

LOCAL REPORT

City's time capsule to open 30 years of history, changes

By VICKI SPEER
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In 1960, Wheaton boasted a population of approximately 24,000 residents; by 1990, the number of city residents had more than doubled, to about 53,000 people.

That profound increase in population and other changes in the community may be reflected in the contents of a time capsule that Mayor Gwendolyn S. Henry will open later this month. The opening is scheduled for 1 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Wheaton History Center, 606 N. Main St.

Alberta Adamson, the center's executive director, said Wheaton children are invited to make their own bit of history by putting together time capsules that same day.

The city's time capsule was buried under the former West Liberty Drive police station 33 years ago, according to oral history, Adamson said.

It was uncovered when the old station was razed last August following the police department's move to roomier quarters at 119 N. Wheaton Ave., she said.

"It was down deep," Adamson said. "They had to search for it to find it."

Since then, the capsule has remained in the city's hands.

Adamson said the upcoming weekend was chosen in honor of the community's history.

"We chose this weekend because the city was actually incorporated as a village on Feb. 24, 1859," she said. "It commemorates the anniversary of the city."

She speculates the capsule's contents mark the city's centennial in some way, and probably include some newspaper clippings from the time.

Yet the capsule's exact contents remain unknown, and participants may examine them at the opening, Adamson said. She added that the capsule was vacuum-sealed.

The children's capsules are part of a Children's Discovery Day program. Each child is encouraged to bring his or her own personal memorabilia for the capsule, while the center will provide clippings and something with a city logo, Adamson said.

Apartment managers seek own garbage service pacts

By MIKE BURKE
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Apartment managers in Glendale Heights want to negotiate their own contracts for garbage disposal services, but village trustees fear that would lead to too many companies, garbage trucks and problems.

Glendale Heights' contract for residential garbage disposal service with Browning-Ferris Industries is expiring soon, and the board decided this week to seek new cost proposals rather than renew the current contract for another three years.

It has been more than 10 years since the village has sought competitive cost proposals for residential garbage hauling, said Village Administrator James Kilcourse. Under the current contract, apartment complexes are required to secure garbage disposal through BFI.

BFI Sales Manager Robert Shicktenberg said apartment complexes with 12 or more units are billed \$5.60 per month per unit under the current contract, which the company agreed to extend one more year without a rate increase.

But Kevin Howe, divisional manager for Glenlake Club

Apartments, said his business could contract for garbage removal at half of current costs if allowed to negotiate with companies independently.

Howe and Fred Mitchell, director of the Chicagoland Apartment Association, are urging the village board not to include multi-family housing in its next contract with a garbage hauler.

Trustees said, however, they are not inclined to do that.

Businesses are allowed to contract individually for garbage removal.

"I don't want to have 40 different haulers coming into town," Village President Michael Camera said.

Kilcourse said the village sometimes receives complaints from residents if a nearby restaurant or business has an overflowing garbage dumpster. Those problems are due to the owner not wanting to pay for more frequent pickups, he said.

"I don't want to start having the same problems with apartments," Kilcourse said.

Trustee Wayne Kopke said it is up to the board to make decisions based on what is in residents' best interest. The board should not turn that responsibility over to apartment managers, he said.

Glenbard W. to host culture week

By MAUREEN MCKINNEY
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Students from all over the world will address their classmates at Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn this week as part of a program to promote cultural understanding.

The school has a series of activities planned through Friday as part of E Pluribus Unum Week, which is Latin for "out of many, one."

"I think if there's a word this would focus on, it would be tolerance," Principal Susan J. Bridge said. "Once you can appreciate the

richness of diversity, you can learn from it."

Though the minority population at Glenbard West is not high, the school has a long record of working to build cultural understanding among students, Bridge said.

"This year is the first time we've put all the pieces together," she said of the week's activities.

About 12 percent of Glenbard West's 1,700 students are minorities. The school has students from a wide range of minority groups, including Asians, blacks and Hispanics, as well as a number of students born in

foreign countries such as India and Iran.

"If it has helped our minority students to feel more comfortable about this school, this community, that's a plus," Bridge said.

For the past three years, the school has had a global awareness committee that has focused its attention on cultural understanding. That committee, which includes administrators and teachers, is responsible for planning the activities for E Pluribus Unum Week.

In addition to the speeches from minority students, the week's activi-

ties include a lecture from an expert in human resources development on the benefits of multiculturalism, performances by the Glenbard West International Dance Troupe and forums by foreign exchange students at the school.

A cultural film fest and a performance on the history of black music by the Proviso East High School concert choir also are planned.

A poetry and art contest in which students will be asked to express the idea "out of one, many" also is planned.



Naturalist Steve Leonard shows how to drill a hole for ice fishing as Wheaton residents Joey Davison, 12, David Bentsen and Paul Davison, 9, look on at Roy C. Blackwell Forest Preserve Saturday.

