Congratulations To Chief Justice John Roberts  
U.S. Supreme Court  
Pride Of Long Beach  
by Barbara Stodola

When President Bush made his choice for Supreme Court Justice, he kept it a secret and held it close, so that when he nominated John Roberts for this prestigious and powerful position, the announcement came as a surprise, to the world.

In Long Beach, Indiana, the place John Roberts used to call “home,” nobody was surprised.

What the world knows now was first exemplified here, as old friends were quick to note: “John Roberts was destined to do great things.” “He was just smarter than everybody else.” “A good athlete, a good sport.” “Clearly the number one student.” “If anybody was to hit the jackpot, it would be John Roberts.” “Awesome.” “A smart boy and a very nice boy.” The commendations flowed, from former teachers, principals, classmates, neighbors, friends of his parents and friends of friends. Delighted? Definitely. Surprised? Not even a little.

During the season that TV viewers will long remember, John Roberts “ran between the raindrops and the hurricanes,” in the words of U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, who recommended confirmation to the Senate. The televised hearings provided plenty of opportunity to observe Judge Roberts, now 50 years old, fulfilling the boyhood promise shown while he was growing up in Long Beach.

The Roberts family had moved to Indiana in the 1960s, when John Roberts Sr. was transferred from New York to the Burns Harbor plant of Bethlehem Steel. According to David Langley, another relocated Bethlehem executive, Roberts was “a brilliant electrical engineer, really superlative. The Burns Harbor plant in the 1960s was the biggest construction job in the world -- billions of dollars -- and John Roberts was a key man; kind of a troubleshooter.”

Notre Dame School was where John Jr. received his elementary education, as did his sisters Cathy, Peggy and Barbara. The town of Long Beach provided a cozy and close-knit community life, with family activities centered around education and sports. At that time Notre Dame had 280 students and 70 volunteers, mostly mothers, to help enforce discipline and keep things running. Mary Lou Linnen recalls that John’s mother Rosemary “was a room mother and helped out with the hot lunch program, like the rest of us.”

Dottie Dunne remembers how the boys “just loved football. They had a undefeated season. When that was over they played a team from Chicago and got the stuffing beat out of them. That was their first lesson in humility.”

After graduation, John Jr. enrolled at the all-boys’ Catholic boarding school, La Lumiere, where he became co-captain of the football team and a member of MNACQBC (Monday Night Armchair Quarterback Club.) More to the point, he excelled in his studies, invariably turning in perfect papers. Teachers later commented on the job they had keeping John challenged, after he had completed regular assignments.
The School Years - Notre Dame and La Lumiere

U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts is pictured here, in his senior class picture at LaLumiere School in rural LaPorte County.

In his senior year, John Roberts (right) was on the executive committee of the student council, along with (left to right) Paris Barclay, Andy McKenna and Bob MacLaverty.

LaLumiere sacristans, who helped out in the chapel (1973 yearbook photo) were (left to right) Rick Everist, Bob MacLaverty, Mark Mangess and John Roberts, Jr.

John Roberts, Jr., was pictured as a sophomore in the LaLumiere School yearbook.

At Notre Dame School in Long Beach, John Roberts (circled) was one of the boys who “loved to play football.” His teammate Paul Dunne, Jr., is now an attorney in Indianapolis. (Photo by Paul Dunne, Sr.)
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In a now much-quoted letter of application, John Richards at age 13 had written to LaLumiere, “I won’t be content to get a good job by getting a good education, I want to get the best job by getting the best education.” Also much-quoted are the goals expressed in the school’s mission statement: “to develop character, scholarship and faith.”

To nobody’s surprise, John Roberts graduated first in his class and then went off to Harvard, where he finished in three years, summa cum laude. He also won a coveted history prize for a paper on Daniel Webster, “The Utopian Conservative.” In Harvard Law School the honors kept accumulating, as he became managing editor of the *Harvard Law Review*.

During John Roberts’ college years his family moved to Pennsylvania, when his father was promoted to general manager of Bethlehem’s Johnstown plant. Friends from Long Beach and from Chicago kept in touch, as John Jr. climbed up the political ladder, serving in Pres. Reagan’s administration from 1981 to 1986.

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He then became a corporate lawyer with Hogan & Hartson, one of the largest firms in Washington. John Roberts argued 39 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, winning 25 of them and attracting an audience because “he was just so good.” In 2003, getting ever closer to that “best job,” he was appointed to the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals.

Although John Roberts had left his Indiana home more than 30 years ago, Pres. Bush’s announcement had no sooner hit the air waves than the phones began ringing in Long Beach. However slight your connection with the Roberts family might have been, the newspapers gobbled it up. One couple on Lake Shore Drive woke up to find Time Magazine camped on their doorstep. The Christian Science Monitor contacted The Beacher, and our contributions were printed July 25, on Page 1.

Long Beacher Walter Quinlan appeared on TV news, by virtue of the fact that he now lives in the house Richard Mignery built for the Roberts family. The speed with which the media zoned in on Roberts’ background was attributed to the fact that Mary Ann Bergerson Ahern, who also grew up in Long Beach, is a reporter for CBS News.

Mostly, the spotlight turned to LaLumiere School and to speculation as to how the values inculcated there might be reflected in past and future court decisions. LaLumiere had been founded in the early 1960s by “Catholic laymen who wanted a place to educate their sons,” according to the recollections of Msgr. F.J. Melevage. Now 87 years old, Msgr. Melevage was former pastor of Notre Dame Church and superintendent of schools in the Diocese of Gary, and he remembers when Mr. LaLumiere died and his widow “didn’t want the property converted for residential purposes, but favored a church-related usage.”

Msgr. Melevage was called to advisory meetings by one of LaLumiere’s founders, Raymond E. Daly (president of the Bank of Indiana, Merrillville, Twin Towers.) Prominent Chicagoans were also involved: Charles A. Comiskey, Andrew J. McKenna, Charles F. Murphy (of the well-connected architectural firm that was commissioned to design O’Hare Airport and McCormick Place.) Closer to home, the LaLumiere names also have a prestigious ring – Hiler, Hillenbrand, Rumely, Bransfield, Liddell, Linnen, Lawler, Mannion, Timm.

Media pressure on LaLumiere became so intense that a public relations firm was hired to fend off inquiries. The New York Times “was swarming all over the place” and yet was unable to find a single person to make a negative comment. From John Roberts’ home town of Long Beach, Indiana, you could hear nothing but cheers. And congratulations.

A souvenir pass to the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings was sent to Long Beacher Michael Bergerson, whose son Michael Jr. works in Washington for Congressman Peter Visclosky.

As President George W. Bush introduced his candidate for the Supreme Court, John G. Roberts (l), the nominee’s wife Jane Sullivan Roberts stood by with the couple’s two children: Jack, 4 and Josie, 5. In Ellicott City, Maryland, Judge John Roberts’ family members faced the cameras: (l-r) his sister Barbara Burke, parents Rosemary and John, Sr., and sister Peggy Roberts.
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Anderson Cooper Opens Sinai Forum Season

Kicking off the Sinai Forum season on Sun., Oct. 9 is CNN superstar Anderson Cooper. As the host of the unconventional wide-ranging news program, 360°, Cooper presents surprising alternatives to the typical evening news reports while providing a full circle look at the top stories of world events. The show offers the fascinating, the unexpected and the underreported.

His in-depth coverage of issues ranges from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to the hunger crisis in Niger and workplace privacy. While renowned for his award-winning reporting, Cooper is lesser known as the son of the legendary Gloria Vanderbilt.

Before joining CNN, Cooper was an ABC News correspondent and host of the network’s reality program, The Mole. Cooper anchored ABC’s live, interactive news and interview program, World News Now, as well as providing reports for World News Tonight, 20/20 and 20/20 Downtown. Previously, he was a New York-based correspondent for ABC News, reporting primarily for World News Saturday/Sunday.

Cooper has won several awards for his work, including a National Headliners Award for his tsunami coverage, an Emmy Award for his contribution to ABC’s coverage of Princess Diana’s funeral, a Silver Plaque from the Chicago International Film Festival for his report from Sarajevo on the Bosnian civil war, a Bronze Telly for his coverage of famine in Somalia, a Bronze Award from the National Educational Film and Video Festival for a report on political Islam and a GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding TV Journalism for his 20/20 Downtown report on high school athlete Corey Johnson.

Cooper graduated from Yale University in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. He also studied Vietnamese at the University of Hanoi. Cooper is based in New York City.

Subscribers should note that all programs will be held at The Elston Middle School Auditorium, 317 Detroit Street, Michigan City beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Sinai Forum Series will continue with Notre Dame Professor of Theology and DaVinci Code debunker, Reverend Richard McBride, on Nov. 13.
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“Interesting Individuals,” a cable channel 99 program produced by Bill Landing, will have its yearly Halloween Program. The show will feature costumes from Costume World at 809 Franklin St., Michigan City, and magic by Magician and Worlds’ Only Extricationist, Matt Kalita. Participants in the program are Sue Copeland, owner of Costume World, Jenny Copeland, Matt Kalita, Dan Smith, Andy Steele, Toni Simmons, Rachel Simmons, John Baines, Cyndi Taylor, Susan Brown, Beacher Jackie Mellen, Christina Roberts, Kathy Hill, Kathy Lee, and Kenny Russell.

Segments were taped at Jean and Marjorie Gondeck’s residence in Long Beach. The show will play on cable channel 99 on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., on Oct. 11, 18, & 25. For information on the costumes in the show see Costume World’s web site at www.CostumeWorld.net or phone 874-7099.

