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100 years ago

May 11, 1906

Very few here have had the privilege of eating a fresh fish this spring and not many have seen one. The good old times have just begun to be appreciated, as the abundance of both game and fish are fast vanishing.

The signs warning automobile drivers to slow down to 8 miles an hour while inside the corporation limits were placed at every road entrance leading into the town in a conspicuous place last Friday and it will not take long to test them.

60 years ago

May 10, 1946

Tragedy marked the opening of the season's midget auto racing at the Fairgrounds Saturday, when a ground-filled crowd witnessed a fatality to one driver and the serious injuries to two others.

Peter Nielsen died from his injuries in an ambulance on the way to Gary's Methodist Hospital. Frank Smith and Edward Kozlowski, both from Chicago, were seriously hurt in earlier accidents when their cars skidded.

The races will continue throughout the summer season every other week.

The opening day card drew an estimated crowd of 5,000.

20 years ago

May 8, 1986

Did Al Capone really roam the grounds of the U.S. Steel Supervisors' Club?

There is talk in Lake County about buried treasure in places Capone used here as retreats.

According to the general manager of the club, the house that sits on the property became the residence of Michael Carrozzo a close comrade of "Scarface."

His daughter Carol went to Ainsworth School. Carrozzo was boss of the 25 union locals in Chicago.

Do you have a favorite memory or photo for the Almanac? Submit ideas to abuell@post-trib.com

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Sports and art! Do they mix? When I was in college, most of my art friends compared the two to oil and water. It's true, I never had an art class with any of the college athletes playing sports. Once in a summer session, I accidentally met a football player in the sculpture lab. He was doing community service for an infraction. Sending him to the sculpture lab was the worst punishment conceived by the administration.

Though many jokes have been made about artists who are not athletic and jocks who are not creative, the two were celebrated hand-in-hand during the ancient times of the Greeks. The tradition of the Olympics began in 776 B.C.

The victories of these first athletes were celebrated in poetry and in vases. One of the most famous is on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The 25-inch terracotta vase contains two wrestlers with a judge. Other popular themes were discus and javelin throwing, boxing, long jump, running and chariot racing.

With the dawn of the 20th century, sports played a more significant role in the life of Americans. Artist George Bellows' "Stag at Sharkey's" oil painting in 1909 of a fierce boxing match (currently in the Cleveland Museum of Art) has the same theme of competitiveness, agility and a body in peak form.

Today's most well-known

sports artist is LeRoy Neiman. His vibrant and lively paintings have become as much of an icon in sports as the stars of the sports. Once he was known as a teacher at the Art Institute; now he is known internationally to athletes and sports enthusiasts. His subject matter includes football, golf, basketball, boxing, baseball, hockey, tennis, skiing, sailing, horse racing, track and field, gymnastics, polo, fencing, bowling, indoor cycling, surfing, car racing, bull



fighting, boating, racquetball, soccer, rodeos, sumo wrestling and windsurfing. According to the official Web site, www.leroyneiman.com, one of his works displayed at the Chicago Art Exhibition drew 25,000 visitors and won the prize for most popular painting.

On a local level, artist Katherine T. Fimreite, lives in the shadows of Wrigley Field. Some would call her an athlete based of her firsthand experiences in volleyball, running and softball.

She was commissioned for the official posters for the 2004 and 2005 New York Marathon, and the 2005 and 2006 Boston Marathon. Her love of sports, and especially baseball, is partially based on being the youngest of seven children and the games she played growing up.

Second, she met her husband at a White Sox game. Her panoramic "Roof Top View" of Wrigley Field is greatly appreciated by Cubs fans, both young and old.

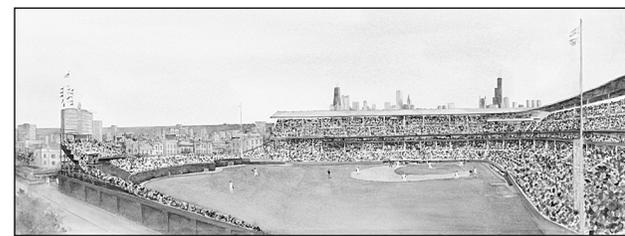
"Dressed for Playoffs" is another print that brings bitter-sweet memories. White Sox fans can celebrate the champi-

Sports and art

onship with a miniature print titled "Comiskey Park."

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