Daily Herald Photo/Bev Horne

Ice fishing workshop draws the avid fans

By JOELLE MCGINNIS
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With the sun shining and the distinct lack of snow on the ground it didn't look much like winter at Roy G. Blackwell Forest Preserve Saturday.

But for the fisherman out on Silver Lake for an ice fishing workshop, there was no doubt that it was early February when the gusting winds brought temperatures down into the teens.

"It's Dad's turn next year," vowed Sue Davison of Wheaton.

Davison brought her young fishermen, Paul, 9, and Joey, 12, out for the first ice fishing clinic sponsored by the DuPage County Forest Preserve District. She

said her sons are avid fishermen during warmer weather and have begun to develop an interest in the winter sport, as well.

In fact, the boys gave up a morning of Tae Kwon Do practice to brave the elements and improve their fishing skills.

"It's a great experience for them, but it's not something that I would like to do again," Davison said.

About half a dozen participants and watchers came and went during the morning session taught by naturalist Steve Leonard and fishery biologist Don LaBrosse.

The lesson included hands-on instruction, covering everything from drilling fishing holes to setting fishing lines, and answers to as many questions as the fishermen could ask. Using grubs in the shallow water, fisherman tried to catch crappies and blue gills, while live minnows were used in the deeper areas to attract northern pike and walleye.

Although the fish weren't biting, participants learned that the object of the sport is patience.



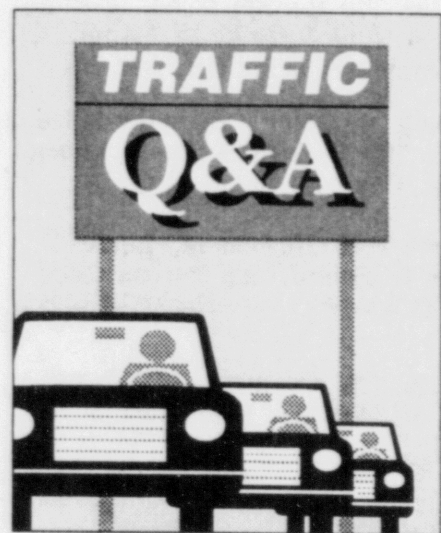
Naturalist Steve Leonard teaches Paul Davison, 9, of Wheaton, the finer points of ice fishing during a clinic at Roy C. Blackwell Forest Preserve Saturday.

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Do express ramps need yield signs?

Coming Tuesday, answers to questions about traffic problems and road issues, including one area motorist's concern about cars and trucks that enter expressways, tollways and other limited-access roads without properly yielding to through traffic. The motorist said some neighboring states have yield signs on entrance ramps to remind drivers they have to merge into traffic.



VOICES OF OUR NEIGHBORS

Readers sound off on whether it's always best to 'buy American'

Trade and word wars have been raging between the Japanese and Americans. Should Americans "buy American" even in cases where imported products may be superior? We also asked some of our readers what make of car they drive.



Mark Hank, 26, Manager Itasca

I'm all for buying American, but if a foreign product is really superior, then it's a tough choice. I always try to buy products made in the USA. I buy American made clothes and cars because I think these types of products are superior. I drive a Chevrolet Spectrum.



Meyi Aier, 37, Station manager Lombard

I think the public has a misconception of American cars. In the last eight years, Americans have been building better cars. I think it's time for Americans to realize the products made in this country are just as good. I drive a Bonneville SSE.



Gail Neisius, 55, Teacher Naperville

I think we should buy American made products. However, if American products are inferior, one way to make them better is to buy foreign made products. I drive a Honda.



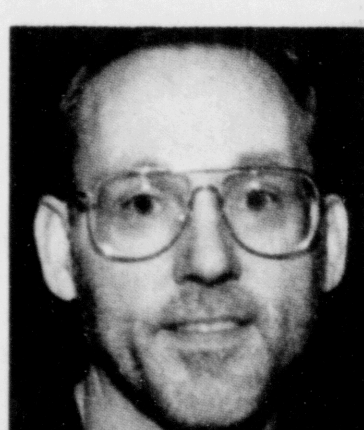
Ute Cirone, 28, Service rep. Glen Ellyn

When I'm buying a product, I want to get the best quality possible for my money and if the foreign made product is of better quality than the American product of the same type, I would definitely go with the foreign product. I drive a Honda.



Starr Pitsch, 40, Homemaker Oak Brook

I prefer to shop American first and compare. In many cases, the American product has advantages. Then the choice is easy. I believe most of our products can compete successfully in a fair, international market. I drive an American made car.



Gary White, 43, Controller Lisle

We are past the point of driving the domestic manufacturers to produce the best. We are reaching a crisis situation for the future of manufacturing in the U.S. If you are concerned for your children's welfare, I feel you must support U.S. manufacturing.