Book Signing This Saturday

All About You Books presents authors Christa Kolster and Bob Rosenbaum, for two book signings on Sat., Oct. 8. Kolster will appear from 10 a.m.-noon (MI time), to sign her new book Conversations With Leonardo. Representing a fresh midwestern voice, Christa Kolster uses rich and sensual imagery to weave prose through her distinctive collection of reflections.

Bob Rosenbaum is a local author who has written books on the St. Joseph/Benton Harbor area and the Pictures of Postcards about the Grand Beach, New Buffalo, Three Oaks and Lakeside areas. His latest book, Union Pier Scrapbook, was published in April. He will appear at the store from 1-3 p.m.

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Spearheading a drive to collect art and craft supplies for ‘Katrina’s Kids,” the Center is working with the education director of the Acadiana Arts council in Lafayette, Louisiana who reports 2,000-6,000 people pour into the community each day, overwhelming the local school system. the director reports that art supplies are urgently needed to continue instruction.

“As an art institution, we are keenly aware of the value of art activities as part of the education process and part of the healing process for those traumatized by the disaster,” said Susan Block, member of the Lubeznik Center Board of Directors. “Our delivering art supplies this month can make a difference.”

Donations from the community may be dropped off at the Lubeznik Center seven days a week and are tax deductible. Materials may include paints, white and colored paper, brushes, crayons, craypas, markers, pencils, glue and glue sticks, staplers, hole punches, scissors, containers for supplies and children’s art books. New or gently used materials are welcomed.

Board member Anneke Dekker, of Dekker Vacuum Technologies of Michigan City, has volunteered the firm’s trucks to deliver supplies to the gulf coast.

“If needed,” explained board member Suzanne Cohan-Lange, former art department chair at Columbia College in Chicago, “I will personally drive some of the materials to Lafayette and work with the evacuees.” There is a great people-to-people story here in connecting through art education. Their stories and illustrations might result in books that the evacuees can help write to assist in their own fundraising. A federal grant has already been awarded to subsidize artists in the area.

Glenn L. Firme and Associates and the Michigan City Paper Box Company have already donated supplies. If your company or organization would like to donate large quantities of supplies, the Lubeznik Center will arrange to pick up items. For further information contact the Lubeznik Center for the Arts at artinfo@lubeznikcenter.org or 219-874-4900.

Pastel Artist at Courtyard Gallery

The Courtyard Gallery will host a reception and live pastel demonstration by Chicago area artist Gary Wick on Sat., Oct. 8, 1-5 p.m. (MI time), and Sun., Oct. 9 (1-4 p.m.).

Gary likes to paint what he sees, resulting in realistic paintings with a photographic quality. He has works on display at The National Vietnam Art Museum which is now permanently located in Chicago.

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Ten years after he took a two-day course in the ancient art/craft of glass-blowing, Bougher still takes pride in the decorative or practical items that take shape in his workshop.

"We were in Branson, Missouri," he says of his trip with his wife Sharon. "First I took a two-day course, one of a number of art and craft courses offered in that town. I got so interested that I went back. I ended up taking six days of training to make sure I had it right.

"I've been at it ever since. I work in our 30-foot by 30-foot pole barn."

Bougher is already looking forward to firing up his furnace and demonstrating his skills for any visitors who stop in at his workshop on the weekend of October 15 and 16. Those are the dates set aside for the Heart of Art Studio and Gallery Tour in LaPorte County. The tour is sponsored by the LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

On those days the 20 participating artists and craft workers open their work areas, studios, or galleries to any visitors interested in stopping in and eyeballing. Alternatively, some of the participant artists exhibit collectively at two or three specified sites.

"The tour is a great idea," says Bougher. "People can visit the various home studios, shops, or exhibit sites by bicycle, car, whatever. They can spend as much time as they want at any given place."

With his glass-blowing layout, representing an initial investment of some $20,000, Bougher ranks among the most-visited of the craft workers. "I don't plan anything special for these tours," he admits. "I take suggestions from the people who stop in.

"One person will want to see me produce a paper weight. Someone else will want to see how I make a gaming ball or garden ball. There are so many things that you can make out of glass that the list can go on and on. Think butterflies, plates, glasses, vases, bowls, and so on.

"People ask questions and I try to answer all of them. A lot of them are about my equipment. About the melting furnace that 'cooks' at about 2,200 degrees Fahrenheit or the annealing ovens that reach a temperature of about 1,000 degrees."

As enumerated by Bougher, the pole barn houses two annealing ovens, the melting furnace that holds 135 pounds of glass, and a glory hole—a device used to reheat glass. Other equipment includes a work-bench and a marble table, "and of course gloves and all the tools and implements that we need to form and shape the glass."

Raw materials? "I buy 'cullet glass,' scrap glass that major manufacturers have discarded, from a dealer in the Southeast. I buy a ton at a time for 35 cents a pound."

Does it make for a long weekend when you have people stopping in at any random time? "No, I'm usually open anyway. People can stop in and watch if I'm here and working—and they do show up."

Literally "mouth-blowing" a glass vessel into a new shape, Wilbur Bougher employs lung power and a long tube. (Bougher photos)
"On that Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, we'll be officially open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. But in the four years I've been part of the tour I've made it a practice to stay open later if anybody's still interested."

"I'll be doing that again this year."

Of the 20 professional artists and craft workers exhibiting their works this year, five are guest artists. In that group are Susan M. Henshaw, a painter; Braxton Eikenberry, a stained glass expert; Margaret Jones, a weaver; Lynne Terr, jeweler, and Marsha Demkovich, a silk artist.

The list of participants also includes the Jack and Shirley Lubeznik Center for the Arts at 101 Avenue of the Arts, West 2nd Street, Michigan City.

At all the tour sites visitors will be able to purchase decorative or utilitarian art objects and craft works.

Retired from a career with the General Telephone Co., now Verizon, Bougher calls his "hand-blown" creations "Web Glass," using his initials to form the word Web. Wife Sharon helps out when possible—for example, when Wilbur is exhibiting at an art fair. Most recently, the couple had a prize-winning booth at the Michigan City Art Fair on August 20 and 21.

Does it concern Bougher that he is pursuing an expensive hobby in his back yard at 5996 W. 300 North, LaPorte? "Not at all," he says. "My electric bills run around $500.00 to $700.00 a month."

"But I just love the work. It gives me a feeling of accomplishment when I finish a job."

**Brochures Available**

Brochures providing complete details on the October 15 and 16, 2005 Heart of Art Studio and Gallery Tour are available from the LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1503 S. Meer Road, Exit 40B off I-94, Michigan City, IN 46360. Information on other sites where brochures may be obtained or on the Studio and Gallery Tour itself is available by phone. The phone numbers are 219/872-5055, 219/326-8115, and 800/572-3740.

A bike tour that will be part of the Studio and Gallery Tour will take place on Saturday, October 15. Phone 219/872-9622 for information on the bike tour.
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Lowen and Navarro will once again be joined on stage by backing musician extraordinaire Phil Parlapiano. “Phil has a long history with the guys, and his added texture of keyboards and other instruments really fills out the sound,” said Braun. “It’s a case of three musicians sharing one mind - the way they all interweave around each other is a thing of beauty.”

Opening for the evening will be Gary native, now living in Michigan, Ralston Bowles. “Ralston has opened for at least a half-dozen shows over the years,” Braun said. “He’s a truly gifted songwriter, and has always been an audience favorite. It’s been too long since he’s been back, and he’s always been a good fit with Lowen and Navarro. He became one of my favorite artists about halfway through his first performance. His first studio cd, ‘Car Wreck Conversations,’ has been getting fantastic reviews and international airplay.”

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The Story: The renowned comic actor and author of Picasso at the Lapine Agile provides a wild satire adapted from the classic German play about Louise and Theo Markes, a couple whose conservative existence is shattered when Louise’s bloomers fall down in public. Though she pulls them up quickly, he thinks the incident will cost him his job as a government clerk. Louise’s momentary display does not result in the feared scandal but it does attract two infatuated men, each of whom wants to rent the spare room in the Markes’ home. Oblivious of their amorous objectives, Theo splits the room between them, happy to collect rent from both the foppish poet and the whiny hypochondriac.

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Cast: Andy Urschel as Theo Maske; Patty Bird as Louise Maske; Stephany Mullen as Gertrude Deuter; John Evans as Frank Versati; Dan Matern as Benjamin Cohen; Dennis Dickson as Kinglehoff; Fred Margison as The King.

Tickets: $15/Adults; $10/Students (21 & under w/ ID); $12/Seniors (62 & over w/ ID) and Groups.

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Leonard Woolsey at the Library

On Sun., Oct. 9, at 2 p.m. author/columnist Leonard Woolsey—News Dispatch publisher, will read from and discuss his book, In Plain View. Woolsey is an award-winning writer whose weekly column, “In Plain View,” chronicles his self-described “awakening” to the little moments of life he began to discover shortly after his children were born.

In Plain View: A Journey of Discovering Life Through Others is his first published collection. His column, “In Plain View,” appears in newspapers throughout the United States.

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The clinic currently is working with U.S. Olympic Committee Ombudsman John W. Ruger on a plan to provide free on-site legal assistance at the next Olympics games.

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“Sports cases are very time consuming and difficult because it’s an arcane, special area of law, so there’s a lot of start-up time,” Straubel said. “In addition, no one has kept a library of amateur sports law until now.”

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THE 25th Anniversary Customer Appreciation

On Saturday, October 8, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., LaVora Tucker and her daughter Mylese, along with everyone at Nature’s Cupboard, will be celebrating the store’s 25th Anniversary by holding a special Customer Appreciation Day.

