New train man?

Psst!

Sneed hours rumbles state Sun. Martin Sandoval has applied to replace Metraclie chef Phil Pangaro, who com-
mitted suicide in wake of a financial fraud probe. San-
doval is currently chairman of the Illinois Senate trans-
portation committee.

Sting!

The singer Sting and wife, Trudie, made an 11-year-old
purveyor of lemonade and cookies one happy kid Sunday.

A brand reader spied the couple at 3:35 p.m.
walking by the boy’s lemonade stand at the corner of Pear-
son Street and Lake Shore Drive, which he had erected in
raise money for the American Heart Association In honor
of his father who died five years ago from a heart ailment.

* The apostrophe: “I was out walking
my dog and walked right up to the
lemonade stand right after they
left,” the reader said. “Although
they did indulge in the lemonade or
cookies. Sting put $10 in the boy’s
plastic cup.” Nice.

Sting

Rescue ’em...

He’s gone swimming with sharks and climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, but the
stranger-than-fiction surprise rescue Sunday of two boats bound floating
six miles offshore in Lake Michigan shocked even their rescuer: Bren-
dan O’Connor.

“It was the craziest thing I’ve ever
seen in my life,” said O’Connor, who
is, coincidentally, the attorney for the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation
District of Greater Chicago handling
the Asian carp infestation.

* O’Connor, an adventurer extra-
ordinaire, chartered a boat on a
best Sunday to go salmon fishing
when he spotted a man and woman
signaling for help in life vests. “A pair of hands waving
was the last thing I expected to see
six miles out on Lake Michigan,” he
said.

* The first thing you learn is
never leave your boat… even if
it capsize. They did. The woman,
Nettie Ralls, had her cell phone with
her and apparently called 911… but
the Coast Guard couldn’t pinpoint
location coordinates with a cell phone.
“Believe me, they are one lucky
couple.”

Les tips...

Deadline — Paris: An almost-spur-
of-the-moment trip to France by
Sneed last week netted the following
tidbits du jour:

* It’s a hit. The new R.L. eatery in
grey Paris, which is being managed
with the help of Gibson’s owner
Hugo Rall — who also manage the
posh R.L. eatery in Chicago — serves
up the tasty hamburger this side of
a Kansas side. So it came as no sur-
prise to spot Chicago’s social
starchwaver Glodean Jordan

and hubby, Chuck, at table after fly-
ing in from their annual trek to
Saint-Tropez, don’t cha know.

* Types casting: A side trip outside
Paris to the true elegant Vane le Vi-
cente chateau, a privately owned
palace being repaired with the help
of private donations, netted a smile.
Sneed aside: It sparked a gratitude
highlighting four celeb dancers who
bought state shingles for the roof.
Former President Bill Clinton and

and three stars of the hit TV show
"Desperate Housewives": Teri
Hatcher, Felicity Huffman and Eva
Longoria. Ah, levity.

* Spot the Auction maven Leslie
Hinman and former Illinois Land-
marks near David Babishan spotted
chatting it up with DePaul University
President Debra Holtschneider at the
あけでるous Circus de l’Haine
intermission. Holtschneider was dis-
cussing the brilliance of her best
friend, Loyola University President
Miles Garmany. Who see Viticias
and Justus don’t cry?

A Sharp note...

...about a sweet pal: A loving tribute
to former Illinois Lottery chief
Sharon Sharp, who died a year ago,
and her late husband, Dan, was held
Sunday at the home of her close
friends Tiffany Kim and husband, Brad
Grifith. In attendance to honor
their memory were: former UII La-
bor Secretary Lynn Martin, federal
Judge Diana Brewer, GGP politics
Chris Daley, attorney Deborah
Flann and her husband, federal judge
Joel Flamm, Pat Hurley, former Illi-
non lottery maven Rebecca Paul.
TV sitters Walter Jacobson and
Mary Ann Childers. Today’s
Chicago Woman Sherree Leigh —
as well as the Sharps’ children, Rip
and Laura.

Sneedlings...

Today’s birthdays: Glodean Bunde-
chen, 57; Carlos Santana, 63, and
Ed McBride, 70. 

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