What many people are not aware of
by Cindy Kansoer-Schneider

A woman and two children died Thursday when her car veered off of Lake Shore Drive and plunged into Lake Michigan. The vehicle's head-lights were still on as divers retrieved the bodies of Shirley Combest, 33, and her children, eight-year-old Shaniqua and six-year-old Jon. Authorities, alleging that she was depressed over the recent death of her sister, were concerned that Combest might have driven her car into the water intentionally.

Concurrently, news was released regarding Marilyn Lemak, who was charged in March with drugging and smothering her three children. Lemak's attorney's contend that she was 'insane' at the time of the alleged killings as she suffered from depression stemming from divorce proceedings. Lemak remains on a suicide watch.

The irony of these stories is that they were broadcast on National Depression Screen-
Many people have no concept where the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) originated from or who funds them. In 1936, TITLE IV of the Social Security Act was ratified that provided Aid for Dependent Children (ADC). This provided funds to each of the states to insure children from a destitute home have adequate living conditions. Prior to this children were cared for by privately funded institutions and abuse— including farming and prostitution—ran rampant throughout the United States. Each state was required to create an agency to monitor the families in need and to generate reports displaying the needs and the allocation of funds. There exists a dichotomy between what TITLE IV (each state receives etc.) and what the State of Illinois says they receive. According to DCFS, there was no agency provided by the State of Illinois and that needy and abandoned children were cared for by private institutions until 1962 when the Governor of Illinois established that an agency be created for this purpose and tax funds allocated to this agency. The agency has gone through some name changes and is known as DCFS at this time.

Provisions remain the same for both funds, including, but not limited to, the reporting of need of the recipients, provision of financial assistance to include housing, clothing, food, and medical care (not televisions, computers, or other forms of amusement), the participation of the parent(s) in an employment opportunity program, social services and counseling to the family, and monitoring of financial and social advancements. It is widely recognized that these services—known as Public Aid—has been and continues to be abused. This abuse stems from the lack of adherence to the provisions of the acts and bills. As usual, the State of Illinois managed to circumvent the requirements for funding and it is my guess that that is why they receive little—if any—funding from the Federal Government.

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**The Roving Curmudgeon**

**The Canadians Are Coming!**

**by Josh Dipert**

Bug, ("so called" because the next millenium does not actually begin Jan. 01, 2001 - people, there is no year 00) is poised to shut down America's myriad great air traffic control systems, Treasury Department, and military ma-

Before We Begin.....

Attention humans; I consider myself a man of my word. A couple of weeks back, I promised the Students In Communications Club that I would write something nice about them. I made this promise in exchange for a piece of pizza. I would like to state that I was not bought - I simply promised the Students In Communications Club are nice, and never bought - I simply because I like these people and believe they could use some praise. I consider that the following statement pays that debt off in full: The people in the Students In Communications Club are nice, friendly, All-American folks that you wouldn't be afraid to let into your homes, and you shouldn't be afraid to let them into your hearts. Thank You.

And Now........