Nature’s Cupboard first opened its doors at 1806 US Highway 20 in Michigan City, and has been located in that spot ever since.

Day’s activities will include refreshments, free samples, door prizes, children’s activities, and entertainment throughout the day. In addition, The Massage Therapy and Wellness Center will be on hand to offer complimentary chair massages, and Laura Zaransky of Eastwind Acupuncture will be offering demonstrations. Local farmer, Two Son’s Bison will be offering meat samples and discussing the health benefits of bison, and local restaurateur, Eat at Moe’s will be offering samples of healthy Mediterranean cuisine. Mini-talks on a variety of health topics will be held throughout the day, and door prizes will be given every 30 minutes. The grand prize of the day will be a $100 gift certificate for Nature’s Cupboard. Representatives from the following companies will be answering questions, offering samples and giving out prizes throughout the day: North American Herb & Spice, Nature’s Plus, Solaray, Enzymatic Therapy, Aubrey, and Aloe-Life.

For more information, phone 874-2335 or visit www.naturescupboardonline.com

Lubeznik Center Hosts Area Realtors

Spotlighting the Center as a unique resource to attract potential home buyers was the theme of a recent Realtors Welcome Breakfast. Featured speaker was Judy Jacobi, Director of Marketing at Purdue University North Central, discussing the region’s cultural amenities. The Center is recommending realtors giving Center Family Memberships to clients.

Shown above, at the event, are (l.to.r.) Susan Block, member Lubeznik Center Board of Directors; Deb Kozachenko of Micky Gallas Properties; Mary Robinson of Nadra K. Real Estate; Michael Conner and Rudy Carlson of Coastal Properties.

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Local Chapter Awards Scholarship

Lauren Siegel, an honor student at St. Mary’s College in South Bend, Indiana, has been awarded a scholarship by P.E.O. Chapter BR of Michigan City, Indiana. Lauren is a 2002 graduate of Michigan City High School and has served as an intern with the Michigan City Economic Corporation.

Lauren will graduate from St. Mary’s in May of 2006 with an Honors Degree in English Writing and Economics.

P.E.O. is a Philanthropic Educational Organization founded in 1869 and is dedicated to promoting educational opportunities for women.

Free Internship Development Workshop

Purdue University North Central will be the site of a free internship development workshop sponsored by the Indiana Careers Consortium (INCC).

The free workshop, “Internships: An Employer’s Guide to Experiential Education,” will be Wednesday, Oct. 19, in Library-Student-Faculty Building Room 144 from 9 to 11 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The goal of the two-hour workshop is to help train employers on how to build, grow and maintain an internship program. The INCC will also host workshops in Goshen and St. Joseph County.

The Indiana Careers Consortium (INCC), an alliance of 11 area colleges and universities, was formed in September 2004 with the goal of cultivating professional development and career opportunities in Indiana in order to increase the number of the schools’ students who remain in the state after graduation.

“By presenting these workshops, INCC is hoping to make it easier for area businesses and organizations to begin an internship or to improve an existing one. We believe our graduating students are more likely to remain in the area once they have had a taste of our environment through an internship experience,” said Jim Cawthon, chair of INCC and Director of Ancilla College’s Career Services.

INCC member schools include Ancilla College, Bethel College, Goshen College, Holy Cross College, Indiana University South Bend, Ivy Tech Community College, PNC, Saint Mary’s College, Tri-State University, University of Notre Dame and Valparaiso University.

Further information can be obtained by visiting www.incconsortium.org or contacting (574) 631-0960. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact Carol Connelly at 872-0527, ext. 5267.
On Thursday, October 13, the first of two contemporary European films will be shown as segments of a program sponsored by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

To be screened in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts on the university campus, the movies will be open to the public. Parts of an annual Nanovic Institute series, both will be shown twice, at 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. on October 13, and Thursday, November 17.

The October 13 film, “Talk to Her” (“Hable con Ella”), is a Spanish film that was made under the direction of Pedro Almodovar: “A story about the friendship of two men, about loneliness, and about the long convalescence required for the wounds inflicted by emotions.”

Omar Sharif plays M. Ibrahim in the movie of the same name, taking an active role as the young man Moses “comes of age.”

“It is also a film about the lack of communication among couples, about film as a subject of conversation, and about how monologues before a silent person can become an effective form of dialogue.” Other themes include ways in which film can be an ideal vehicle or language in relationships among people and a means of stopping time while installing itself in the lives of those who create it and those who see it. “Talk to Her” runs 118 minutes.

The November 13 film is “Monsieur Ibrahim.” Produced in 2004, the film “vividly portrays a 1960s Paris neighborhood where lower-class status unites residents of varied religious and ethnic backgrounds.

"Following the universally appealing story of a young boy’s coming of age,” note NanovicInstitute officials, “the movie relates the experience of Moses (Pierre Boulanger), a Jewish teenager who lives in an apartment with his depressed father.”

His father’s detachment leaves Moses with ample time for listening to rock music and making daily visits to the corner grocery where he befriends the owner, Monsieur Ibrahim (Omar Sharif). Ibrahim looks the other way when Moses steals food, teaches the boy the difference between being Arab and being Muslim, and dispenses advice on life, love, and happiness.

When Moses’ father eventually abandons the boy, Ibrahim adopts him and “cements the father-son bond that each of them desperately needs.” The film runs 95 minutes.

The Nanovic Institute series is being screened under the general title, “Diaspora.” Two earlier films in the series were “Hop,” a Belgian movie, and the German film “Head On,” directed by Fatih Akin.

Adult tickets for admission to the films in the series are $6.00. Admission for faculty and staff members is $5.00 while seniors are admitted for $4.00 and students pay $3.00. Additional information may be obtained by calling Kathee Kiesselbach of the Nanovic Institute at 574/631-3548 or by logging on to www.nd.edu/~kkiessel/.
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Sunflower Art Festival

Spend a day in the country with chickens, donkeys and calves. Wander through a 7-acre maze of sunflowers or hop on a wagon and bump over rolling wooded trails. It’s the Art Barn’s Sunflower Art Festival, an event filled with life and the majestic air of fall on the farm. The two-day event takes place on Sat., Oct. 8, and Sun., Oct. 9, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day.

Kids can construct a scarecrow, paint a pumpkin or make a birdhouse out of a gourd. Local artists will be set up to paint during the festival. Artist Mary Minton will create quick portraits that you can take home as a momento of the day. Local crafters with ceramics, jewelry, soy candles and other items will be on station around the property, and food vendors will offer a variety of goodies.

Lining the walls inside the Art Barn will be the results of the past year’s children’s classes. Taking center scene inside the barn/studio will be items from the gift shop, including paintings and sculptures from local and national artists.

Established in 1970, Art Barn School of Art is a not-for-profit organization located in a restored country barn on 69 acres of pastoral land. The Art Barn is located at 695 N 400 E, Valparaiso. Admission is $5/adults, and $2/children under 12. More information at 219/462-9009 or log onto www.artbarnin.com

Country Holidays

Country Holidays will feature regional authors, artists and musicians suitable for audiences of all ages during Harvest Days weekend, Oct. 7-9 in Harbor Country Michigan.

On Fri., Oct. 7, at Block Fine Arts Gallery, 105B N. Whittaker St., New Buffalo, a reception and exclusive exhibit of Union Pier artist Susan Henshaw’s recent mixed media art will begin at 5 p.m. MI time. A Silent Auction of artist Rocky Bridges’ mixed media collage “Tahiti” will also start at 5 p.m. Proceeds from the auction will benefit New Buffalo Community Partnership Youth Art Program.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 2-4 p.m., Chuck McGrath from Rothschild Farms Gourmet Foods, will offer Tempting Tastings at Michigan Thyme, 107 N. Whittaker St., New Buffalo. At 5 p.m., the Silent Auction of “Tahiti” will conclude at Block Fine Arts Gallery.

On Sun., Oct. 9, 2-4 p.m., “Kid’s Connection” will make and take Bat rings for Halloween kids at Michigan Thyme Loft.

On Mon., Oct. 10, 5 p.m., the American Association of University Women will present, along with Michigan Thyme, a Fashion Stroll benefiting their women’s scholarship fund.

More information at Block Fine Arts Gallery, 269/469-2039, or Michigan Thyme, 269/469-3470.

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Sandhill Cranes Arriving

Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area reports the fall arrival of migrating sandhill cranes has started. “The first big push of 600 cranes arrived on Monday, Sept. 26,” said property manager Jim Bergens. “Usually we have between 2000 and 5000 cranes at J-P by the last week in September.”

These early cranes are harbingers of vast greater sandhill crane flocks that gather each fall at the northwestern Indiana fish and wildlife area near Medaryville. These Hoosier marshes are the largest resting place in the nation for these huge, clattering birds during their fall migration to Georgia and Florida.

Large flocks of sandhills can be seen at Jasper-Pulaski FWA beginning in October. The J-P crane population peaks in mid-November and the sandhills normally resume their journey south in December. Sandhill cranes also are often spotted during the fall months flying south over Indiana in high-flying V’s or circles.

The best place and times to view the cranes at Jasper-Pulaski FWA is from a handicapped-accessible observation tower next to an area known as Goose Pature around sunrise and sunset.

At sunrise, the cranes leave resting marshes in gigantic, noisy flocks and gather in Goose Pature to mingle and gab loudly for awhile before ascending on 7-foot wingspans for short flights to feeding areas. During the day, cranes can be seen in nearby harvested farm fields and marshes. The cranes return to Goose Pature about one-half hour before sunset to socialize before flying to roosting marshes.

