September 30, 1882**, the first hydroelectric plant in the United States went on line in Appleton, Wisconsin.

**On September 30, 1955**, near Cholame, California, 24-year old James Dean, star of the movies "Rebel Without a Cause," "East of Eden," and "Giant," was killed when his sports car collided with another car.

**On October 1, 1781**, James Lawrence, who commanded the U.S.S. *Chesapeake* in the "War of 1812," was born in Burlington, New Jersey. Lawrence was fatally wounded in a battle between the *Chesapeake* and the British ship *Shannon*. His dying command, "Don't give up the ship," became a watchword of the United States Navy.

**On October 1, 1962**, Johnny Carson took over as host of NBC's "Tonight Show." His first-night guests were Joan Crawford, Mel Brooks, Rudy Vallee, and Tony Bennett.

**On October 1, 1979**, Panama's flag was raised over the Canal Zone, ending 79 years of United States sovereignty.

**On October 2, 1835**, the Texas Revolution began when American settlers and a Mexican cavalry unit engaged in battle near the Guadalupe River.

**On October 2, 1882**, Railroad owner William H. Vanderbilt received fame of a sort when he answered a question about whether his railroads were operated for the benefit of the public. His reply: "The public be damned! What does the public care about the railroads except to get as much out of them for as little consideration as possible." The next day he was quoted in all of the newspapers in the United States, as well as many in the rest of the world.

**On October 2, 1889**, the first Pan American Conference was held in Washington, D.C.

**On October 2, 1950**, "Peanuts," a comic strip produced by Charles Schulz, was first published.

**On October 3, 1789**, President George Washington proclaimed that the nation's first "Day of Thanksgiving" was to be observed on November 26.

**On October 3, 1854**, American physician William C. Gorgas, whose work in controlling yellow fever made possible the construction of the Panama Canal, was born in Toulminville, Alabama.

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**On October 3, 1955**, Captain Kangaroo and The Mickey Mouse Club made their debut on CBS and ABC, respectively.

**On October 4, 1918**, New York's Delmonico's Restaurant closed its doors. It was once the city's most famous eating place, and was favored by the world's celebrities. It carried, at the height of its popularity, more than 200 chefs and waiters.

**On October 4, 1931**, the New York News carried the first "Dick Tracy" comic strip.

**On October 4, 1957**, Russia ushered in the space age as Sputnik, the first man-made satellite, orbited the earth. Its radio continued to transmit for 21 days.

**On October 5, 1582**, the "Gregorian Calendar," the one that most of the world uses today, was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII.

**On October 5, 1830**, Chester Arthur, the 21st president of the United States, was born in Fairfield, Vermont.

**On October 5, 1983**, Polish labor leader Lech Walesa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts on behalf of Polish workers.

**On October 6, 1820**, Swedish soprano Jenny Lind was born in Stockholm. One of the most beloved singers of the 1800's, an adoring public bestowed on her the title of "The Swedish Nightingale."

**On October 6, 1857**, the first major chess tournament to be held in the United States took place in New York City.

**On October 6, 1958**, the "Seawolf," an American nuclear submarine, surfaced off the coast of New England, having established a world record by staying submerged for two months.

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We hoped to go aloft in 2002 and 2003, but we could never come up with a mutually free date, and then as the pages of the 2004 calendar got torn off, we resolved to fly before 2005. In fact, Captain Mark and I talked about going flying together back in March when we gathered in Three Oaks for a belated celebration of Chinese New Year with his wife Sue, daughter Pearl, and their many friends from China and America.

Captain Mark assured me that he was going to have his plane inspected and ready in no time and promised to take me for my long-awaited flight long before the first frost.



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Summer slipped away from the two of us, but suddenly September yielded an open date — an absolutely gorgeous Friday morning with a high pressure front parked over the area and plenty of golden sunshine.

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He started by describing how his Taylorcraft had just undergone an annual inspection whereby “you have to pull out all the little inspection plates so everything becomes visible. You take the wheels off and grease the bearings and check the tightness of the cables; you punch the fabric to make sure it's strong enough.”

That has to be done either annually or every 100 hours of flight.

Noting that his aircraft was “built in 1941 with a 65-horse power engine,” Captain Mark said it has been upgraded with an 85-horse power Continental, four-cylinder opposed engine.

Captain Mark replaced the original wooden propeller with a metal one because, he said, the wooden one tended to flex a little too much at high rpm's, but he left most of the original equipment alone. Including the factory installed ashtray placed just above the fuel tank.

We both had a good laugh over that and wondered what they were thinking in 1941.

Well, what they were thinking in 1941 was it was time to make jeeps, and tanks and everything else for the nation's involuntary participation in what was to become known as World War II.

“Back when this airplane was built, they needed all the starters for the jeeps for the war effort, so there is no electrical system on this airplane. Meaning, you have to prop it,” Captain Mark said.