As long as we're on the subject of politics, I would like to say that I am dreading the impending invasion of our good ol' U.S. of A, by our devious neighbors to the North, the Canadians. These depressed machines will be useless to our society, and with no way to live, they will only no protect us from the galloping hordes that McCarthy, Washington, and Rezaian never believed would dare set foot upon American soil! Yes, ladies and gentleman, the fine citizens of America will be brought to their knees, awash in tears of redundancy. All-American folks (or as I like to call them, Un-Americans) will be taken to their knees, awash in tears of redundancy. If it wasn't for me, most of you probably wouldn't be talking about this, just like you wouldn't have heard that Hillary Clinton is registered with the Federal Election Commission as a Presidential candidate. So, I'm just trying to help. You might wonder how I know about this. Folks, foreigner (or as I like to call them, Un-Americans) have been plotting this for years. They have cleverly been speaking of it right out in the open, using a variety of codes they refer to as "Native Languages," blithely making the arrogant assumption that we, as a people, were not clever enough to catch on to their nefarious schemes. Well folks, while these "Languages" are nearly incomprehensible without a trained code-breaker at your side, I was able to determine the true scope of this evil scheme by listening to a pair of men on a Greyhound (Greyhound - most people walk away from our crashed!) bus. The bus driver claimed to be from Canada, and began a "casual" conversation with the man in the seat next to him. Coincidentally, the man next to him stated he was from Switzerland. After some carefully scripted conversation in English, the Swiss male (or Switzer, as they like to be called) asked the telling question: "Do you speak "German"? This indicated to me that the Switzer was about to discuss the details of their invasion, and wanted to be certain that both parties would be using the same code! The two men conversed for all most the entire extent of the journey, and I was, as they expected, in the dark the entire time. But did I hear the word "America" repeatedly tossed about? Yes, I was convinced that the Swiss were part of this scheme. So, after exiting the bus (without the bus crashing, I might add) I cornered my Canadian "friend." I interrogated him mercilessly for hours, and in the end, his resistance broke. I was able to extract his "Language," and now knew the ugly truth. You see, whenever a Canadian says, "Eh?" at the end of a sentence, what he is really saying is "The meaning of the entire sentence preceding this sound is to be transposed. I was lying to misdirect the stupid America." This is why Canadians always seem so friendly-they secretly hate us! Anyway, here is the plan......

On the morning of January 01, 2000, Canadians will swarm over the border en masse. This will be coordinated precisely with the arrival of Swiss shock troopers, who will stream in, through Mexico and Cuba, disguised as tourists and Chefs. They will then begin, by example, to wreak havoc upon our society, while we stand helpless, mindlessly following our new, polite, and friendly masters. They will conquer us, and turn our mighty nation, a nation of individuals who don't give a damn about anyone else, into just another fondue dippin' peace loving, idyllic society. Clearly we cannot allow this to happen, but what can we do to stop it? I know exactly what must be done. As of 11:55:00p.m. on December 31, 2001, a special order must go out to all broadcast outlets declaring martial law. The orders to the citizenry will be simple - anyone caught breaking any of the following laws, or manifesting any of the following behaviors, is to be shot on sight.

1) It must be made illegal to be polite. While this already seems to be the case, it can now be made into a legal and easy identifier of Un-Americans. It is widely known that Canadians, Switzers, British, and other nationali-
ties are polite to a fault; they hold open doors, say "excuse me," and generally are pleasant and friendly in conversa-
tion. We can easily spot the conspira-
tors in this manner, and deal with them harshly.

2) Allowing someone to go ahead of you in the line at the store when they have one item and you have 80, for which you will be paying by check: Death Pen-
alty.

3) Yielding-right-of-way-at-an in-
tersection: Death Penalty.

4) Helping someone with a flat tire on the side of the highway: Death Penalty.

Finally, no longer can we toler-
ate the reckless proliferation of pro-im-
migrant sentiment. Pat Buchanan has been saying for years how cheap immi-
grant labor has weakened the American economy, and God bless him, he's right! Therefore, I propose that we not only send back all of the illegal immigrants in this country to whatever crappy hellhole they came from, but I also say we should forc-
ibly remove all of the descendants of those ilegals immigrants who came here over the years, stealing jobs from the rightful citizens of this continent. That's right - If you or any ancestor of yours at any time was an immigrant - out you go! If we do this, then we will all have helped to make our great country a better place. My lob-
ellow Americans, it is in your hands.

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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

Thanks for your article on East Timor. Justice to the blood of the victims demands that we Americans know our complicity in this horror.

I hope you will address this issue that effects us all.

My friend, Dr. Pamela smith, a Chicago obstetrician, testified to Con-
gress about the damaging effects of the procedure commonly known as Par-
tial Birth Abortion on women's health. We've seen the description of how this procedure is done, our common sense tells us that it must be un-
healthy for the woman undergoing it. This procedure is used after 20 weeks of pregnancy. The doctor doing an abortion is guided by ultrasound and

grobs the baby's leg with forceps. He then gets the baby's entire body except for the head; he jams a scissors into the baby's skull, which he then opens to enlarge the hole. A suction tube is inserted to suck out the brains, which causes the skull to collapse. Then the dead baby is removed. This procedure is performed thousands of times a year in this country. It is mostly done in the 5th and 6th months of pregnancy, but sometimes it is done later.