In March, sandhills visit Indiana again on their way to nesting sites in the upper Midwest and southern Canada. For more information, contact Jasper-Pulaski FWA at (219) 843-4841. A new crane migration count Website with photos, J-P maps and sound recordings of sandhill cranes will soon be available at: http://www.IN.gov/dnr/

Fall Videos at Krasl Continue

The Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, MI continues its fall video series with The Tibetan Book of the Dead: A Way of Life offered on Fri., Oct. 7. The history of the Tibetan Book of the Dead is revealed and its traditional use in northern India is examined, as well as its acceptance in Western hospices. The Dalai Lama shares his views on the book’s meaning and importance.

The videos in this series explore the mysteries and wonders of India and the surrounding area which complement the interesting exhibit in the Krasl galleries from the Women’s Development Center in Janakpur in southeastern Nepal.

Videos begin at 12 noon (MI time). Coffee will be served; feel free to bring a sack lunch.
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Creek Ridge Pioneer Festival
by Sally Carpenter

The Creek Ridge Pioneer Festival is a small festival with a really big heart. This family oriented event takes place right in our own back yard at the Creek Ridge County Park, just off 400N, on the south side of Michigan City.

It’s a two day event with everything “pioneer.” There were tents of things to learn about, things to buy, things to eat, and things to do. One gentleman was a Civil War reenactor, sitting under a white tent in his Union uniform, looking every bit like an old photo of the time. Parents with their two children were listening raptly to the gentleman’s tales of what it was like to be in the 1860s army.

One lady was a “blanket trader.” She explained that traders used to just throw down a blanket on the ground and set out their wares to sell or trade. In a time of no WalMarts, traders were welcomed in every settlement, trading stories and news as well as pots and pans.

Kids had plenty to do: they could make their own candle or stamp out a design on a piece of tin, or paint a rock. You could watch a potter in action and check out his finished product—beautiful bowls and vases in many colors and shapes. Two wagons drawn by big, beautiful workhorses gave rides around the festival, while some kids (and I even saw a father) tried out their luck with stilts!

One man kept a big black kettle cooking up a huge batch of ham and beans (served complete with a piece of cornbread) and people sat on straw bales enjoying the outdoor eating. A big hit of the day was the man making kettle corn in, what else? a big black kettle! You could even try a piece of authentic Indian fry bread. My favorite drink was the sarsparilla sold at the tent with big wooden barrels, each containing a different drink, stacked up next to a serving counter.

Pioneer Days is a treat for all your senses and a great segway from summer to autumn, and Creek Ridge County Park is an amazing place to visit any time of the year.

Darlene Sturken, the blacksmith’s wife, oversees the young pioneers making necklaces.

5 yr. old Emily Cupples produces her own painted rock creation.

Tim Morgan, Superintendent of the La Porte County Parks Department, displays the making of apple butter. It smelled delicious.

Susan Smith of La Porte stitching a beautiful handmade quilt. She says pioneer women would be envious of her thimble and needle.

Miss Sydney Bearickx, 3 yrs old, of Michigan City, proudly displays her handmade necklace and pretty painted rock.

Darlene & Keith Callen.

A Civil War lesson by Pvt. Carl Shlene for youngsters.

Aunt Tina, a blanket trader, so named because she normally lays a blanket down on the ground to display her wares.

Pvt. Carl Shlene, wearing a Union uniform, stands at attention with fixed bayonet in front of a flag from 1863.

Pounding the heated metal into shape.

Linda Chenoweth making dough for indian fry bread with a recipe from the Lakota Indians of South Dakota.

Pulling up the excess water with a sponge on the end of a long stick from the inside of the pot.

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Help Needed for the Un-Haunted Trail

Looking for some decent, wholesome fun this Halloween? Want to be involved in something that will impact youth? Want to reach out and give local kids some good, old fashioned amusement?

Then come and join us at the Michigan City Family YMCA’s Third Annual Un-Haunted Trail!

The Y is looking for 16 businesses, groups and families to help present this year’s Un-Haunted Trail. (It’s called the Un-Haunted Trail because its focus is on family fun, not blood and gore.) Each group would be expected to do the following:

1) Host a station along the Trail—by creating an appropriate skit (there will be help with ideas and guidelines); present the Trail on Fri. night, Oct. 28th to the general public; join the Thank You Pizza Party on Fri., Oct. 28th after the Trail; present the Trail on Sat. night, Oct. 29th to the general public.
2) Hand out candy to the children as they pass your station.
3) HAVE FUN!

At last year’s event, there were over 200 participants. Some presenters included Scott Pelath, Ed Merrion’s family, Micky Gallas Realty, Pat and Dennis Boy, Donna Kavanagh, MCTV and CrossCurrent Teen Ministries.

For more information on being a part of this exciting program, or to purchase tickets for the Un-Haunted Trail, phone Bruce Zahn, YMCA Executive Director, at 872.9622.

There is a bit of a chill in the air which means the Fall Girlfriend Sale, the ultimate woman’s resale clothing event, is just around the corner. It’s a good time to clean out your closets as you make the transition from summer to fall in your wardrobe. We are accepting appointments to drop off up to 30 items on Oct. 6, 18, 19, 20 & 26. Space is limited and fills up fast, so call and leave your name, phone number, and preferred appointment day and time. We will confirm your request with a return call. There is a $10 registration fee due at drop off. As always, we need volunteers to help with processing and running the sale. No previous experience is necessary.

Lots of excitement around here surrounding inquiries about renting space. There is the possibility of new tenants and expansion. It’s too soon for details, but we will keep you posted as things develop. Keep us in mind if you need a place to teach a class, have a party or hold a meeting. The rental rates are reasonable. Our Historical Room has comfy padded chairs and is free of charge to those holding non-profit activities that benefit the community and are open to the public.

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“I LOVE Michigan City....”

On the walk to the culinary tent I stopped to take a photo of some cute kids in a wagon. As always, I mentioned the Beacher and its location so the father wouldn’t mind the picture-taking. He, too, gave a little yell and said, “We were just there! We love that mall. We love that beach.”

It was a hot, hot day and the culinary tent was certainly not air-conditioned. Each program lasted about 45 minutes and I happily stuck it out, then between times went into the beautiful Paramount Theatre to cool off. (By the way, readers, I lived in Geneva and Batavia, IL for years, so I was somewhat familiar with Aurora of the past. That theater is still the finest, even during its renovation.) In the culinary tent, there were a total of seven chefs that Saturday and each prepared a dish for us to watch and then enjoy eating. Unfortunately, I only witnessed three of the chefs and their presentations before I had to take off.

The first was Chef Amaury, the only Aurora chef/restaurant owner of the seven. He made us a delicious molten cake. That cake alone was worth the drive to Aurora, right there, folks. His restaurant changes its menu weekly, using Aurora’s own produce. He’s presently offering lovelies like organic heirloom tomato tart with mixed greens and balsamic vinegar reduction and Olio Brato and pan-roasted sea scallops with Caribbean Beurre Nosiette.

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MOLTEN CHOCOLATE CAKE
15 oz bittersweet chocolate, separated
11 oz unsalted butter cut into large pieces
6 large eggs
6 large egg yolks
3/4 cup sugar
10 T flour

Preheat oven to 325, butter and lightly flour 12 ramekins.

Place chocolate along with the butter in a metal bowl and set over pan of simmering water. Stir until melted and smooth. Cool slightly. Beat the eggs with sugar in a mixer at medium high speed until they are pale and thick, about 10 minutes. Reduce the speed and gradually mix in the flour. Add the chocolate mixture to the flour mixture and continue to beat until thick and glossy, about 5 minutes.

Divide half the mixture among the 12 ramekins and add the remaining chunks of chocolate and then top off with the remaining batter. Bake until the cake is set around the edges but the center, a little darker, jiggles slightly when ready to remove from the cup (about 8-9 minutes in their convection oven). Cool slightly for about 5 minutes, then using a paring knife, run around the edges and remove from ramekins and serve warm.

(Chef Amaury uses a wonderful Venezuelan chocolate which he will soon offer for sale at his restaurant. And he makes his own vanilla ice cream to serve with the molten cakes.)

HERBED RISOTTA
1 oz, per portion, chicken broth
2 rice balls, from the risotta made ahead
1/2 oz grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 oz Mascarpone cheese
Sea salt
white pepper, freshly ground

In heavy bottom pot, add the chicken broth and rice balls and heat over a low flame. Cook until thick and al dente, add the cheese, season and arrange on plate.

The next chef, May Bsisu, concocted a Lebanon pasta with ground beef and yogurt. Both Bsisu and the pasta were beautiful. She was en route to a literary tent where she would autograph her brand new cookbook *The Arab Table*. And the crowd was growing larger.

Next in the culinary tent, Jason Tsoris, of Jason’s Steakhouse in Montgomery, IL He suggests we make the rice part of risotta ahead of time, something I’d never heard of. I can send you his ‘advance’ recipe (also Bsisu’s above), cmcconnell@adsnet.com – he uses no cream, no butter. He makes his own oil, using any kind of grocery oil infused with lemon grass, several herbs including tumeric which yellows the result.

May S. Bsisu, chef and cookbook author.

That’s author Peter Straub, NY Times #1 bestselling author of 16 novels.

