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A road resurfacing project on Western Avenue between 115th and 119th streets is being funded by federal stimulus money. Other ongoing construction includes a sewer lining project, a gas main replacement and a sidewalk and curb replacement project. (Review photo)

Crews busy at work in 19th Ward

by Caroline Connors

Lane closures and other road hazards remain part of the local landscape as work continues on four infrastructure projects in the 19th

Ward.

The Peoples Gas Accelerated Main Replacement Program is ongoing and is a long-term infrastructure improvement project in which

Peoples Gas will replace all of the remaining cast and ductile iron natural gas mains in Chicago with polyethylene pipes by the year 2030. (See Work page 22)

Angus ready for challenges as new director

by Caroline Connors

Tristan Angus isn't discouraged by the empty storefronts and buildings that line the street of Beverly's largest commercial district.

In fact, the vacancies along 95th Street present an exciting career challenge as she begins her new role as executive director of the 95th Street Business Association. (See Angus page 23)



Angus

Piros pleads guilty to theft at SXU

by Caroline Connors

A former vice president for business and finance at St. Xavier University (SXU) plead-

ed guilty on Oct. 21 to stealing more than \$850,000 from the school over an 11-year period. In her duties at SXU, Susan

Piros handled financial and business affairs and assisted in capital improvement projects. (See Piros page 27)

Robinson busy with global issues

by Kathleen Tobin

How many know of Mary Robinson, other than she was the first woman to be elected president of Ireland?

Thanks to the Brennan School of Business at Dominican University in River Forest (formerly Rosary College), an overflow audience at the University Club in downtown Chicago got to meet her on Oct. 18 and learn of her global efforts in the area of human rights and corporate business ethics.

Five years in the planning, the event was a most appropriate pairing. Founded in 1977, the School of Business at Dominican University was (See Robinson page 24)



Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland, enjoys a moment with Donna M. Carroll, president of Dominican University, on Oct. 18 at the Brennan School of Business' annual Ethics and Leadership Lecture.



Robert Gibbs

Gibbs sees upcoming race as 'most important'

by Caroline Connors

The 2012 presidential election will be "the most important election of our lifetime," according to former White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs, who spoke during an appearance at St. Xavier University (SXU) on Oct. 20.

Gibbs, who left the press secretary position in February, told a large audience assembled in the school's Shannon Center that he be- (See Gibbs page 22)

MPA's Boone wins second state crown

Morgan Park Academy junior Jerricka Boone cracks a rare smile after capturing her second state championship at Prospect High School on Oct. 21. She rallied to beat Lyons Township's Alex Chatt 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 in the championship match. (Review photo)



Holly Days to raise funds, awareness for NADS efforts

by Caroline Connors

With the Holly Days shopping extravaganza right around the corner, event creator Holly Simon is bubbling over with excitement—and for good reason.

First organized as a birthday celebration for the youngest of her five children, Nate, 9, who has Down syndrome, Holly Days has become a highly anticipated neighborhood holiday kick-off event for shoppers looking for unique items.

On top of that, the event (See Holly page 2)



Holly Simon was inspired to create the Holly Days shopping event in celebration of her son Nate's first birthday. Now 9, he remains her inspiration for the annual event.

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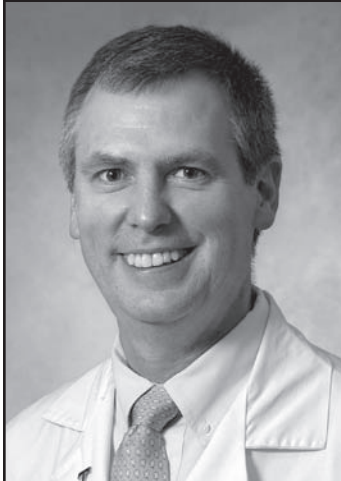
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Robinson

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named in honor of Edward A. and Lois L. Brennan in 2006. The school pioneered the requirement of coursework in corporate social responsibility and continues to emphasize ethics through its Center for Global Peace. It is now one of the preeminent management schools in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Since 2005, a guest speaker has been invited each year to give the annual Ethics and Leadership Lecture. While there have been distinguished speakers in the past, no one could be more qualified than the choice for 2011; Robinson brought an exciting vision for the school's ethics-centered business management curriculum and a hope for a future of global justice.

While in office from 1990 to 1997, Robinson investigated global human rights abuses, traveling to investigate the famine in Somalia, the genocide in Rwanda and civil unrest in Tibet. She brought these abuses to the attention of her countrymen and the world.