This is an extremely painful procedure for the baby. Animal rights
groups would be up at arms if we did this to puppies.

This is a cruel and inhumane technique that all women have the right to understand, but it is not explained to them.

We all have a right to know that the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, which Congress has passed twice and has been vetoed by President Clinton twice, has been reintroduced. The bill would ban Partial Birth Abortions except when the mother's life is endangered. The wording is identical to that endorsed by the American Medical Association. The American Medi-
cal Association has stated that this procedure is never medically necessary.

I feel that women are being exploited by this horrid procedure. We des-
ire information about this technique.

Thank You.

Linda Stuck
Graduate Student in Psychology
COMMUNITY - Working toward a university community that comes together ... off task as well as on.

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I am convinced that the faculty will have increasing options and opportunities, using technologies or not. But that will also require leadership to provide incentives and means to our own faculty, as well as faculty involvement at all stages of instructional development.

Distance education or distributed learning cannot be an added responsibility which comes out of faculty hides, even a willing faculty. GSU is positioned well for these increasing options for teaching and learning. Our students will increasingly demand options and opportunities to accommodate varied learning styles and circumstances.

But look at what we have accomplished here: - Thousands of GSU alumni take pride in being our graduates.
- The GSU budget has pumped hundreds of millions of dollars into the southern suburbs.
- We've become an invaluable resource for any number of community projects.
- Our faculty and students have become involved and made an impact on the community and brought attention and credit to GSU.
- And individually we are active in the affairs of the surrounding community in ways we live in so many different ways.

Regardless of your position in this University, all of us have a role to play in our success. We are invested in each other's success.

As a faculty member in Arts and Sciences, it is important that my Dean and I be successful. But to me, and I hope to you, it is also important that the Dean of Business and Public Administration succeed ... as should the Professor of Education ... The librarian on the reference desk ... The television director in Communications Services ... My colleagues in Art, and Criminal Justice, the student in Health Administration ... the counselor in Admissions ... the student in Student Life ... And the person who is the University President.

WE ARE ALL INVESTED IN EACH OTHER'S SUCCESS.

It is time to recommit to each other. It is time that we all take pride in this place. Look at what we have done together:

WE BUILT A UNIVERSITY.

A note of thanks to two individuals in Student Life for their concern and help extended to the INNOVATOR.

Thanks for joining us; we appreciate your participation.

The INNOVATOR Staff
Aries (March 21 - April 19): If you're tired of putting up with other people's problems, take a break. The break is a good month for you, take time to be by yourself. Put your feet up, but not too far away. You may be surprised by the new outlook you find. Lucky Days: 11 & 18

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Energetic Taurus, don't worry about financial burdens this month. Go out and purchase a lottery ticket; who knows? You might get lucky. Lucky Days: 9 & 15

Gemini (May 21 - June 20): The twins are in opposition again. Don't fret, emotional turmoil will subside either way. They will stop fighting or they will kill each other. Look for love in the classifieds, the ad is meant for you. Lucky Days: 3 & 17

Cancer (June 21 - July 22): You've been hiding. Come out of your shell or people will mistake you for a dino-saur. Say what's on your mind and you will be rewarded. Lucky Days: 2 & 6

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22): Cool it! Leo, your hot as hell so you think you are. Start putting others before yourself, you may be surprised by the outcome. Lucky Days: 7 & 12

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Mother Earth is calling (so you better mind her). You will be given a special offer, say YES!! Lucky Days: 4 & 9

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Oh poop dear, always searching for love. Why don't you let love find you. Don't worry being whole isn't everything, half is okay. Lucky Days: 1 & 10

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Yes, the stinger, it's hurting us. Remember, only you have control over yourself, let go of your repressed feelings. Chill out. Have a cocktail. Lucky Days: 2 & 7

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You, once the hunter, are now the hunted! Watch your back. This role reversal is teaching you a lesson. Lucky Days: 5 & 9

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): If you're wondering why you've been a little under the weather, couldn't it be you're working too hard? Over-achievers let yourselves heal. Go to the park, sit on a bench, and view the Autumn Life.