It was an exciting morning. I particularly enjoyed hearing “You’re from Michigan City? Why, I love Michigan City!” over and over again. I plan to return to Aurora, too, and get a wider view, perhaps visit the lovely restaurants mentioned above, there and next door in Montgomery.
PNC Odyssey Arts and Events Series Opens Oct. 6

Purdue University North Central will celebrate the seventh year of its Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series with a public opening of its multi-piece contemporary sculpture exhibit, Odyssey 2005 – 06 on Thurs., Oct. 6, at 3:30 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 Odyssey exhibit brings together nine new sculptures that bring a total of 27 sculptures to grace the 305 acre campus of PNC.

S. Thomas Scarff, in his seventh year as curator of the PNC Odyssey sculpture shows, remarked, “This show will be filled with colorful and compelling pieces that will stir the imagination. Each year we see new pieces that are created in various media that evoke a range of emotions, sentiments and outlooks.”

The Odyssey Cultural Series will feature a number of other events throughout the year, including exhibits of art, film showings and presentations.

Artists who will debut their works as part of Odyssey 2005-06 are:

John E. Bannon whose work, “Eye Candy,” will combine his mastery of neon and nanotechnologic material of more than 100 miniscule layers creating “an intensely holographic, color-changing experience,” on U.S. 421. Bannon teaches the art of holography in Chicago.

Faheem Majeed, a graduate of Howard University, Washington, D.C., now of Chicago, will debut “Transition.”

Rob Lorenson, professor of sculpture at Bridgewater State University, in Massachusetts, will exhibit “Inner Gear,” a stainless steel work, reminiscent of his experience in Chicago, amidst “the industrial vernacular, where many machines are visible in transport, thus reflecting Chicago’s industrial heritage.”

David Noguchi’s “Rise” will be a reminder of the two works created for last year’s Freedom Series, Forever Ours, I and II. The piece is perched atop a 7-foot-tall base. It represents a joyous experience.

Bruce White, whose works are included in permanent museum and corporate collections and has had solo exhibitions in such places as the Peoples Republic of China (1989), will debut three colorful pieces –“Ghostship,” a composite of memories from childhood, “Escapade,” suggesting a celebratory, wild party.

White was the teacher and mentor of Rob Lorenson when they were at Northern Illinois University.

White’s third piece, “Twin Fin Continuum,” is a gift to PNC from an anonymous party and will be permanently installed on the grounds.

Ed Shay, professor of Art at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, will debut “Skyscraper with Crutches,” a 19-foot-high work. Shay, whose work has
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Fall Fest at Buckley Homestead

Family fun, great food, wonderful entertainment and traditional arts and crafts will be offered at the Fall Fest at Buckley Homestead on Oct. 8 and 9.

Wood crafters, china painters, spinners, quilters, weavers and a broom maker, along with others, will demonstrate their skills and sell their wares. A variety of entertainment will be provided throughout the weekend. The pioneer farm will be open, and re-enactors from the Fur Trade Era to the Civil War will portray military, civilians and artisans. Also available will be games for young and old.

There will be ham and bean soup, chicken noodles, steak sandwiches, baked potatoes with everything, apple dumplings, kettle korn, Indian fry a bread and more for your dining pleasure.

The Corn Maze will be open. East of the parking lot, it is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. There is a fee of $5.00 per person, $4.00 for children ages 5-12, and free for children under age 5.

For more information, phone Lake County Parks at 219/769-7275. Buckley Homestead is located 4.5 miles west of Interstate 65 just south of Route 2 on Hendricks Rd. in Lowell. Exit I-65 west at Rt. 2 toward Lowell to Hendricks, then south for ¼ mile to the visitor center parking lot.

been exhibited at The White House, has been director of the School of the Art Institute’s Oxbow Summer Program in Saugatuck, Mich. He was also the recipient of a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. One of his works resides at Thoreau’s Walden Pond in Massachusetts.

Curator, S. Thomas Scarff, has also created a piece entitled “Fighter.”

According to Judy Jacobi, PNC director of marketing, the show’s coordinator, many of the sculptors will be present at the opening, and will have ample time this year to speak about their works. Tours will be available immediately following the program.

Existing Odyssey pieces are:

John Adduci — Running Arch; Mike Helbing — Skynet with Objects, My Victory at Samothrace; Dessa Kirk — Emilee; Michele Goldstrom — Oh!; Kara James — Handmade Revolution; Rob Lorenson — Sentinel; Eric Nordgulen — Anatomy Vessel; David Noguchi — Forever Ours II; Fritz Olsen — Passage To Freedom through Winds of Change; Tom Scarff — Geisha Rose, Rainbow Flyer, Windfighter; Jessica M. Swift — Light Time / Flight Time; Barry Tinsley — Springville Portal; Michael Young — A Point Free; Ida Werner — Alexander’s Circus.

Most works are for sale.

Further information about the Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series can be obtained by contacting Judy Jacobi, director of marketing at 872-0527, ext. 5593. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact ext. 5593.
The Harvest Days Add More Color to Nature’s Fall Palette

Harvest Days in Harbor Country is celebrated Oct. 7-9. This three-day weekend gives ample time to explore farm and field, but it also brings the celebration to the back door of our many shops, galleries, restaurants and lodging facilities. Many of the Harbor Country businesses—from New Buffalo, Three Oaks, Union Pier, Lakeside, Harbert and Sawyer—host special events that include open houses, gallery and artist receptions, culinary demonstrations, special sales, and family fun activities. There is a downloadable schedule at www.harborcountry.org.

You can tour vintage lodging facilities such as Tara Rosa Cottage where Charlie Chaplin stayed in the 1920s. Warren Woods Inn invites you to visit their “friends, family and groups” getaway. Lakeside Cabins Resort opens its doors so you can explore an innovative resort community on 62 acres. Treasure House B&B features “Vagabond Dreams,” a gift shop for vintage and restyled clothing. And River’s Edge Bed and Breakfast welcomes you to gather around a spinning wheel and watch weavers demonstrate their ancient craft. Sorry, we cannot be responsible for ghost stories spun along the way.

Shopping is always a Harbor Country highlight; Harvest Days just makes it extra special. You can meet author Bob Rosenbaum who will be offering signed editions of his book at All About You Books. Renowned architect Susan Fredman’s At Home with Nature will share home-baked treats and unique home furnishings. You can take the edge off the chill in the air with “sweaterios,” collaged sweaters at Catherine Doll Clothing. CM Gift and Christmas Shop will introduce you to lighted and musical Halloween displays, as well as room after room of Christmas decorations. Hearthwoods Cottage Design is offering discounts on their unique, handmade furniture while serving wine and cheese. Patty’s Picks will help you bring color and scents into your home with dried flower bouquets and potpourri, and you’ll learn how to get rid of clutter and rearrange your home with Feng Shui Basic Training. There will be a Madeline Rab jewelry trunk show at always-fashionable Whittaker House. And Skip’s Restaurant and Antique Shoppe will be offering discounts on antiques and jewelry.

Art will come alive at many of the area’s galleries where you can personally meet the artist. An artist reception will open “Country Cornucopia,” Susan Henshaw’s mixed media show at Block Fine Arts. Courtyard Gallery will feature a demonstration and display of the delightful oil pastels of Gary Lee Wick. Steve Rubinkam will be offering food, wine and painting demonstrations at his Michigan gallery and studio. You can tour the sculpture garden of internationally recognized artist Fritz Olsen. At the Treasure House Bed and Breakfast, Dennis Reynolds will be exhibiting his work. The Scarlet Macaw Gallery will celebrate...
the magic of the female spirit through the work of artist Bronwyn MacGowan. And get ready to wow your socks off at the 6th Annual Hod Rod Happening at WOW Gallery. You can browse a colorful collection of classic cars and view one of the area’s most colorful collections of contemporary art.

Are you hungry? There are Farmer’s Markets at At Home With Nature and Dinges Farm. Culinary demonstrations will explore the use of seasonal fare at Sawyer Garden Center, Michigan Thyme, and At Home With Nature. Milda’s Corner Market will be offering a taste of homemade and European delicacies. Skip’s Restaurant and Antique Shoppe and Miller’s Country House will feature special Harvest Days entrees.

It wouldn’t be Harvest Days without recognizing kids and family. At Local Color Gallery children will have an opportunity to create a fall dunescape in pastels and oil crayons. Kids can also express their creativity at a ‘make and take” session at Michigan Thyme. The family fun continues at You’re Invited where youngsters can make Halloween masks. Patty’s Picks will be offering costumes and gifts for kids, mom and dads, and even the pet dog. Scarlet Macaw Community Art Center says kids of all ages will love the Bountiful Harvest and Art and Dreams creative sessions. Children will have the opportunity to create primitive masks or colorful lanterns, or explore dreams in living color at one of the center’s weekend classes. Customs Imports offers a wonderful glimpse into the world across the Pacific Ocean and they’ll have some fun for your canine as well with their annual Doggie Apple Bobbing (apples, hot dogs and treats). Fido can even win a prize!

We’re not quite finished yet. There will be hayrides and children games at New Buffalo Savings Bank including an appearance by James the Magician. A Union Pier hayride will feature a bobbing for apples and apple decorating. Throughout Harbor Country you can view the creative expression of many local businesses that are participating in the annual scarecrow-decorating contest. Their creativity ranges from basic arts and crafts to “how did they make that?” You can add an afterglow to your day’s activity at the Sixth Annual Bacchus Festival presented by The Wine Sellers at Whittaker Woods Golf Community. The Gallery at Gordon Beach Inn and Timothy’s Restaurant will host “Art and Wine” with proceeds of art sales to benefit cancer research. On Friday, The Acorn Theater will feature the Flying Leap Players performing old radio scripts. On Saturday, pianist and singer Tom Michael and Beckie Menzie will perform. Scarlet Macaw Community Art Center will be celebrating the “Goddess Within” where you can have your fortune told, partake in a relaxing massage, and browse for crystals.

