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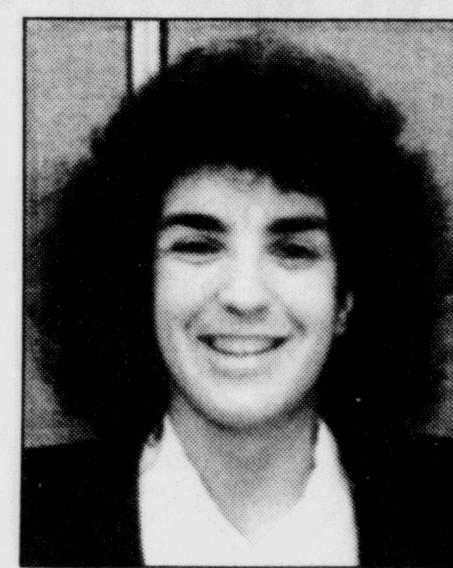
A working vacation fine for her

Andrea Zikakis of Carol Stream went to the Baja Peninsula in July for vacation. She dug ditches, unloaded trucks, worked in the kitchen and weeded in the fields. Yes, this is what she and a former co-worker from Household Retail Services Illinois of Wood Dale intended to do.

The group of 16 people from Willow Creek Community Church spent their vacations working at the Colonia Vicente Guerrero orphanage. "We went expecting to help these children, who were predominantly Oaxacan Indians, abused, and abandoned. They ended up helping us," said Zikakis. Zikakis said the children live with only their persona. They wear no fancy clothes, have few aspirations and never dream of stereos and expensive toys. "They showed us realness," said Zikakis.

As a member of Willow Creek Community Church, Zikakis said she realized that she was living a blessed life and wanted to participate on a mission trip. She encouraged her friend, Cara Lewis, to go along.

And that is what they did. The logistical arrangements were made by Willow Creek ministries,



Andrea Zikakis

but each person paid their own way.

"I'll never be the same," said Zikakis. "We were immediately charmed by the children's smiles, but we could see traces of pain and longing in their eyes. It changes you forever."

The orphanage cares for about 80 children who live happily and comfortably, receiving love as well as the material and physical things they need. The clothes they receive from various charities are recycled as they are outgrown to children who live outside the orphanage. "That's where the real poverty is," said Zikakis.

Plans already are under way for the group's return to the same vacation spot next year.

— Janet K. Perry

Boy Scouts sponsor relief drive

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 191 in Carol Stream are sponsoring a hurricane relief drive today to help aid victims of Hurricane Andrew. The Bethlehem Center Food Bank is co-sponsoring the event. The drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. Drop-off sites are at the Carol Stream Village Hall parking lot, the Simkus Recreation Center at Lies and County Farm roads and the Bethlehem Center Food Bank, 170 Easy St., Carol Stream. Items needed by hurricane victims include ready-to-serve baby formula, diapers, deodorant, shampoo, baby wipe cloths, toilet paper, soap, bottled water, feminine hygiene items, trash bags, C- and D-size batteries, flashlights, portable radios, canned food, cleaning supplies, non-electric can openers, paper towels, paper napkins, rice, boxed cereal and other non-perishable items. Clothing will not be accepted. The Boy Scouts will be acting as receivers and packing the donations for shipment. The Bethlehem Center Food Bank is supplying boxes and will transport the donations to Florida.

IN TOWN TODAY

TODAY, TOMORROW

■ The Glen Ellyn Republican Women's Club Annual Pig Roast with homemade pies for dessert will be held at 3:30 p.m. today at the home of state Sen. Beverly Fawell. A silent auction also will be held. Tickets are \$20. For details, call Arlene DeMotte at 469-4584.

■ Barnes & Noble welcomes children's author/illustrator Mike Venezia at 1 p.m. today at 351 Town Square, Wheaton. Venezia has a series of books introducing children to the world's greatest artists through the use of humor.

■ Boy Scout Troop No. 615 will conduct a benefit garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the gymnasium of First Baptist Church, 464 Ann St., West Chicago. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of camping equipment.

■ The IOF Foresters, in cooperation with Kmart, will host a free child identification weekend at Kmart, 1851 N. Neltner Blvd., West Chicago, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For details, call John Chinderle at 403-2000.

■ DuPage Women Against Rape, the volunteer component of the sexual assault services department of the YWCA DuPage District, will hold its fifth annual

walk-a-thon today, stepping off at 10 a.m. from the parking lot at 739 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, building 8. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. For details, call 790-6600.

■ Free glaucoma and cataract screening will be available to senior citizens from 9 a.m. to noon today at St. James the Apostle Church parish center, 480 S. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, sponsored by the St. James the Apostle Council, Knights of Columbus. Screening will be done by the Desnick Eye Center and takes only a few minutes. It is available to all seniors, whether members of the parish or not. No appointment is necessary. For details, call 858-7344, evenings.