Lucky Days: 4 & 8

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Open the curtains, let the sunshine in. You are quite the social butterfly this month, but you are every month. Have fun. Turn it loose.

Lucky Days: 1 & 6

Lucky Color: Gold

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20): Remember to trust your gut feelings. Don't eat too much chocolate this month. You love to eat, yet exercise isn't in your vocabulary lately. Try to get out and swim a few laps (wait a half hour after eating).

Lucky Days: 4 & 13

Lucky Color: Silver


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to inquire about employment opportunities today.
Tajikistan, a small country just west of China. I was twelve years old and lived in the middle of a ceaseless civil war. My father feared for my family's safety and decided to send me on a bus to Dushanbe, the capital.

I was at the bus stop with other children, and I had to get on the bus with my family. The seats were built for two people per bus in the middle, next to the window. One was the leader and those who were sitting at the back of the bus, shaking with their cold bodies, were fainted. The children were crying, their mothers were trying to keep them quiet. Families and friends were laughing while this form of terrorism was happening; I was so scared that I was trembling in dismay. Families and friends were all afraid to scream, much less shout. The leader tried to get control of the crowd by telling us what he said, he would kill us; if we didn't do what he said, he would kill us; if we didn't go to your dream, he would kill us; if we didn't follow his order, he would kill us. He shouted to us and threatened us with guns, but we wouldn't become back. When they came, they beat and whipped badly. They threw his head away, and the only sounds I heard were the screams of the mothers and beatings. As nights shootings, bombs, and gunfire were heard. However, the answer to those cries was just one gun shot long, and then a long, empty silence persisted. Their answer to the cries was a cold, lifeless body, and a little strangling sound. When the husband saw the condition of his wife, he became furious, lashing out at the man in front of his wife, leaving her alone. He recognized him and stated that he was her son, so I was spared. She tried to cover my eyes and wasn't scared, but I couldn't let her.

The leader told us to get on our knees as the men watched us laugh and cried. The leader tried to scare us by telling us that he was powerful. He said that if we didn't do what he said, he would kill us; if we didn't go to your dream, he would kill us; if we didn't follow his order, he would kill us. He threatened us with guns and shouted to us and threatened us with money, but we wouldn't become back. After a couple of minutes, they were beating the man and let him watch his wife being murdered; I was so scared that I was trembling in dismay.

The peace that was meant to be with God and the brothers and friends was taken away, and the only sounds I heard were the screams of the mothers and beatings. As nights shootings, bombs, and gunfire were heard. I was still with the lady who said I was her son, so I was spared. She tried to cover my eyes and wasn't scared, but I couldn't let her.

I never saw the young women who were taken to the cars again. A couple of days later, I heard, said except for the women on television. They were found dead in the streets of the capital, raped and abused. This was one of the worst things. They were found dead in the streets of the capital, raped and abused. I wished it was a bad dream. I kept asking Allah what we could do by explaining the ways of Allah. She explained how a man must present himself to her face and ask her to raise themselves to Allah by asking him questions and receiving answers from Him. She said that most people receive answers, but they don't understand them and they misunderstand them. She said the reason we can't understand the answers is because they lay deep down within our souls and only when we die will we finally find out what they mean, when we hear the true voice of Allah.

After she explained this to me, I started to get back to life again. Still, the picture of life being blown away like a candle always appears before my eyes. There was blood and hu­man tissue all over the inside and the outside of the bus. There was blood and human tissue all over the inside and the outside of the bus. It was a cold, lifeless body, and a little strangling sound. He shouted to us and threatened us with money, but we wouldn't become back. When they came, they beat and whipped badly. They threw his head away, and the only sounds I heard were the screams of the mothers and beatings.