To cap off the weekend you might want to take in a frightful visit to the Three Oaks Lions Club Haunted House. This is not for the squeamish (seriously). This event has been known to put the “holler” in “Holler-ween.”
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Diggin' in the Earth
with Maggie Beyer

It doesn't seem so long ago that America began “greening” up, the days when a generation began reading *Mother Earth News* and *Recipes for a Small Planet* and began to think about ways to use energy wisely. It led to today’s recycling programs and the good news is that recycling is still a going movement with a national celebration planned for November 15th. Go to the website AmericaRecyclesDay.org and you, too, can take the pledge and enter to win a top prize of a Ford Escape Hybrid SUV, with five prizes of recycled aluminum Trek Bikes for kids. With the thought that many people who read *The Beacher* are not full-time residents and don't see the quarterly supplement from the Solid Waste District of LaPorte County enclosed with a local newspaper, I felt this column could spread some of its worthwhile ideas around. It is a guide of worthwhile information on reusing and recycling including news of a program at airports and a chain of restaurants across the nation that loans talking books for highway travelers and an airport chain that buys back books purchased at one airport that may be returned for half price at another.

One recent article was headlined “Making lighter work of fall leaves”, something that is timely for all homeowners at this time of year. The leaves have been falling, and will soon drift in droves that could be a windfall for gardens instead of landfills. Using a mulching mower, leaves can stay on the grass, decompose and be gone by spring, giving nutrients back to the soil. Put the bag back on the mower and the shredded leaves can be used as mulch. Shredded or not, they can also be a base for compost piles. Burning of course, is a no-no in most communities, not only a hazard for those with breathing problems, but the air itself. Smoke from just five pounds of burning leaves creates a full pound of air pollution.

There is other help to be had from the Waste District of LaPorte County at a Drop-Off Site located at the north end of Zigler Road, a road that runs along the east side of the County Fairgrounds, just past the grandstands on the north side. The site is open during daylight hours, seven days a week. Grass clippings, hard trimmings, branches, brush, chipped wood and clean, non-treated lumber is also accepted in Kraft paper leaf bags found at local grocery and hardware stores; if plastic bags are used, they must be emptied and taken away from the site. Staying true to its recycling mission, the district’s program also offers compost and mulch for sale at its Westville site that is open spring, summer and fall daily from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from...
Recycling is still with us with planned pick-up programs in most communities, the newsletter also reminded us. It’s not just one of those “green” things that has had its day. Just keep that plastic bin out where the drivers can see it at the curb as a signal to stop. As a reminder, most of us are familiar with the recycle items of glass and metal cans and bottles, plastics (if in doubt, there is a recycling symbol of chasing-arrows and a number code of #1-#7), newspapers and inserts, glossy catalogs, phone books, magazines, stationery and copy paper, large cardboard boxes torn into 2-inch strips, AND cereal and snack boxes (I’d been forgetting these). As another reminder, the date is set for a final collection for household hazardous waste on October 15 (and other sites) from 9 am to 2 pm at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds. This includes cleaners, automotive fluids, oil-based paints and stains, pesticides, waste fuels and mercury-containing items, products that are forbidden to be disposed of with household trash. The day is also open for disposal of tires (up to 10) and “white goods”, i.e. appliances like stoves, washers, dryers and refrigerators. Call Susan at 295-326-0014 or 1-800-483-7700 for information.

“It All Comes Back to You” is the rousing cry of this year’s National Recycling Day rallying the concept of reusing and recycling the stuff of our lives. I’ve been C-Spanning a lot these past weeks, watching John Robert’s rise to Chief Justice, and the gathering storms revolving around hurricanes Katherine and Rita which have included much talk about energy and dependence on oil. Join me, those of you can and will, in remembering the gas crisis of the 70’s when we wore buttons joining in a national effort to ration and reuse spurred by President Carter, the time I traded my 70’s gas-hog car for a Honda. One C-Span panel included John Spears, environmental designer, John Howe, former GE engineer, and Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, (R), of Maryland, talking about fossil energy, hydrogen, shale oil, and renewables like solar and wind. John Howe is offering free copies of his book, The End of Fossil Energy and the Last Chance for Sustainability at his e-mail site, and if I have it right and receive my book, I’ll pass it on. The challenging message of the panel is how to cope with the crisis of energy and dependence on oil is one that can come back to all of us: “We will get to renewables, it’s just a question of how rough the ride will be.”

And so it is.
A Positive Slant to the News

An old rule of journalism used to be, “if it bleeds, it leads.” But did you notice how many compassion-ate and inspirational stories came out of the tragedies of Hurricane Katrina and Rita? Maybe print and broadcast journalism is turning a new corner. 

Beacher readers already know that this paper is 99.9% upbeat. Web users may have an advantage over others in finding daily doses of good news. There are several (new) websites popping up that are news sites dedicated ONLY to positive, upbeat, and/or inspirational stories and they are worth telling you about.

**Good Things** ([www.goodthings.com](http://www.goodthings.com)). This is a nice site to visit to balance all the ugliness and negativity that may seep into your day. The website is divided into these categories: stories, work, actions, and people. The articles are meant to warm your heart and to bring back a feeling of optimism. One article talks about the advantages of sharing slow, savory meals with friends and the impact doing so can have on “saving the world.” Other interesting pieces include a section about Giving Rituals and about Random Acts of Kindness.

**World Transformation** ([www.worldtrans.org](http://www.worldtrans.org)). A nice website that states its mission as “a cornucopia of ideas, resources, connections, information, inspiration and surprises all aimed at growing, creating or discovering a world that works for all of us.” Lots of fine reading here that might spur you on to action.

**PNN-Positive News Network** ([www.positivenews.net](http://www.positivenews.net)). This is a good place to stop and linger for a while. More than 150 million positive thoughts have been shared by site visitors, and they come from 150 different countries. You can subscribe to their free email newsletter service, and/or their (free) Positive Thought of the Day service. The builder of this website, Dave Bouford, calls himself “Mr. Positive.”

**Happy News** ([www.happynews.com](http://www.happynews.com)). I believe this is a more recent entry in the category of upbeat news websites. What’s nice about this site is that it encourages Citizen Journalists to submit stories—and not just personal ones. It is a way for budding journalists to get started in their careers. Contributors are recognized for their work and they even get paid.
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Once a month, one Citizen Journalist is singled out for special recognition for their contribution(s) to Happy News.

The bottom line is this: if you are becoming too world-weary after trying to digest the news you read, hear, or watch on television or the Web, make it a point to access one of these alternative news sites. It’s all about balance, you know. And keep reading The Beacher every week, too!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:15-6:15 p.m. NATURE'S PALETTE. Each fall, nature provides us with a kaleidoscope of color. Come marvel at Mother Nature’s colorful display while learning about the adaptations of trees, plants, animals and insects to the shorter days and cooler temperature. Enjoy the vibrant autumn hues illuminated by the rays of the setting sun. Meet at Bailly/Chellberg Visitor Center.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

1:30-3:00 p.m. MILLER WOODS IN FULL COLOR. Join a ranger as you take a leisurely stroll along the beautiful trails of Miller Woods. Explore this pristine oak savanna and look and listen for migrating birds. Also, visit an active beaver lodge and see what great engineers these aquatic rodents are. A Golden Eagle was recently spotted in these woods, so don’t forget your binoculars. Meet at Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education.

7:30-8:30 p.m. YOUR NATIONAL PARKS QUIZ SHOW. So you know the name of the 1st national park, when the National Park Service was started, or when Indiana Dunes, a national lakeshore, became a national park? Come out with your friends and play this interactive game. During the game visit many of the national park units. Meet at Dunewood Campground Amphitheater.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

1-4 p.m. OPEN HOUSE AT BAILLY HOMESTEAD AND CHELLBERG FARM. In the early 1820s, fur trader Joseph Bailly set up shop along the banks of the Little Calumet River. Swedish immigrants Anders and Johanna Chellberg settled in the late 1880s. Join volunteers in period dress as they demonstrate the lifestyles of these pioneering families. Starting at 4 p.m., meet Farmer Jim at the Chellberg Farm barn to learn the importance of domestic animals as you assist him in feeding time. Park at Bailly/Chellberg parking lot.

For more information, phone 219/926-7561, ext. 225.

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The LaPorte County Genealogical Society is hosting a Genealogy Fair on Sat., Oct. 15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the LaPorte County fairgrounds. Speakers will include Joan Hostetler of Heritage Photo Services, discussing historic photography, identification of processes and formats, and preservation techniques.

A second program will be provided by Marvin Allen, speaking on using digital images to enhance, enlarge, customize, print and preserve photographs.

The public can browse the booths and tables of other participants, including Genealogical Societies, Historical Societies, Cemetery Preservation Associations and Genealogy Resource Vendors.

Admission fee is $6 at the door. The event is open to the public. Box lunches are available by reservation, phone Donna Nelson at 219/393-3731.

Tower Student Support Grants

Tower Inc. has announced the applications are available for the 2005-2006 Tower of Excellence Student Educational Support Grants. The grant application forms will be delivered to the office of the principal at all local schools of Michigan City, or visit www.toweronline.org download, and mail to Tower. All applications are to be postmarked by Nov. 15, 2005 and recipients will be notified by Dec. 1, 2005.

