

## Six counties in 60 seconds

**Suspect pleads not guilty:**  
A Wheeling resident who police say fired an AK-47 rifle at an officer Wednesday. He will be back in a Rolling Meadows courtroom Sept. 22. Gregory A. Banks was charged in July with aggravated discharge of a weapon and reckless discharge of a weapon. Officials with the Cook County state's attorney's office said Banks admitted to raising the AK-47 into the air and firing it; the bullet went through the home's front wall, landing in the ground at the feet of a Wheeling officer who was at Banks' home responding to a domestic dispute. After the incident, police reported recovering a weapons stash from the house — including four assault rifles, five semi-automatic handguns and dozens of rounds of ammunition. Bond was set at \$100,000 in July. Banks had to post \$10,000 to get out of jail. As a special bond condition, Banks also had to remove all firearms from his home, submit to a search and turn in his firearm owner's identification card.

**Record Amtrak ridership:**  
Amtrak trains within Illinois carried record numbers of passengers in 2004-05, Illinois Department of Transportation officials said Wednesday. Ridership on the Chicago-to-Carbondale "Illini" rose 10.9 percent to 121,311; on the Chicago-to-St. Louis "State House" 10.86 percent to 120,852; and on the Chicago-to-Quincy "Illinois Zephyr" 7.6 percent to 113,086. Ridership on the Chicago-to-Milwaukee "Hiawatha" service, co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, increased 10.98 percent to 494,075. "This is clear evidence that passenger rail is a portion of our transportation system we can't do without," IDOT Secretary Tim Martin said in a prepared statement.

**Payton fund-raiser set:**  
Reservations can be made now for a Walter Payton Cancer Fund fund-raiser scheduled for Nov. 11 in Chicago. The event, hosted by the Westye Group Midwest, will run from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Kendall College and is billed as an elegant evening featuring fine cuisine and wines. Connie Payton will be there signing copies of her newly released book, "Payton," and a silent auction for sports memorabilia, gift certificates and more will be available. The cost is \$100; that includes a signed copy of "Payton." All proceeds will go to the Payton Cancer Fund. Reservations are required. For more details, contact Gerry Mayer at (630) 872-5100. Payton, who died in 1999 from bile duct cancer, was an Arlington Heights resident for part of his life; he is best known here for his grueling runs up a hill that sat where Nickol Knoll Golf Club sits now. Part of that land was renamed "Payton's Hill" in mid-2000.

# Prosecutor: Sex was on 'regular basis'

By Dave Orrick  
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Roy D. Nabors

It started March of last year, when she was 15, with a kiss. Then late one night in December, he went into her room and sexually assaulted her, according to authorities. He was Roy D. Nabors, a married father of three getting paid by Maryville Academy to care for her and 23 other girls and boys like her — kids who not only have often been victimized before but have parents who are unable, unwilling or not allowed to care for them. They're also developmentally disabled. "This went on on a regular basis whenever he worked the overnight shift," Cook County prosecutor Shari Chandra told a

judge Tuesday. He told her she wanted to start a relationship with her when she was 18. ... He told her about his marital difficulties. ... Apparently, no one else knew, according to child welfare officials.

So it went on on a regular basis until Sunday night, when he got caught by a female co-worker, Chandra said. That's how Nabors, whose 39th birthday is today, came to appear Wednesday afternoon before Judge Karen Thompson Tobin in a courtroom in Rolling Meadows on felony charges of criminal sexual assault.

He lives at 468 Jefferson St. in Hanover Park with his wife, their 9-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter. His oldest son is in the Navy, said Calvin Aguilar, Nabors' public defense attorney. Tobin ordered Nabors held on \$500,000 bond and set a court date of Sept. 16. Until his boss learned of the alleged sexual assaults, Nabors had worked at Maryville Academy's Eisenberg campus for troubled youth in Bartlett. Around 11:30 p.m. Sunday night, the female co-worker doing a bed check heard sounds of a male voice coming from the girl's locked room. She used her own key to open the door and found Nabors "crouched in a corner holding his pants,"

Chandra told Tobin. The doors to the facility can be locked only from the outside, so it appears he locked the door and then entered the room through a window. Once caught, he fled with the girl, Cook County Public Guardian Robert Harris has said. The girl was found within an hour. Bartlett police arrested Nabors Wednesday. The incident has again brought the scrutiny of state child welfare officials on the facility's parent institution, Des Plaines-based Maryville Academy. "This latest development with the arrest of Mr. Nabors deeply concerns us," Bryan Samuels, head of the state Department of Children and Family Services,

said in a news release. Previous developments at the Eisenberg campus include three girls who ran away in the spring. Two of them remained missing for more than a week, and child welfare officials went public with fears the girls were being sexually exploited. In 2003, the state severed ties with Maryville's flagship, the City of Youth campus in Des Plaines, after Samuels said it was no longer a safe place for children. Sister Catherine Ryan, Maryville's executive director, has said she's "furious" about Nabors but that he had no prior incidents on his personal record. He has no felony convictions, Chandra said.