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Dear Ima,

My life's dream, besides college, is to be on a talk show. I have tried numerous times to get on Jenny Jones, Springer, and Oprah, but have been rejected each time. I guess my life isn't messed up enough for them. My questions is this; do you think it would be wrong for me to lie about something just so I can get on the show, like maybe saying that I dated a transvestite for three years and didn't know it? What do you think?

F I C H I N ’ F O R SPRINGER

Dear Ima,

A wing so you should have it

My locker number is

Dear Single,

I don't know if that would be a good idea, just because of the student-teacher thing. Who told you that he was single, him? I would be leery of this person or if you are dying to be with him get his background history. Otherwise, you may be involved in a messy scenario, and end up on Jerry Springer.

Think about it.

(EDITOR'S NOTE - Are you so messed up that you think that this column can possibly help you? If so, please send your letters to the Innovator, care of the Student Life Office.)

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is usually formed when an instance or situation triggers depression that lingers. It is noted that interest is lost in things that were pleasurable to a person at this stage. Someone experiencing severe depression can suffer from chronic fatigue, does not get out of bed, has a decreased appetite and therefore, does not eat, and has a decrease in sexual desire. There also exists a hopelessness or 'why bother?' attitude. However, these symptoms are gradual.

When looking at the possibility of the 33-year-old woman in Chicago driving into the lake out of depression, McCarthy noted that "it wasn't just the sister's death that would have caused her to do that; there is more to it than that."

The depression accumulated from different sources over a period of time. If in fact, the woman drove into the water deliberately, perhaps the sister's death might have been the person's breaking point, but there were other contributing factors.

The screening was provided to the community in the hope of discovering people who need assistance. This is a way that people like McCarthy and Skorupa can "catch people before a tragedy happens."

Free counseling is provided to GSU students. Both Kelly McCarthy and Jessica Skorupa are licensed by the Illinois Department of Professional regulations. McCarthy is a licensed counselor and can be reached at (708) 235-3966.

Skorupa is a licensed psychologist and can be reached at (708) 235-3969.
BOOK REVIEW

Chastity Bono's 'Family Outing'
by Caitlin Hall
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)


Bono incorporates her own story as well as those of a diverse group of people to show the wide range of experiences gays have while coming out. These people are both men and women from a wide variety of places with different religious and economic backgrounds. Though different in many ways, Bono tells their stories in a manner that displays the common issues of gays and lesbians while coming out. The book also shows how these specific parents and families deal with the situation.

Though the book is multi-focussed, exploring a variety of people and issues, Bono incorporates her own story as well. She speaks of her family in a personal way. By doing so, Cher comes across as a mother of a lesbian daughter, not a famous actress and singer. Bono describes her experience of coming out to her family as relatively painless. Her mother was upset at first, less because she was gay than because she had told other people before her. Eventually, Cher became supportive and accepting. Her father was supportive from the beginning.

The inspiration for the book came while Bono was working for the Human Rights Campaign and as a writer for "The Advocate." "I realized there wasn't another book that existed like it," she said in a recent interview. She also wanted to illustrate the process by using "as diverse a group of people as possible." While reviewing books for "The Advocate," she noticed there were many books on coming out but none that dealt with the experience as a family issue.

Family issues for Bono were often public. Though she came out to her family when she was 18, Bono did not come out publicly until 1995 when she appeared on the cover of "The Advocate." Her mother went on to win an Oscar for "Moonstruck," and her father went on to become a U.S. congressman. Chastity Bono was, consequently, a public figure and a subject of the tabloids. She was ousted by the tabloids when she was 18, which forced her back in the closet for five years. Her decision to come out publicly in 1995 was made because she wanted to end rumors about her sexuality.

It is ironic that she made this decision to end the talk about her sexuality. "I just wanted to be done with it all," says Bono, "I just thought it would end it." The interview led to Bono's involvement with political movements and her public role as a spokesperson and activist for the gay and lesbian community.