The goals of the grants are to provide financial assistance to classroom programs through grant requests by teachers employed in the public and private Michigan City area school systems, and to promote an outstanding education for our young people. In the previous fifteen years the majority of the funding for this program came from the proceeds of the Oktoberfest. This year, proceeds will come from the Tower Run and other fund raising events sponsored by Tower, a local nonprofit organization in LaPorte County. Since the inception of the program fourteen years ago, teachers have received approximately $58,000 to enhance their classrooms.

For questions, contact Barb Amm at 219/879-1302, write Tower at P.O. Box 659, Michigan City, IN 46361-0659, or email tower@toweronline.org
“Hedwig” at Dunes Summer Theatre

The Dunes Summer Theatre will present “Hedwig and the Angry Inch,” a rock musical written by John Cameron Mitchell with music and lyrics by Stephen Trask for one weekend only: Fri., Oct 7 at 8 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 8, 8 p.m.; and Sun., Oct. 9, 7 p.m.

This groundbreaking, Obie-winning Off-Broadway smash also won multiple awards for its film adaptation. It tells the story of “internationally ignored song stylist” Hedwig Schmidt, a fourth-wall smashing East German rock’n’roll goddess who also happens to be the victim of a botched sex-change operation. This outrageous and hilarious story is dazzlingly presented by “Hedwig/Hansel” in the form of a rock gig/stand-up comedy routine backed by a hard-rocking band.

Using songs and monologues, Hedwig tells the audience her story which began in the former East Berlin, and moves to the United States as Hedwig describes her search for “the Origin of Love” and her other half. It’s a rocking ride and ultimately inspiring to anyone who has felt like life gave them an inch when they deserved a mile.

Special ticket rates for this show are $15/one ticket, $25/two tickets, $35/three tickets. Tickets can be used for all one show or for separate shows. Phone 879-7509 for reservations and information.

The Dunes Summer Theatre is located in Michiana Shores, IN.

“After Hours With Your Ancestors”

This program will be held at the LaPorte County Public Library on Fri., Oct. 7, beginning at 7 p.m. All genealogy researchers are invited. There will be access to the library’s computers for INternet searching and use of the HeritageQuest and Ancestry.com subscription databases and the Indiana Room. Those attending are asked to enter the library between 7 and 7:15 p.m. through the Maple Avenue doors nearest the parking lot. The doors will be locked at 7:15 p.m.

Light free refreshments will be served. The program is free and reservations are not taken. More information at 219/362-6156. The library is located at 904 Indiana Avenue, downtown LaPorte.
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Flat Rock Rocks - Concert in the Park

Coming to Union Mills on Oct. 8 will be the first annual Flat Rock Rocks - Concert in the Park. The concert will be held at the Mill Pond Park to raise money for new playground equipment, benches, picnic tables and grills. The playground equipment next to the pavilion at the park is over 30 years old and extremely damaged.

The first band will be Nuts-N-Honey, a two-piece country band, beginning at noon. Following will be Born Again Blues Band at 2 p.m. A classic rock band, Category 5, will begin at 4 p.m. The final performance will be by American English, a Beatles tribute band from Chicago.

People from all over the county come to the Mill Pond Park to fish, walk the beautiful trails, or just have a picnic.

2005 Parade of Homes

The Builders Association of LaPorte County announces the 2005 LaPorte County Parade of Homes will take place Fri. through Sun., Oct. 14–16 and 21-23. Homes will be open for viewing 5-8 p.m. on the Fridays and from 12-6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Annual Parade of Homes has become a fall tradition in LaPorte County, offering the public a special opportunity to view some of the finest in new home construction and development. This year’s Parade will feature 9 homes from 8 area builders: Jonas Construction, Lippens Construction, Custom Construction, Mitch Fiekes Builders Inc., Jongkind Builders, Bell Construction, Synergy Homes, and Poly Steel Mid America, Inc.

The Parade of Homes is open to the public at no charge, and maps to the various home locations will be available through local newspaper distribution and by calling 219-326-0624. More information at www.balc.org or phone 219-326-0624.

Dreamweaver MX Class Offered

Purdue University North Central Office of Continuing Education will offer an introductory course on the web design program Dreamweaver MX.

This non-credit course will be offered at the Westville campus on Wednesdays, Oct. 12 to Nov. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. The registration fee is $114 and a recommended book is available for $25.

Students will learn how to set up pages, establish links between pages and how to design pages that are attractive to your audience. Interested students are expected to have a good understanding of basic computer commands and word processing.

Information is available through the PNC Office of Continuing Education, 872-0527, ext. 5343, or at www.pnc.edu/ce. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact ext. 5343.
Page Turners Book Discussion Group

The Jane Austen Book Club by Karen J. Fowler will be discussed at the October 11 meeting of the Page Turners book discussion group at the LaPorte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Ave., downtown LaPorte. The meeting will take place from noon-1 p.m. in the small meeting room.

The book is a novel about a group of women and one man who meet to discuss Jane Austen’s novels while eating and drinking and drifting off into personal reveries about their love lives in California.

The book is available for check out in regular and large print editions. Refreshments appropriate to the book will be served. Everyone is invited to attend. Information: 219/362-6156.

Coming Selections:
The November 8 meeting will discuss Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff--and It’s All Small Stuff: Simple Ways to Keep the Little Things from Taking Over Your Life by Richard Carlson. The December 13 meeting will feature Christmas in Harmony by Phillip Gulley.

“A Taste of Milda’s Corner Market”

To celebrate the end of its fifth successful summer in Union Pier, Milda’s Corner Market presents “A Taste of Milda’s Corner Market”, a free sampling of Milda’s homemade soups, salads and pastries, along with a variety of Lithuanian, European and other international delicacies, Sat., Oct. 8 and Sun., Oct. 9, from noon to 5:00 p.m. (MI time), at Milda’s Corner Market, 9901 Townline Rd. & Red Arrow Highway in downtown Union Pier. Admission is free and so is the sampling.

Union Pier Hayrides

Milda’s Corner Market is also sponsoring “Union Pier Hayrides”, which will leave from Patty’s Picks on Red Arrow Highway in downtown Union Pier at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. (MI time), on Sat., Oct. 8 and Sun., Oct. 9. Cost is $8 per person. “Union Pier Hayrides” include a fall harvest goodie bag, pumpkin carving demonstrations and stops at the Sweethaven Resort for apple bobbing and Rivers Edge Resort for apple decorating.

For reservations, call Milda’s at 269-469-9880.

“Real Arachnids” at Coolspring Library

This program, held at the Coolspring Branch of the LaPorte County Public Library, will be led by arachnologist Linda Strain and her spiders. This family program will be held on Thurs., Oct. 6, 6 p.m.

There is no charge and reservations are not taken. The Coolspring library is located at the corner of Johnson Road and 400N in Michigan City.
Activities to Explore

In the Local Area:

**October 6** — 7th Odyssey Sculpture Exhibit opening reception. 3:30 pm in Library-Student-Faculty Bldg. Assembly Hall, Rm. 02 on campus of Purdue University North Central. Free & open to public. Refreshments served. Story this issue.

**October 6** — “Real Arachnids.” Spider program for the family presented by Linda Strain. 6 pm at Coolspring Branch of LaP. Co. Public Library, Johnson Rd. & 400N, MC.

**October 6-10** — “Broken Flowers.” Winner Grand Prix Cannes Film Festivals. Rated R. Starring Bill Murray and Sharon Stone. Thurs & Fri. 6:30 pm; Sat & Sun 4 & 6:30 pm; Mon 6:30 pm. (MI times). Also showing: “Junebug” Rated R. Winner Cannes & Sundance Film Festivals. 9 pm only. Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks, MI. 269/756-3522 or www.vickerstheatre.com

**October 7** — “After Hours With Your Ancestors.” Geneology program held at the LaPorte Co. Public Library. 7 pm. Free & open to the public. Story this issue. Info: 219/362-6156.

**October 7-8** — Rummage Sale. 9 am-1 pm (Fri) and 9 am-noon (Sat). at First United Methodist Church, 7th & Pine streets, MC.


**October 8** — Farmer’s Market. 8 am-noon. Corner of Washington St. and 8th Street, Michigan City.

**October 8** — Customer Appreciation Day at Nature’s Cupboard, Evergreen Plaza, MC. 10 am-4 pm. Free refreshments, free samples, kid’s activities & entertainment. Story this issue.

**October 8** — Chicago Improv at The Acorn Theater, Three Oaks, MI. featuring TJ Jagodowski and David Pasquesi. Curtain 8 pm. Tix $15; reserve at 269/874-4256 or 219/874-5430

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will speak at 2 pm at the MC Public Library. Free and open to the public.

October 9 — Sinai Sunday Evening Forum presents Anderson Cooper. 7:30 pm at Elston Middle School Auditorium, 317 Detroit St., MC. Subscription series. Info: 219/926-3182.

October 9 — One Night Jam featuring Lowen and Navarro. 7 pm at Chicago Street Theatre, 154 W. Chicago St., Valparaiso. Tix $25; phone 219/464-1636. Story this issue.

October 13 -- Monthly Critique at Southern Shore Art Association, 722 Franklin St., MC. 6:30 pm. Hosted by Elaine Harju and Robert Williams, both from the Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, MI. 872-4634.

Places to Visit:

Great Lakes Museum of Military History, 360 Dunes Plaza, Michigan City. Info 872-2702 or on the web at www.miliaryhistorymuseum.org

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

Lubeznik Center for the Arts, 101 W. 2nd St., Michigan City. Tues.-Fri., 10 am-5 pm; Sat-Sun, 11 am-4 pm. Phone 874-4900.

