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A local chef writes about the good, simple food like homemade minestrone.

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WHAT'S NEW

AROUND TOWN

Lake Forest Hospital doctor appears on 'Oprah'

A Lake Forest Hospital emergency room doctor made history Monday as a guest on the first all-male audience for the "Oprah Winfrey Show."

Dr. Aaron Epstein was invited to participate in the latest installment of Ask Dr. Oz to discuss why men are more hesitant in seeking medical attention and in being proactive about their health.

Epstein says he took away from the experience a sense of how "poorly informed" otherwise well-educated men can be about their general health. The show was taped before an audience of some 350 men.

WHAT'S NEXT

UPCOMING EVENT

LFC homecoming parade to celebrate 150th year

Lake Forest College's homecoming parade will proceed down Deerpath in Lake Forest for the first time in decades in celebration of the college's 150th anniversary on Saturday.

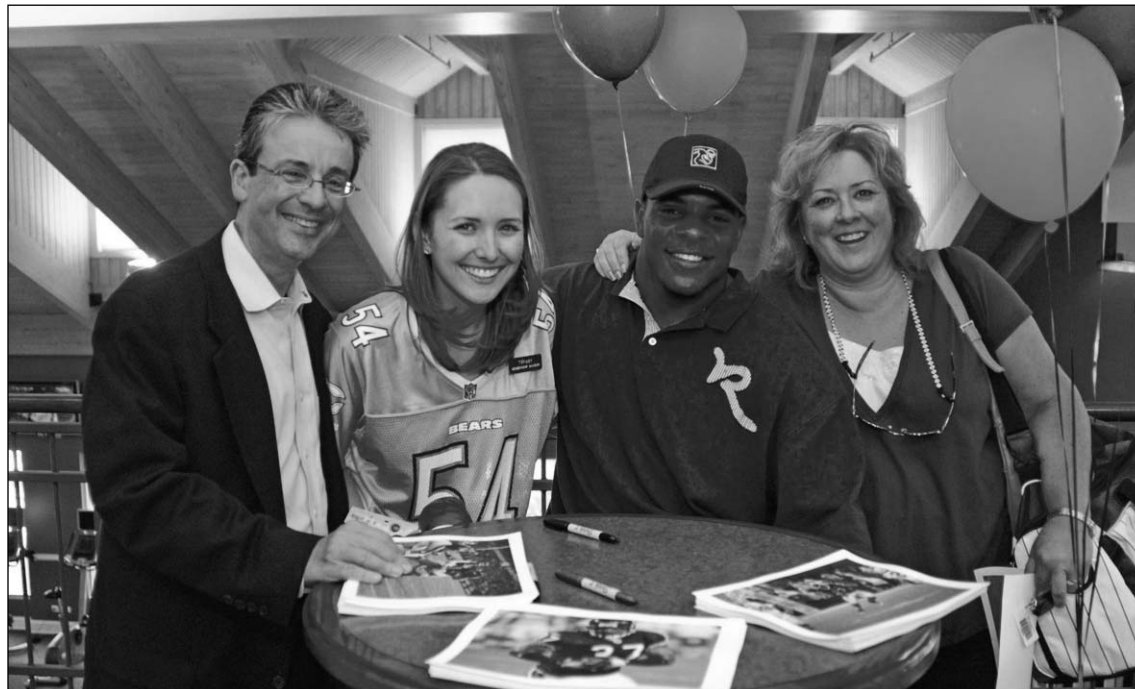
Mayor Mike Rummel will serve as grand marshal of the 37-float parade. The City Council approved the request to block city streets to hold the parade at its meeting Monday night.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 11:45 a.m. and should last for approximately 45 minutes. It will start at the Oakwood parking lot and proceed east on Deerpath, south on Sheridan, west on Maplewood and end at the college's South Campus.

City staff will begin street and parking lot closures at 4 a.m., placing no parking signs along Deerpath from Oakwood to Western. Parking spaces along Deerpath also will be closed.