During her tenure as president of Ireland, Robinson made a visit to Chicago, and I met her for the first time. I was impressed then, and now, by her down-to-earth affability, inviting us to visit her in Ireland, her availability, her soft, measured, lilting Irish-tinged diction and, most of all, her sincerity and focus of purpose that were much in evidence.

Since leaving office, she has become a firm, dedicated and determined advocate on an international scale for human rights, climate control, global justice and the responsibility

of the corporate world to treat the peoples and cultures of the world where they do business with ethical standards, both financial and environmental.

She left the presidency to serve as United Nations high commissioner for human rights. In that role, she strongly supported marginalized women and children, especially those of Third World countries who suffered from regimes that not only restricted women's rights in the social and political realms but deprived them and their children of basic necessities such as food and medical care.

She continues to work for global human rights as a member of the Elders, a group of world leaders including Nelson Mandela, Jimmy Carter and Desmond Tutu. That group is tackling issues of international importance such as Middle East peace, hunger in North Korea, woman's rights in Cote D'Ivoire and child marriage in Ethiopia.

She also leads the Mary Robinson Foundation—Climate Justice, which works to establish sustainability practices in some of the world's poorest developing countries.

In her talk, she gently chided Americans—in general, she made clear, not her immediate audience—on their seeming indifference to the fact of global warming and its consequences.

“I have been with the peoples of the world who are living it every day,” she said, “where there is 9 months of drought, then three months of torrential rains that just wash everything away and the people are starving.”

As for corporate and financial responsibility and accountability, she acknowledged that it has not been a priority with some, but prog-

ress is being made. An effort is being made to have corporations sign a declaration to abide by human rights, and it has seen some success, she said.

Robinson told of an incident concerning retailer Gap Inc., whose sources for merchandise include factories that are advertised as working under fair trade practices. One of its sources, a small shop in India, was cited for sweat-shop practices.

According to Robinson, “Management immediately acknowledged the situation, admitting that they are so spread out that it is difficult to watch over every individual situation. They did not close the shop as it was an essential part of the town's economy but put in reforms and monitored to see that they were followed.”

In her speech and the question-and-answer period that followed her speech, Robinson proved to be a master politician, in the best sense of the word: speak softly, so as not to upset those with diametrically opposing views so there can be some compromise and success with your agenda, but carry that big stick in which there is relentless pressure from an increasingly concerned number of world leaders who work tirelessly to achieve world justice.

Beverly resident Judge Sheila Murphy asked for advice on working to address unjust prison practices in the United States. Robinson acknowledged Murphy's concern and her longtime efforts to mitigate these injustices.

“Don't privatize the prison system,” Robinson said. “Private ownership looks for profits, and profits come from filling the jails with prisoners. That is not consistent with an agenda of social justice.”

MPHS

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picked off a pass with less than 30 seconds remaining in the game to thwart a potential game-winning drive for the Mustangs.

MPHS wasted no time tak-

ing the lead. Sophomore running back Charles Bournes raced 90 yards for a touchdown on the opening kickoff.

“I had to get my team pumped up to start it off,” said Bournes. “That gave us a lot of momentum.”

The Young defense then limited MPHS to minus-one yard of total offense in the opening

half, but the Dolphins offense also struggled.

A holding penalty negated a Barrett Morrisette (21 carries for 77 yards) touchdown run in the first half, but he got another chance to hit paydirt in the fourth quarter.

Three plays after he recovered an MPHS fumble, Morrisette rumbled 24 yards for a touchdown. Durudogan's extra-point gave the Dolphins a 7-6 lead with 9:14 remaining in the game.

“You just have to keep your head up and keep playing. I told my teammates to keep the faith,” said Morrisette. “I was about to cut outside; but their player slipped, so I just turned it up field.”

The Mustangs got inside the Young 20 on the last-minute possession, but a holding call negated a big run by Bournes before Durudogan picked off the pass to seal the win.

In Coach Jeremy Gold's first season at MPHS (4-5), the team has persevered, and it must now regroup as it heads into the state playoffs.

“We have dealt with adversity since I joined the Morgan Park program, and our kids do know how to handle it,” said Gold. “Our focus now shifts to the state playoffs. As a coaching staff, we are going to get out there and see who we might be competing against and get our kids ready back at practice.”

Lucky Baar (fumble recovery) and Monty Owens led the Mustangs defense.

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