During the interview, Sonny Bono said things that got him in trouble with the religious right, which eventually caused him to change his views. She felt that this was the "ultimate hypocritical move," both as a father and as a politician. Despite their differences, Chastity describes their opposing views as "a political problem, not a personal problem." At the time of her father's death, they had not yet resolved their differences.

"Family Outing" contains candid conversations between both mother and daughter. Bono's idea is to show the experiences without elaborate explanation. This technique, followed by a summary, lets the reader experience the story on a very personal level. The book's strong point is its intimacy and diverse examples. Even though it covers the same subject, the details vary and the stories seem familiar without feeling repetitive.
Martin Lawrence Jams in *Blue Streak*  
by Henry Stuttle

He’s baaack!!! The comedian of the 90’s who brought you the Def Comedy Jam and the sitcom, the Martin Lawrence show, is back. And based on his hit-comedy, Blue Streak, Martin Lawrence has not lost the skill to entertain a diverse audience.

Lawrence plays Miles, a bur­glar, who along with three guys, broke into a building with the help of some high-tech gadgets in order to steal a $17 million diamond. Miles obtains the diamond and goes to the police station to turn himself in. However, noticing that a shoestring is missing from one of his shoes, he asks the guard, “What happened to my shoestring man… you had to floss your ass with it?”

Anyway, he goes to the construction site where he left the diamond and discovers it’s a police station. So how do you think he tries to get on the 3rd floor and steal the diamond? Well, he improvises and becomes a pizza man and unscrupulously attempts to deliver three boxes of pizza to the 3rd floor. Using sheer determination, Miles gets a friend who is into making phony IDs to make one for him, using the ID he snagged from a real officer, putting his picture on the card.

Now Miles is on the other side of the law and goes to the police station and pretends he has been transferred in from a different precinct. In many occasions, Miles tries to get the diamond, but gets distracted by chasing the bad guys. In a scene, which Miles and his partner enter a convenience store to get a few snacks, a robot picks up the store. But guess who the robber is? That’s right, his old friend Tully. So now Miles is caught between helping Tully escape and arresting him. But Tully has other plans; he tries to get some of the money from the diamond he thinks Miles has in his possession or he threatens to blow Miles’ cover. Nevertheless, in an extremely funny scene, Miles talks Tully into letting himself be arrested by him and instantly wrestles Tully to the ground to gain the admiration of the entire police department.

Finally, Miles’ other crime partner catches up with him to get back the diamond. But in a struggle with Miles, he is shot and killed by Miles. And the movie ends with Miles going across the border into Mexico.

If you are a hard-working person who has a full time job in addition to going to school, or you might just be stressed out from your busy schedule, then by all means, watch this movie so you can enjoy the gift that Martin Lawrence has been blessed with; the gift to make people laugh.

I Got The Shivers at Navy Pier by Camille Cialoni

Recently, some friends and I decided to enjoy a day of Indian Summer, thereby, we traveled to Navy Pier for a stroll along the lake. As we were walking along the pier, we stumbled upon a small crowd gathering around a stage where I heard the sounds of bluesy jazz. The band was Lynne Jordan and the Shivers. It was made up of five instrumentalists and a lead female vocalist. The band’s music was a vivacious blend of blues and jazz, and Jordan’s soulful, gospel voice was an added plus. The Shivers performed mostly original tunes on the Miller Lite Stage (which is located across from the balloon). They were also nice enough to let an audience member sing with them. Then, they proceeded to gather involvement and excitement from the crowd along with enormous levels of applause. The audience grew from approximately 30 to around 200 as people flocked to see the show. The once sparsely populated stage became a dancing mass of fan, as people of all ages “danced the blues.”

The best part was that this experience was fun and FREE. No, you did not have to purchase a ticket to witness the band. I highly recommend this group; they are definitely worth the ride to the city.