And prop it he did a short time later when he was certain I had my air legs about me.

Too bad I did not have my air stomach about me, because as we maneuvered at 400 feet over Lake Michigan and then at 2,000 feet over farm, field, forest, marsh, factory, and town, I became a little too acquainted with my breakfast.

Seeing that I was turning a bit green around the gills, Captain Mark suggested I open my window, take in some fresh air and sip some water.

I did all of that, and it worked.

Good thing because the one thing he did not pack in the compact cabin was an air sickness bag.



The Michigan City lighthouse is a beacon for aviators too.



The prison from above.

To back up just a bit, I should note that in order to “prop” his plane, Mark had to first prime it, set the brakes, chock it and then manually flip the two-bladed propeller. As he did so, he carefully stepped away from the spinning propeller and later noted that many an unfortunate pilot had met with disaster by stepping toward the prop.



Michigan City High School.

**Strieter** Continued from Page 55

Captain Mark Strieter flies 737s for Southwest Airlines, and said he enjoys every moment he is aloft in one of those twin-engined Boeings. He is 49 and is hoping that the Federal Aviation Administration will raise the mandatory retirement age for pilots from the current 60 to — well, he said he would like to keep flying as long as he is mentally and physically capable.

In fact, he felt that by forcing veteran pilots to retire at the relatively young age of 60, the government was denying the airline industry a wealth of flying experience.

“That’s the worst kind of discrimination,” Captain Mark said, “age discrimination.”

But then we got on to happier topics, such as how to avoid birds.

You see, we were flying without a radio on Visual Flight Rules, or VFR, so in addition to having to look out for other aircraft, we had to keep watch for our feathered friends. In fact, just before take-off, we spotted a couple of red-tail hawks soaring along the edges of the runway.

Captain Mark said he wasn’t worried about hawks and eagles, because they have the good sense to dive out of the way when they see a plane coming, but he did worry about turkey vultures.



Touch-down on the grass to save wear and tear on the tires.

“I had one fly right at me recently,” he said. “They don’t seem to know any better, so you have to really keep an eye out for them. Usually, you’ll see six or more of them riding the thermals, and you just have to steer clear of them.”

It was windy the day we flew, so the only turkey vulture we saw was one soaring over Captain Mark’s hangar the moment we taxied back in from our fabulous flight. As for that flight, why we putzed along at about 60 mph with the windows open and flew circles over various familiar landmarks, including the Chikaming Country Club where Captain Mark spotted some of his golf buddies down on the fairway.

We buzzed twice around our homes in Harbert, and my dear wife Natalie said she and her friend Kristina Stewart heard and saw us and waved like crazy at us. Unfortunately, we did not see them through all the trees. Captain Mark said he would take me flying after the leaves fall so I can get a better look at the old home-stead from the air. As it was, I did spot our roof through the trees, and it seemed to be in pretty good shape.



The Taylorcraft BC12-D takes five after giving us a great flight.

And just so you know our official flight plan, we not only flew over Michigan City, but we headed up the coast to Harbert, and then cut inland to Three Oaks and on down to LaPorte before returning to Michigan City Municipal Airport.

Captain Mark gave me a flying lesson while we were aloft, and, had I failed, you would not be reading this report of our long-awaited date with aviation destiny.

It was a great day in the air, and should you ever board a Southwest Airlines flight with a Captain Mark Strieter at the helm, just sit back, relax and trust old First Officer Charley when he tells you: “That Captain Mark sure knows how to fly an airplane. Any airplane!!”



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Low Putts: Donna Hennard

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Graceful Gutters	8	0
2. Bowling Boobies	6	2
Gutter Golfers	6	2
3. MC Smiles	4	4

HIGH TEAM GAME	SCORE
1. No Shows	664
2. Graceful Gutters	638
3. MC Smiles	624

HIGH TEAM SERIES	SCORE
1. Graceful Gutters	1839
2. MC Smiles	1817
3. Alley Cats	1795

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME	SCORE
1. Bina Gupta	186
2. Becky Pendergast	176
3. June Johnson	175
4. Liz Lutterbach	174
5. Char Cook	173

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH	SCORE
1. Becky Pendergast	505
2. Bev Else	478
3. Char Cook	468

**STRIKES:** Bina Gupta 3 in a row (2), Liz Lutterbach

### SPLITS:

5-10 split picked up by June Johnson

5-6 split picked up by Bev Else

6-7-10 split picked up by Bev Else

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## Off the Book Shelf

by Sally Carpenter

The Warlord's Son by Dan Fesperman

"The sun does not rise in Peshawar.