■ The Warrenville Public Library board will sponsor a sampling of area restaurant cuisines at the third annual Art on the Prairie Fine Arts Fair from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today on the Illinois Prairie Path between the Warrenville library and Warrenville City Hall. Entry applications for artists with a \$25 fee are being accepted as long as space is available. For details, call Sharon Goodman at 393-1171.

There will be free musical entertainment and children's art activities throughout the day.

MEETINGS

EDWARD

'I Can Cope' series to begin Sept. 15

Edward Hospital and the American Cancer Society are sponsoring "I Can Cope," a five-part series of free educational programs for individuals diagnosed with cancer, their family and friends.

Today

Wheaton

■ The Wheaton City Council meets at 10 a.m. today at city hall, 303 W. Wesley St., for a coffee-with-council session.

TOMMY DORSEY ORCHESTRA

at Autumn Fest
Memorial Park
Wheaton
Sept. 18, 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by
Greater Wheaton Chamber of Commerce
668-2739

TOWN SQUARE WHEATON

Sept. 12 & 13
Sat. 10am to 4pm,
Sun. Noon to 4
(behind Danada East)

FEATURING
80 crafters with a wide variety of handmade crafts including clothing, woods, fabric creations, jewelry and much more.
Stores include:
The Gap
Banana Republic
Casual Corner
Danada West
Naperville Rd.
Butterfield Rd.

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The church, at the corner of Washington Street and Seminary Avenue, is undergoing a massive renovation that began in August 1991. When the project is completed, a virtually new sanctuary will hold 1,400 people, compared to the approximately 535 people the old church seated, Fullerton said. The Christian education space will be expanded and a new basement will be in place, he said.

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see the 1,000-member congregation has been meeting at a Wheaton College chapel during construction. In anticipation of being able to move back into the church's newly renovated home in December, the community is invited to the ceremony starting at 5:30 p.m. on the building's grounds.

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The time capsule will include such items as a Bible, a financial statement of the church and pages from local newspapers, Fullerton said.

Tours of the building will be available before and after the ceremony. Fullerton said the installation of pews and other renovation work still is in the offing.

"There is still a fair amount of work to be done," Fullerton said. "But we're getting closer."

College Church to host cornerstone ceremony

BY VICKI SPEER
Daily Herald Staff Writer

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Wheaton-Warrenville students score above average on ACT

BY TERENCE HACKETT
Daily Herald Staff Writer

Seniors at Wheaton-Warrenville South High School posted an average composite score of 23.0 on the American College Testing exam, school officials said Friday.

The score on the ACT, which was taken last spring by students who attended the former Wheaton Central, is above the average state composite score of 20.9 and the national average of 20.6, state figures show.

The ACT is a multiple choice test on a variety of subjects that is taken annually by students preparing to attend college.

South's most recent score is down .1 from its 1991 mark of 23.1. At Wheaton North High School, the latest average mark is 23.3, up .1 from last year.

The exam, typically given in the junior year, is not taken by all students. Wheaton-Warrenville Unit District 200 spokeswoman Denie Young said. The ACT generally is used as an admissions criteria by colleges and universities in the Midwest, and the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is typically used on the west and east coasts, she said.

Wheaton-Warrenville South High School Principal Charles Baker downplayed the significance of the scores unless they are considered with other factors such as drop-out rates, daily attendance and performance on other exams.

"To take these in isolation is inaccurate and in some cases downright dangerous," Baker said. "I think they have to be added to the whole picture."

WINFIELD PARK BOARD NOTES

District evaluates registration process

The Winfield Park District board is planning to evaluate the registration process for recreation programs. Director of Recreation Denise Will said the board may want to consider eliminating walk-in registrations. Most residents now register for programs by mailing or dropping off registration forms, or registering over the telephone with use of a credit card. Only about 17 people registered for fall programs in a recent Saturday walk-in session, Will said. The board decided to ask Will to make a report on how other area districts conduct lottery registrations. Processing mail-in registration forms is less costly because it does not require hiring part-time people to work at walk-in registrations. The district may ask residents for input on a possible change in a future citizens survey. Any change in the way registrations are handled for recreation programs would not affect the pre-school program registration process.

Board authorizes flagpole purchase

The board has authorized the purchase of a 30-foot-tall flagpole for Wynwood Fields, and a 20-foot flagpole for the Charles R. Beggs Activity Center. The flagpoles will be purchased from Howard L. White & Associates Inc. of Rolling Meadows at a cost of \$1,529. The poles will be installed by park district buildings and grounds staff. The flagpole at Wynwood Fields will be located at the center of the triangle formed by the backstops of the three baseball diamonds at the park, located along Wynwood Road. The other flagpole will be placed just north of the north sidewalk at the activity center, 0N020 County Farm Road.

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