If you enjoy good blues and jazz, check out Lynne Jordan and the Shivers. I didn’t realize who they were until they sang one of the songs that WXRT plays frequently. After that, I made the connection as to who they

compiled by Camille Cialoni  
October List  
Make Mine Music  
Navy Pier skyline Stage through Nov. 11  
A theatrical popcourt of American Music  
The Hauntings At Navy Pier  
Navy Pier  
Oct. 1 - Oct. 31

Haunted Boat Tours  
Navy Pier  
Oct. 8 - Oct. 31

Live entertainment and traditional Austrian and German fare event kicks off with a “Tapping of the KEG” at 4:30 PM Oct 1, followed by the sounds of Blankaelle Luchtrigen, a 35-piece brass band from Germany.

Midwest Bookhunters Fall Book Fair  
Navy Pier Grand Ballroom  
Oct 17

More than 70 dealers will offer antiquarian and rare books, first editions, out-of-print texts, and collectible and used books in all fields.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater Open Forums  
Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier  
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Scholars join forces with the artistic staff to explore with you in an open discussion Shakespeare’s plays and Chicago Shakespeare’s current productions.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater Post-show Discussions  
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Discussions with members of the cast following every Wednesday afternoon performance, plus selected Sunday matinees, and all are invited. No reservations necessary.
Eric turns Maggie's question into a rap.

"Bare Necessities"

By Ed Caity

ACROSS
1. Asian desert
5. Italian river
10. Roosevelt follower
14. Matures
15. Love
16. Met offering
17. Joint
18. Crimson Tide icon
20. According to
21. Jaco's part
22. Edward __ Playwright
23. Wine at chess
25. Pedro's delicacy
27. Calculating machine
29. Marvelously
33. Defied
35. Henri's essential liquid
36. Sorts
37. Skirt styles
38. Follows river or snow
40. Enchantress
41. Semi load
42. Gorged
44. Actor Jack
45. Insane
46. The old 1-2, for one
47. Orally
48. Stray
49. Dobbin's breakfast
51. Armed conflict
52. Counteractive
54. Comedienne Meara
55. Parch
57. Desert watering holes
60. Plenty
61. Back talk
62. The real __ Genuine
63. State of irritation

DOWN
1. Catch your breath
2. Double curve
3. Wall Street slump
4. Doctrine: Suffix

5. Puts off
6. Cognitive contents
7. Ferry
8. Stray
9. Yank foe
10. Actress Liz
11. Mid East resident
12. Parking infraction penalty
13. London gallery
19. Speeds
21. Ornamental button
24. King toppings
25. Shroud city
26. Mimics
27. Mine entrances
28. Model airplane wood
29. Deep ___ : Throws out
30. Ride roughshod over
31. Tootsie actress
32. Northwest Canadian
territory
34. Subway admissions
37. Yogis glove

38. Sheepook part
40. Riyadh resident
41. Rotating mechanisms
43. Hardens
44. Forest description
46. Italian city
47. Goat hair fabrics
48. Ms. Home
50. Plate
52. Counteractive
53. Pariah
55. de plume
56. Computer
57. Capone and Capp

**Quotable Quote**

"We live in an age when unnecessary things are our only necessities."

... Oscar Wilde

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**THE POLYGON PUZZLES**

by Dennis Lee Thorn

Hello everyone. Today's puzzles are about gold coins and bricks.
1. Which of the following is worth more, 10 pounds of $20 gold coins or 20 pounds of $10 gold coins?
2. Two bricks have the same weight. One of the bricks weighs the same as 1/3 of the other brick plus 2/3 of a pound. How much does each of the bricks weigh?
   A. one pound
   B. two pounds
   C. three pounds

**off the mark**

by Mark Parisi

"A future journalist about to get his first "PULPIT SURPRISE!"

"Oh... did I really say stop by anytime?"
Children, guns, school.

answers to crossword puzzle

CHESS

Really Tough

Answers to the polygon puzzles

"Here's my 'what I did over the weekend' report. Some events were fictionalized for dramatic purposes."

"I've changed your names in my autobiography to save you from embarrassment."
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