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


The Depot Museum and Art Gallery of Beverly Shores., 525 Broadway, Beverly Shores, IN. Open Sat. & Sun., 1-4 pm through November. Adm. free; donations welcome.

Washington Park Zoo, Michigan City. Gates open 10:30 am; adm. gate closes 3 pm; park closes 4 pm. Adm. $4.50 adults (12-61 yrs); $3.00 sen. cit. (62+); $2.50/kids 3-11; free/2 & under. 873-1510.

Farther Afield:
October 7 — Fall Video Series at Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, MI. Noon MI time. This week: “The Tibetan Book of the Dead: A Way of Life.” Free & open to the public. Discussion period follows the film. Coffee will be served; bring your lunch. 269/893-0271 or email info@krasl.org

October 8 — Flat Rock Rocks-Concert in the Park. 2 pm. Mill Pond Park, Union Mills, IN. To raise money for playground equipment.

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This week is for the kids in the audience, and for the parents who buy those books! I have two book recommendations that are really top rate, the first for preteens and the second for k-2nd grade. Both have ecological themes and both are entertaining and sure to please kids and parents alike.

**Flush** by Carl Hiaasen

Author Hiaasen is your ultimate Floridian. His books resonate with the sights and sounds of our tropical state. And he spins a pretty good yarn, too. Now he has decided to branch out and catch the younger audience. His first foray into juvenile writing produced **Hoot** which won a Newberry Honor Award, not a small achievement. I believe that he has come up with another winner that will capture the preteen audience in **Flush**, a tale of family and environmental awareness. Actually, I thoroughly enjoyed this book, too.

Do you wish your children would read something besides Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings? Not that they’re bad, but sometimes it’s good to branch out and explore other topics. Here’s a good chance to present your child with a story that is not only entertaining, but introduces a subject that is important to all of us. Keeping our environment, in this case the ocean, free from pollution, is everyone’s job, and when you see someone blatantly abusing our natural resources, well, you might do what Noah’s father did...

It was Father’s Day and Noah was visiting his father in jail. Paine Underwood was not a criminal in the usual definition; he didn’t rob banks or hurt anyone, he just sunk a boat. Dusty Muleman had a floating casino and Noah’s dad discovered that each night after he closed, he would dump his raw sewage right into the channel in the Florida Keys instead of the holding tanks on the bank. Yuk.

No one would listen to Paine and he couldn’t prove that Dusty was doing the dirty deed since he bribed and blackmailed all the right people. So, one night, he took matters into his own hands and sunk the boat. Noah’s father was a little impetuous to say the least. And that made Noah’s mother very tense, to say the least.

Noah and his younger sister decide to give dad a helping hand and prove Muleman’s guilt. All this behind their parents’ back, of course. But how do you go about proving Dusty’s guilt when he had his goons on guard? That’s when you find out the significance of the title of this book!

Throw in Muleman’s bully of a son and his cohort, Bull, and you have a teenager’s nightmare. And who is the stranger who looks like a pirate and comes to Noah’s aid before bully Muleman can beat him up? Throw in a cocktail waitress who decides to help the youngsters against her better judgement and you have the makings of a top notch, if unconventional, adventure.

The storyline about the environmental impact of someone dumping raw sewage into the ocean is powerfully told, but I was also impressed with Hiaasen’s handling of the Underwood family. No matter how loving a family can be, there will be times of stress and discord, and having a husband like Paine Underwood would stretch the patience of the most loving wife! Noah and his sister may not always do the smart thing (just like dad) but they end up starting a chain of events that can only lead to victory or defeat.

Smartly told through a teen’s eye. Family, loyalty and doing the right thing...they’re all here in spades.

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**Honey...Honey...Lion!** by Jan Brett

Keeping with my ecological theme this week, I have another recommendation for the younger set. If you are familiar with Jan Brett you know that her stories and illustrations are breathtaking. She combines beautiful, realistic animal images with backgrounds to match. In this case, the story is from Africa and concerns the African honey badger and the honeyguide, a little bird that leads the badger to a bee hive. The badger uses his strong claws to break open the hive and the two happily share a meal. In this folk-tale from Botswana, the badger was feeling selfish one day and ate all the honey himself without sharing! The next day the honeyguide decides to teach badger a lesson, and leads him over plain and river right to...I’m not going to tell you! Check out this book, I can’t praise it enough. Ages 4-7 will be entranced with both the story and the illustrations.

Till next time, happy reading!
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This past summer my friend Lloyd Anderson asked me if I would like to join him and his sons, Tim and Peter, on a bike ride from Lloyd's home in downtown Chicago to his cottage in Harbert, Michigan.

Lloyd and Tim had just completed the 90-mile jaunt without mishap, and they were all for repeating the performance on Friday, September 23.

But with company.
As in my company.
Well, guess what?
The brothers Anderson — Tim and Peter — did it! What?!?
Allow me to explain:

At 0700 hours (Central Daylight Time) five cyclists departed from an apartment building at 130 S. Canal Street that was already in the shadow of the nearby Sears Tower. They were: Lloyd Anderson who lives in said building, Lloyd's aforementioned sons Tim and Peter, his friend Glenn Kraus, and yours truly.

Yes, yours truly was among the pack of five daring to make it across Lake Shore Drive by bicycle and then head for Michigan by way of:

The spectacular Chicago Lakefront Trail,
The surprisingly delightful Burnham Greenway,
The meandering Erie Lackawana Trail,
The awesome Oak Savanna Trail,
The pretty-as-a-postcard Prairie Duneland Trail,
The so-so Calumet Trail, plus
Plenty of pleasant side streets in small town America.

And, yes, yours truly hung with the pack all the way to Michigan City where his bike betrayed him by delivering a fourth and fatal flat. Meaning that Lloyd Anderson was forced to get on his cell and call his lovely wife Joellen who had driven ahead to Harbert and have her come back and get him and me and our bikes at the Lighthouse Place.

Oh well.

But Tim, Peter, and Glenn continued on from Michigan City despite an annoyingly persistent rain that had come and crowded out a previously sunny day. Actually, Glenn bailed midway through Michigan City so he could head for his second home there, but Peter and Tim, who both live in the Chicago area, intrepidly continued on to their parents' cottage in Harbert by way of: Long Beach, Michiana Shores, Grand Beach, New Buffalo, Union Pier, Lakeside, and, finally — Harbert!!

Yes, Tim and Peter Anderson rode the whole 90-mile enchilada from downtown to Chicago to downtown Harbert in the course of one day. With stops, of course, for eating, consulting maps, and, sadly, changing my flats.
Like the Marlon Brando character in the movie “On the Waterfront” so famously said: “Charley, Charley, I coulda been a contender.”

Yeah, and I coulda made it all the way to Harbert if my rear wheel hadn’t developed a bad attitude somewhere between the Prairie Duneland Trail and the Calumet Trail and made that manifest by puncturing one tube after another.

Suffice it to say I will be much better prepared next time, and yes, of course, THERE WILL BE A NEXT TIME, because the bike ride from Chicago to Michigan is just so surprisingly wonderful.

There were so many bright spots, but the brightest of all was a restaurant in downtown Hobart (not to be confused with Harbert) called the Bright Spot. We did lunch there although four out of the five of us ordered breakfast from a waitress who obviously is adored by her grandkids and who brought us gallons of coffee and ice water.

Prior to that, Lloyd had unloaded his backpack along the Erie Lackawana Trail and treated us all to his delicious chicken salad sandwiches with fresh red peppers.

Our little band of bicycling brothers traveled on our stomachs, but we also feasted our eyes on natural beauty practically every mile of the way.

Granted, we had to add extra miles to incorporate the various bike paths, but it was worth doing because bicycles are not just toys anymore.

Not in the wake of Katrina and Rita!

So, yes, you really can ride a bike from Chicago to Harbert, and Tim and Peter Anderson not only lived to tell about it but they went out and rode the Apple Cider Century two days later.

Like I said: I coulda been a contender, and, as soon as I get my wheel fixed, I will be.

Until then: may all your rides be flat-free.
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, 1927, *The Jazz Singer*, starring Al Jolson -- the first motion picture to use sound track -- premiered in New York City. While there were only 291 spoken words, the movie marked the beginning of a new era in film making.

On October 7, 1816, the *Washington*, the world’s first double-decked steamboat, docked at New Orleans.

On October 7, 1957, "American Bandstand," a television program hosted by Dick Clark, made its debut on ABC.

On October 7, 1990, dance choreographer Agnes de Mille, who helped change American dance with her ability to combine elements of folk dancing with classical ballet, died at the age of 88.

On October 8, 1918, during World War I, Sergeant Alvin C. York almost single-handedly killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132. He was World War I’s most decorated soldier.

On October 8, 1970, exiled Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

On October 9, 1855, I.M. Singer patented the first motorized sewing machine.

On October 9, 1888, the Washington Monument was opened to the public.

On October 9, 1946, the nation’s first electric blanket was manufactured in Petersburg, Virginia.

On October 10, 1913, passage between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans became a reality in Panama as U.S. Engineers blew up the Gamboa Dam.

On October 10, 1935, the American opera *Porgy and Bess*, with music by George and Ira Gershwin, opened on Broadway.

On October 11, 1868, Thomas Edison filed for a patent for his first invention, an electrical voice recorder to tabulate votes in Congress more quickly. Congress refused to use it.

On October 11, 1975, with comedian George Carlin as host, "Saturday Night Live" made its debut on NBC.

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**STRIKES IN A ROW:**

Barb Macudzinski - 3

**SPLITS:**

5-7 split picked up by Kim Johnson, Margaret Haviland and Lynn Jacox

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