Working stiff on the tees, soy burgers in the clubhouse, biodiesel in the tractors. How would the old members feel?

‘I don’t care how they feel’

- Read our Q&A with Dr. Claude Gentreau, the new owner of Ravilieu Country Club, in Sports

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Sgt. Christopher Abeyta 1985-2008

‘HE WAS ALWAYS THERE’

Friends remember fallen soldier as reliable, funny man full of virtue

Abeyta

Nai Minnis remembers her friend Abeyta during the wake. Minnis’ husband, Jon, was best friends with Abeyta. Nai said Abeyta asked her while her husband was deployed for a year and a half.

THE MISSION CONTINUES

Christopher Abeyta and Russ Zholtik (left in photograph) shared a hometown, an alma mater and a camaraderie to serve their country. Now Zholtik is on his way to a tour of duty in Afghanistan, just as Midlothian remembers Abeyta.

‘There’s still a mission to be done,’ Zholtik said.

- READ LAUREN FZPATRICK’S STORY ON A12

Coming tomorrow: See photos and a story from Sgt. Christopher Abeyta’s funeral

Go online: See photos of Abeyta’s homecoming procession at SouthtownStar.com

- WORKING-CLASS WRIGHT

Chicago’s Beverly community lays claim to the largest concentration of Walter Burley Griffin homes in Chicago. Unlike his mentor, Frank Lloyd Wright, Griffin built his homes for low- to middle-income residents. If you drive down 114th Place, also known as Walter Burley Griffin Drive, you’ll find seven historic, two-story prairie-style structures built around 1912.

- PORTALS TO THE PAST, A15

Priests Against Parade Antics

Pastors say prayer has been drowned out by beer in the South Side Irish celebration

He’s known for bringing Christianity to every parish, but throughout the years, St. Patrick’s name somehow has become synonymous with wearing green and drinking lots of beer.

Nowhere is that more apparent than on the South Side, where the annual St. Patrick’s parade has been canceled because of unruly crowds.

A few pastor from the neighborhood aren’t sad to see the parade go.

‘I am absolutely delighted to see the (South Side Irish) parade go,’ the Rev. Robert Keily said. ‘And I haven’t talked to a parishioner who doesn’t feel the same way.’

- DONNA VICKROY REPORTS, A3

Cops Tell Renegade Barbers: Cut it out

One by one, Chicago Heights police are going after barbershop owners who don’t own proper licenses.

The moves are aimed at shops that have been the subject of nuisance or illegal activity complaints, Deputy Chief Michael Camilli said.

- READ MORE IN BECKY SCHLIEKIRMAN’S REPORT, A5

Best Hoops of the Year

Big ballers

Player of the Year: Bloom Township’s Aaron Nelson (right) developed from a “big, awkward kid” into a star player

Coach of the Year: For his successful run with Evergreen Park, Beverly’s Earl Palmerez sometimes seeks advice from Hall of Famers father

All-Area Team: Check out key stats from 15 of the best local players.

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