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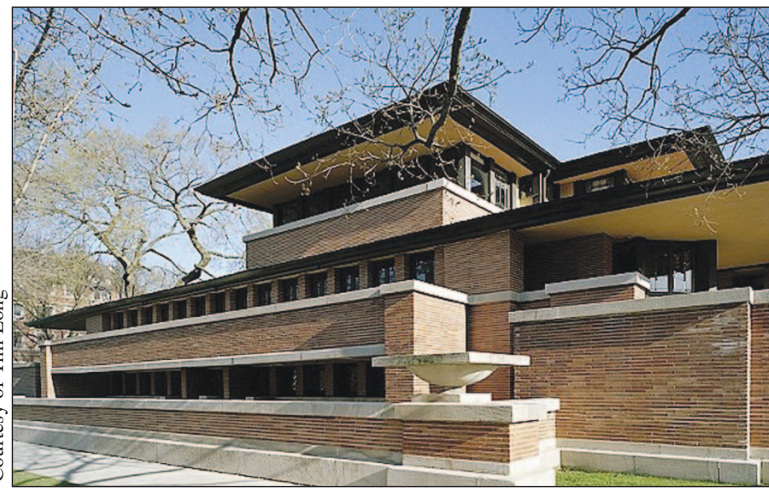
Vote for local landmarks

Robie, Fountain of Time in online contest for piece of million dollar prize

American Idol, preservation style, has come to Chicago, and Hyde Park has two stars to promote. Unlike the popular television show which introduces new talent to Americans, though, they're not unsung heroes — far from it. Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House and Lorezio Taft's Fountain of Time are among 25 finalists in a competition sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and American Express. The purse is a chunk of a \$1 million cash prize. The winner will be the site chosen most often in an online voting competition open to the public. Although launched last year in



Chicago Park District



Courtesy of Tim Long

The Fountain of Time (left) and the Robie House (right) are in line to win part of a \$1 million purse through an online voting contest sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and American Express.

San Francisco, the contest is especially well suited to Chicago. Since anyone can vote for his or her favorite landmark once a day until Oct. 10, Hyde Parkers are advised to heed a recommendation that is

otherwise an anathema to our progressive creed: Vote early and often for these Hyde Park treasures. Since participants can only vote for one contestant per day, two strategies emerge. One can chose a

preferred site and plug it each day or, by alternating between the two, increase the chances of either making it to the top spot.

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Vote every day online
partnersinpreservation.com

Nobel prize winner coming to Hyde Park

By GEORGIA GEIS
Staff Writer

The first African woman and environmentalist to win the Nobel Peace Prize, Wangari Maathai, will recount stories from her life as an activist in Kenya — which she is credited in helping transform into a

democracy — Sept. 23 at the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, 5850 S. Woodlawn Ave., at 5 p.m. This event marks an early beginning of the Chicago Humanities Festival (CHF) series entitled "The Climate of Concern," slated for late October. This year, in an effort to have community-based pro-

gramming, CHF has partnered with the University of Chicago as well as established cultural organizations Hyde Park Art Center, Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, Experimental Station and the Little Black Pearl. The partnership is a

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Flies close Caffe Florian

By SAM CHOLKE
Staff Writer

Caffe Florian, 1450 E. 57th St., was ordered to close last Thursday after Chicago Department of Health inspectors found about three dozen fruit flies in the kitchen. "A few dozen is not a big con-

cern," spokesman for the Department of Health Tim Hadac said. "Normally, in and of itself, it's not enough to close a restaurant," he said, "but noncompliance is a violation." Health inspectors responded to a complaint of fruit flies at the restaurant in late August. Caffe

Florian was cited with a violation and fined \$250. "When we were there in August we told them, 'We're going to be back,'" Hadac said. "We came back and there was no change," he said.

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New principal oversees use of Canter TIF funds

Canter to receive much-needed maintenance

By NYKEYA WOODS
Staff Writer

With \$150,000 from the 53rd Street Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district waiting for Canter Middle School to use, a new principal is overseeing the school's improvements. Colleen Conlan, a former Kenwood Academy assistant principal, took the reigns at the middle school when Carolyn Epps was promoted to Area 13 Instructional Officer this summer, officials said. "Dr. Carolyn Epps has been promoted," said Area 15 Instructional Officer Katherine Volke. "We are delighted to have Dr. Conlan, and I hope the Hyde Park community is as well. And I think she will be a very valuable asset to us." Conlan, who was asked by the Board of Education to fill in as

interim principal, said she is excited to stay in the neighborhood and that the \$150,000 will be utilized once the board picks contractors. "The money is downtown with the Board of Education," Conlan said. "When Dr. Epps was here, it was determined how to spend the money. Now it's a matter of getting the bids and getting the board-approved vendors to do the job." Once contractors are selected, the school will receive new front doors, a chemical wash, painted side doors and a sign, and the main office will move to the first floor. While work will take place during the school year, actual construction will only happen when students are not around. Conlan said that the move from Kenwood to Canter is perfect

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"Wangari Maathai's memoir is direct, honest, and beautifully written—a gripping account of modern Africa's trials and triumphs, a universal story of courage, persistence, and success against great odds in a noble cause."

— PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON



UNBOWED
A Memoir
WANGARI MAATHAI
The First African Woman—and the First Environmentalist—to Win the NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

The front cover of Wangari Maathai's autobiography, which recently was released in paperback form.

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dramatic addition to the festival, bringing for the first time its humanities-oriented programming to a neighborhood. Programs in Hyde Park will include lectures, live performances, films, workshops and panel discussions.

"This is a major initiative to work more in the neighborhoods instead of just the Loop and North Michigan area," said CHF program manager Amanda Burr. "Hyde Park was a natural fit, a great chance to collaborate with art and cultural organizations in the neighborhood."

Burr said CHF jumped at the opportunity to bring Maathai to town and said she was the perfect introduction to the series that focuses on fighting global warming and other sustainability issues.

"She came up on our radar because she is doing a book tour for the paperback version of her autobiography 'Unbowed: A Memoir,'" said Burr.

Maathai, who was born in rural Kenya in 1940, went on to become the first woman to earn a Ph.D in East and Central Africa and the first woman to head an academic department at a university in Kenya, Veterinary Anatomy at University of Nairobi. In 1977, she founded the Green Belt Movement, which aided in the restoration of forests throughout Africa while also paying rural women to plant trees in their villages.

"[Maathai] is a remarkably heroic woman who has focused on so many causes from women's rights to sustainability," said president of the University of Chicago Civic Knowledge Project, Bart Schultz.

The Civic Knowledge Project is one of the many collaboration organizations hosting Maathai's visit. Some of the other programs include the Humanities Division, Graham School of General Studies, International House, Religion and Environment Initiative, Sustainability Council and the



Wangari Maathai

Nature Conservancy.

"This is a tremendous opportunity," said Schultz, who has taught in the Humanity Division for 20 years. "I hope people become aware of her and learn from her example."

Schultz said people can take away lessons to use locally. He states Maathai's fight to protect public land as particularly relevant to Hyde Park.

Burr agrees.

"She provides a very important lesson of how seemingly small acts, such as planting trees, can have a huge impact," said Burr. "[She illustrates] how small groups and individuals working in the city can make a difference. She really speaks to the power of the collective voice."

Maathai will be present at a pre-lecture discussion also at the Rockefeller at 3:30 p.m. To register for the discussion and the lecture, contact Schultz at 834-3929, ext 1. To make a reservation for the lecture only, call 312-494-9509. All tickets will be held at will call for pick-up on the day of the event.

Marjorie Feren, 86

Hyde Park resident, Marjorie Feren (nee Good), 86, died Sept. 9. She was the loving wife of the late Asher Feren and is survived by her daughter Rhonda Feren. Late daughter of Sidney & Rose Good, she survived her brother Daniel, who died of cancer in his late twenties.

Feren grew up in Lakeview and moved to Hyde Park as a young woman of twenty. She was a long-time peace activist, whose involvement in "Women for Peace" included writing letters to congressmen for the "Letter A Month Club" as part of her protest against the Vietnam War.

Her death was preceded by a long period of disability, due to

brain injury she suffered after being hit by a truck in July 2001. Other Chicago area relatives include her loving cousin Joyce Good (also an activist), Joyce's daughter Lori Osborne, son-in-law Stephen Fiete, their children Nicholas and Samuel, Joyce's son Blake, and nephew Loren Kabb.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to NEIS (Nuclear Energy Information Service) at 3411 W. Diversey Ave. #16, Chicago, IL 60647, the Social Action Committee at K.A.M. Isaiah Israel, 1100 E. Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago, IL 60615, or a peace organization of choice.

No memorial is scheduled.

Cleaners now on-site

Vogue Cleaners, 1442 E. 57th St., required a zoning change to install a dry cleaning inside its business, thus allowing them to provide on-site service.

Ald. Leslie Hairston (5th) said Vogue needed to change its zoning code from a C1-3 Neighborhood Commercial District to a B1-3 Neighborhood Shopping District.

Hairston said the zone change only affected Vogue Cleaners and was supported by surrounding businesses and the community.

Hyde Park
 Garden Fair



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