## Iowa students now have an easy way back

By Sara Faiwell  
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For many college students attending school in the Midwest without a car, finding a ride home on weekends or holidays can be a gamble. When ride boards and begging a friend don't work, sometimes students resort to desperate measures — hitching a ride with a stranger, or taking a chance with public transportation. Often, it's mom or dad who comes to the rescue, making a whirlwind journey just to pull up, throw in the dirty laundry, turn around and head home. However, a new company hopes to change that — at least for University of Iowa students who live in the Chicago suburbs. Burbs Bus makes its debut

Sept. 2 and 5, shuttling Iowa students to and from Oak Brook Mall in front of Marshall Field's. During the school year, the private bus departs Iowa City at 4:30 p.m. Fridays and arrives in Oak Brook at 8 p.m. Return trips on Sunday leave at 1 p.m. and arrive at the campus at 4:30 p.m. "When you think about it, there's 4,000 to 5,000 students from the Chicago area who attend Iowa," said Jim Gaspar, from Downers Grove, who started the bus service with his son. "There is definitely an unmet need here." His son, Ryan, graduated from the Iowa university in 2003, and together the pair launched the new company. Their bus also provides a way for anyone wanting to visit friends or family in Iowa City to

catch a ride. Passengers will travel on a luxury motor coach, equipped with an on-board bathroom and movies. This idea isn't new to the Midwest. Students at Indiana University have a similar option, and another student-run bus company started and failed quickly at the University of Illinois a few years ago. Jeremy Schwach and Michael Zusel, who both attended University of Wisconsin, started the Hoosier Bus in 2002. They have a private bus that takes students from Indiana University to Chicago on major holidays. Last year, Zusel said a couple hundred students used their bus service. The idea also was tested in downstate Champaign to no avail. Students there started Sixth Wave Bus Tours in 2000, but it quickly ended its run after

some students were stranded on one trip. Students at University of Illinois and Eastern Illinois University have an option to use Suburban Express, a company that provides rides from Champaign and Charleston to the suburbs every weekend. This isn't the case in Iowa City, where there are no charter buses as an option. There is Greyhound service to the area, though. In 2003, some students tried to start a non-stop bus service to Chicago from Iowa City called Hawkeye Lines, but it folded after low turnout. College students at Bradley, Illinois State, Illinois Wesleyan and Western Illinois Universities have the option to ride on a Peoria Charter bus between those schools and the suburbs.

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Source: Daily Herald interviews

## Catch the 'Bachelor' at the mall

By Nadia Malik  
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For two hours this evening, former "The Bachelor" star Charlie O'Connell will be handing out roses to a crowd of adoring women in Schaumburg. The presentation, however, won't be exactly what he was used to during his time on the ABC television show. In conjunction with Lily of France, O'Connell will appear in the intimate apparel section of Woodfield Mall's JCPenney from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today as part of a new promotion for the company's True Match bra. "I think (the company) thought it was a clever tie-in for him to promote the bra with the name True Match," said Laura Chapman, a merchandiser for Lily of France. As part of the promotion, Lily of France is also asking any women between the ages of 18 and 45 to submit a personal ad on their Web site, www.lilyoffrance.com.

**If you go**  
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Those who visit the site will then be able to judge the personal ads and choose a winner in October for a lunch with O'Connell in New York City. The former "Bachelor" also will be handing out autographs at the event today and answering some questions from fans. Radio station 103.5 KISS-FM will broadcast from the store. "The appearances have been very successful, and they've drawn quite a crowd," Chapman said. O'Connell appeared as the latest single man choosing between 25 women on the seventh season of "The Bachelor." In the end, O'Connell chose Sarah Brice over the 24 other women vying for his attention. According to most recent news reports, the two are still together. However, Chapman said there's no word yet if Brice will accompany O'Connell on his trip to Schaumburg.

## Ad campaign targets drinking, driving over Labor Day weekend

By Jon Davis  
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Of the tens of millions of drivers who will soon hit the road for one last three-day weekend of the summer, tens of thousands will be drunk. Four new television ads released Wednesday, 10 days before the traditional "end of summer" Labor Day weekend, aims to curb drunken driving. They offer the perspective of someone killed by a drunken driver ("The Grave"), a look at how mixing beer and driving can be disastrous ("The Bottle"), and a description of how teens and young adults can agree not to let each other drink and drive ("The Pact"). The fourth ad, called "Dionne," highlights the story of Dionne Brown, a 19-year-old who was attending her sister's high school volleyball game in downstate Meredosia on Feb. 4, 1991, when her vehicle was struck by a drunken driver. She's now confined to a wheelchair and can speak only with a computer. Unlike previous campaigns

three-day holiday weekends for alcohol-related collisions and deaths. Last year, five of 12 Labor Day weekend road deaths were DUI-related; in 2003, 12 of 20 Labor Day weekend fatalities were DUI-related, he said. DUI problems on the fourth of July vary depending on the day of the week, he said. "If it falls on a Monday or a Friday, Katie bar the door," he said. The ads will run on local television and cable channels through and after Labor Day weekend, said Beth Kaufman, spokeswoman for Secretary of State Jesse White. Their \$20,000 cost was covered by a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation, Kaufman said. Illinois State Police Lt. Lincoln Hampton said troopers will increase their patrols and visibility on state highways and roads starting next week, targeting the "fatal five" violations: DUI, failure to signal a lane change, following too close, improper lane usage, seat belt violations and speeding.

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