All closures will be lifted immediately following the parade. Oakwood parking lot, which will be used for float assembly, will reopen at 2 p.m.

BEAR DOWN



Chicago Bears starting fullback Jason McKie met with and signed autographs for Bears' fans attending a football-themed open house at the Lake Forest Health & Fitness Center Sept. 18. Pictured with McKie are (from left) Dr. Joseph Imperato, medical director of radiation oncology at Lake Forest Hospital; Tiffany Kreider, membership advisor & marketing liaison, Lake Forest Health & Fitness Center; and Claudia Bureson, support services coordinator, Lake Forest Hospital.

Preservation dominates discussion of city's future

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The Lake Forest City Council discussed three of the top 10 strategic issues that will affect the city in the next 10 years in an unusual two-hour meeting that preceded the regular City Council meeting Monday night.

The three issues in the spotlight were:

- Balancing preservation and development
- Creating a diversity of housing
- Creating sustainable vitality in the business districts

The preservation topic prompted the longest discussion — almost twice as long as the allotted 30 minutes per topic. In her background presentation, Community Development Director Cathy Czerniak reported key findings of the community-wide surveys from 1999 and 2006 which indicate that residents are largely in favor of preserving historic buildings and landscapes. In the 2006 survey, 86.8 percent of the respondents said they consider preservation important to community character.

Czerniak said the city needs to "reassess and affirm" its long tra-

dition of commitment to preservation, evaluate whether existing codes allow for adaptive re-use of historic properties and the possibility of the city offering incentives to make the choice for preservation over new development or redevelopment easier, she said.

Some new ideas that emerged during the discussion included the possibility of allowing bed and breakfasts or restaurants in historic homes or buildings as an alternative to further development or demolition.

Following Czerniak's remarks, Mayor Mike Rummel asked several members of the audience who were invited to attend to share their thoughts on the historic preservation issue prior to council discussion.

'Tipping point'

In the past, "the landscape always dominated" in developments, said Pauline Mohr of Lake Forest. "Now architecture, or the lack of architecture, dominates" in the newer subdivisions, she said.

"I think we're at the tipping point. I think there's probably a lot more that could be done,"

Mohr said.

Former Alderman Michael Burns cautioned that the city has to be "careful" with regard to "enhancing historic preservation and protecting development," he said. "We don't want to restrict it so much it has a negative impact."

Ray Buschmann, chairman of the Building Review Board, said that the board plays an "important role in trying to achieve appropriate balance between historic preservation and development" and "how to balance historic preservation and development with the rights of property owners."

The council then discussed what should be preserved and if a list of the top 25 buildings to save should be created.

"To what extent do we want to save a 1967 house?" asked Alderman Tom Swarthout. "We're kidding ourselves that this is the kind of home we want to preserve. Homes built before the war obviously should be preserved."

Alderman Bob Elliott challenged that opinion.

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A year later, no progress in case

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It's been a little more than a year since that frightening Saturday afternoon in September, 2006 when SWAT teams descended on Lake Forest searching for a reported gunman who threatened to shoot anyone who came near a home close to Lake Road.

To this day, police have no further information than they did back then, despite repeated communication with the Chicago Police Department, which fielded the cell phone call.

"Chicago never was able to provide us the information about what phone number called them," said Lake Forest Police Chief Joe Burmeister. Deputy Chief at the time, Burmeister was the command officer during the Sept. 23, 2006 incident. "We tried a couple of different ways, with Chicago's assistance" with no success, he said.

The investigators "finally ran out of places to look for the number," said Buerger. The investigation ended approximately one month after the incident took place, he said.

Lake Forest police repeatedly went over tapes of several calls received on the rainy fall afternoon. The first call was received by Lake Forest police dispatchers at approximately 2:40 p.m. in which the caller said someone broke into his home in the 900 block of Woodbine Place and his uncle shot him.

Lake Forest police responded immediately to that call, checking the exterior of the home. The dispatcher continued to talk to the caller, who gave his name as someone who lives in the 900 block of Woodbine Lane, which forms a T-intersection with Woodbine Place. The officers went to

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