"It seeps—an egg-white smear that brightens the eastern horizon behind a veil of smoke, exhaust and dust. The smoke rises from burning wood, cow patties and old tires, meager flames of commerce for kebab shops and bakers, metalsmiths and brick kilns.....But it was the dust that Najeeb Azam knew best. Like him, it had swirled down from the arid lands of the Khyber and never settled, prowling restlessly in the streets and bazaars as if waiting a fresh breeze to carry it to some farther, better destination."

Location, location, location. This book gave me the most vivid description of the land, as well as the people and politics, of the tribal areas of northern Pakistan and Afghanistan. The time is right after 9/11 and the Americans are after the Taliban even as the tribes and sub-tribes of the region fight for dominance and authority within each of their own small domains, and a certain Arab with a salt-and-peppered beard and signature green camouflage jacket moves silently around the country.

Maps with their carefully laid lines of demarcation mean nothing to these warlords who rule with harsh laws that seem to reflect the harsh land they live in. Religion, family, loyalty, betrayal each have their own set of carefully followed rules. Let me take you to a land that you cannot possibly believe exists on the same planet as our own comfortable country.

The story starts with Najeeb Azam, son of a warlord, but now banished from his family and living in Peshawar, over the border in Pakistan. Najeeb was educated in America. "It was his father's idea, a vain stab at worldliness to impress a few haughty ministers in the government corridors of Islamabad." He wants to go back to America, but the recent events of 9/11 prevent him from getting an exit visa, so he saves up his money for the day he can leave and start a new life.

One of his jobs is taking news briefs from the tribal outlands and rewriting them into stories for the *Frontier Report*. "It always made for strange reading—rustic feuds and oddball robberies, villages convulsed over the tiniest of matters. Perhaps someday he would collect them in a volume of curios for his friends in the United States, a Pakistani gothic that would finally help them understand what made this place tick."

His other job was that of a "fixer" for foreign journalists—that means a translator, who also can help his client by explaining the culture of the land, as well as arrange transport and hotel rooms and shoo away the hordes of begging children in the streets. One more thing about Najeeb...lately he has been receiving anonymous warning notes filled with quotations from the Koran. Maybe some of it has to do with the illicit affair he's having with Daliya, a refugee from her own family. It seems she didn't want to accept the

arranged marriage her parents set up, so they banished her to live with her aunt and uncle in Peshawar.

One day Najeeb is hired by Stan Kelly or Skelly as he prefers to be called. Fifty-something, Skelly has been to every war-torn zone in the world in the past twenty years. Lately he found himself working for a Midwestern newspaper and feeling pretty washed up. An opportunity to go to Afghanistan came up and Skelly decided it was time to get back in the saddle and find out if he was still made of the right stuff. Like all foreign journalists, Skelly wants to go to this war torn country for there he thinks that he will find the story to put an exclamation point to his career....perhaps being witness to the capture of "the biggest fish of them all." Osama bin Laden, of course.

Just before he is to leave Peshawar with Skelly under the protection of a warlord's party, Najeeb finds a dead man outside his apartment, killed with his knife, and Daliya gone missing. And the secret police want him to inform on Skelly in exchange for not charging him with murder. Najeeb has no choice but to leave.

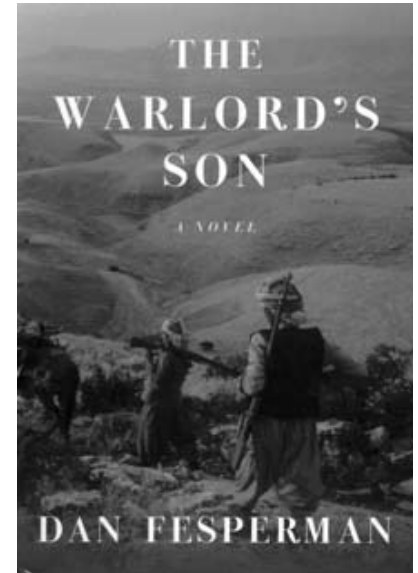
What happens next is a riveting, gutsy and harrowing ride into a land that time forgot. Betrayal and misguided friendships lead the pair from one warlord's camp into another, until finally landing in Najeeb's former village. It is not a happy reunion between father and son. When Najeeb is suddenly taken away from Skelly, the American is alone with tribesmen who speak no English and he must decide what is happening and how to keep his head...literally.

Are there any happy endings in Afghanistan? At least one, in this case. Both Najeeb and Skelly discover and cultivate a friendship during this trying time, but only one will survive and return to Peshawar. Daliya goes on her own secret mission, undercover (literally), in a *burqa* to find Najeeb and Skelly. Family secrets and money motivations set the final action in motion.

Author Fesperman is a reporter for the *Baltimore Sun* who has been to war-torn regions of the world for real, and that surely explains his detailed and humanely told writing.

Other books he has written are Small Boat of Great Sorrows (espionage in Bosnia), and Lie in the Dark (mystery in Sarajevo), both major award winners.

Till next time, happy reading!







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