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A mission of hope



Teens spruce up Peoria neighborhoods as part of Dream Center outreach effort

BY PATRICK OLDENDORF
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

About 250 teens have made Peoria their summer mission trip with Mission Peoria. "Instead of doing a mission trip somewhere foreign, they're doing it in Peoria," said Andy King, executive director of Dream Center Peoria, which oversees Mission Peoria.

Mission Peoria started Tuesday with painting at Taft Homes and scrubbing graffiti at Manual High School. The teens also painted a senior citizen's North Valley home that was violating the city code. They'll be doing much the same thing every morning for the rest of the week.

"I'm here because I wanted to help," said Levell Bileas, 15, who

grew up in Taft Homes and attends Riverside Community Church. "I think it means a lot to the people who live here."

For Steven Sanborn, 17, and Caleb Koss, 14, both of McHenry, a northern Illinois community about 55 miles northwest of Chicago, the week will bring them closer to God while doing some good.

"We've got like 35 or 40 kids from our church here," said Sanborn, who attends Grayslake Chapel. "We're here to help change things."

While Sanborn said the group wasn't making any monumental changes, it was making a difference.

"I think it's like an avalanche," he said. "And what we're doing is a little part of that avalanche. When you combine every little thing, it all

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TOP: Mikayla Killpatrick, 14, of Peoria paints a fence at Taft Homes on Tuesday with Mission Peoria volunteers organized by Dream Center. ABOVE: Some of the 250 Mission Peoria volunteers paint the fence surrounding Taft Homes on Tuesday. The group also scrubbed graffiti at Manual High School and painted a senior citizen's North Valley home.

BLAGOJEVICH TRIAL

Attorneys offer two different portraits

Is Blagojevich naive and a bumbler or a crooked political schemer? Jury set to begin deciding that today

BY DON BABWIN AND MICHAEL TARM
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CHICAGO — Two portraits of Illinois' disgraced former governor emerged Tuesday from his corruption trial: an insecure bumbler who talked too much and a greedy, smart political schemer determined to use his power to enrich himself.

The contrasting images were offered by a prosecutor and a defense attorney as they finished closing arguments and prepared to hand the case over to the jury, which was scheduled to begin deliberating Rod Blagojevich's fate Tuesday after hearing seven weeks of evidence.

Defense attorney Sam Adam Jr. described his client as naive and a poor judge of character — but not a criminal. He dismissed prosecution claims that Blagojevich tried to sell or trade the nomination to Barack Obama's former Senate seat.

Adam told jurors they knew the truth after listening to hours of FBI wiretap tapes played by prosecutors.

"You heard the tapes, and you heard Rod on the tapes," he said. "You can infer what was in Rod's mind on the tapes. You can infer from those tapes whether he's trying to extort the president of the United States. We heard tape after tape of just talking."

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Reid Schar took those same words and told the jury to listen to both what the governor said and what he didn't say. Blagojevich, he insisted, knew how to ask for a bribe in a way that the person on the other



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Bringing kids to court was a cruel stunt

Of all of Rod Blagojevich's alleged wrongdoings, he waited until the waning days of his trial to commit his worst misdeed:

Dragging his kids into court.

Until now, federal charges and national press painted him alternately as a disgraced megalomaniac and a clueless clown. As Blago might say, he made his own effin' bed, and now he'll effin' lie in it.

And certainly, his actions already have affected those close to him. Prosecutions don't just punish criminals, but their families as well.

But in hauling his daughters into court, Blago crossed the line. He has put the girls — ages 7 and 14 — at risk for psychological disturbances that could be far-reaching, say child-development experts.

"How could this not be bad?" says Kate Holland, a licensed clinical professional counselor with John R. Day & Associates. "That's

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Police may shift focus of anti-crime effort

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Chief tells council extra patrols making difference in targeted areas

BY JOHN SHARP
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — A re-created "hot spot" map might be released no later than Monday, Peoria police Chief Steven Settings-

gaard told the City Council on Tuesday.

The map could potentially shift the focus of the police department as it considers more patrols in another area of the city that might need extra attention in the aftermath of one of the most violent summers Peoria has seen in some time.

Right now, the focus has been targeted in an area of about a

half-mile radius around South Western Avenue and Garden Street in South Peoria.

"We have seen a lessening of the criminal activity in the targeted areas," Settingsgaard said.

On July 13, the chief introduced a new anti-violence effort devoting 16 police officers to a task force patrolling the "hot spot" areas from early evening

until 4 a.m. The police-defined hot spots are an area where criminal activity and shootings have occurred.

"The most important thing is, I've gotten a lot of anecdotal feedback from citizens on the south side but also on the bluff too ... (who are saying) the streets have quieted down the

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AMERICAN WILL TAKE OVER AT BP

Robert Dudley will become BP PLC's first ever non-British chief executive, the company said as it reported a record quarterly \$17 billion loss and set aside \$32.2 billion to cover costs from the disastrous Gulf oil spill. PAGE A2



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