Suburban LIFE Newspapers
More recent samples of the LIFE Newspaper cartoons that appeared in its 75 communities circulation-area and garnered 17 state and national awards from 1997 to 2007.

Top, the government response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.
Bottom, the cartoon that appeared in all LIFE papers on September 12, 2001.
Top, the Chicago White Sox win the 2005 World Series. This cartoon is also on permanent display in the Shoeless Joe Jackson Home and Museum in South Carolina. Below, White Sox players who have resided in the suburban Chicago area. Also included are three establishments not far from Morton College (caption lower right, and Ozzie holds a Michael Anthony’s menu).
February 23, 1945

“There they battled up Iwo Jima’s hill,
Two hundred and fifty men.
But only twenty-seven lived to walk back down again.”

- John R. Cash

Suburban LIFE Newspapers / AOL Patch

Two cartoons that first appeared in the LIFE Newspapers and then were re-created for AOL Patch. Top, the anniversary of the World War Two Battle of Iwo Jima (the caption is a Johnny Cash lyric).
Bottom, a return to college cartoons, with a caption paraphrasing a great punchline that had originally appeared in a 1976 Collegian column by the late writer/photographer/musician Russ Scardina.

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Herman Hines from Joliet, Illinois is a big man with a big voice and his presence demands your attention. He truly is linked to classic 1950's Chicago Blues while performing with many of today's prominent artists. Herman also participates in the Chicago Public Schools educational music program "Rock For Kids"!

Herman shares his stage with a number of notable suburban blues cats like vocalist/keyboardist Dr. Dan Fidanze (at right) of Naperville who also leads his own band The Snake Oil Barons!

Years ago, The Tip On Inn Tap in Blue Island rocked weekly blues jams with steady appearances by musicians like Bob Stroger, Jody Noa, Ron Sorin, and Mike Gibb & The Homewreckers featuring John Cosgrove of Northwest Indiana (at right). The tradition continues, now as WPNA-AM 1490 with John Gorney’s Sunday night program "Blue Midnight" broadcasting from high atop the Oak Park Arms building!

"Power Blues" is the title of a CD by Libertyville, Illinois bluesman, guitarist/vocalist/keyboardist J.B. Ritchie ... and it defines the sound of blues music he has created for years alongside long-time bassist Frank Bundy (at right). J.B.’s band breathes new life into the music traditions of the greatest Chicago Blues masters with hurricane-force while reinforcing his own growing legend regularly throughout Chicago and the suburban one blaring solo at a time!

”Muddy Waters Way” commemorates the Westmont streets that once led guests like Johnny Winter, Eric Clapton and various Rolling Stones to Muddy’s door for a refreshing mimosa!

Muddy Waters Park is a four-acre area featuring a playground and a fishing pond!

Westmont, Illinois holds an annual summer blues festival in honor of Muddy Waters, who made Westmont his home in the 1970s and 1980s!

Chicago Jazz Magazine

Top, one in an ongoing series of collage-cartoons featuring Chicago musicians and recordings, this image featuring former Collegian news editor and columnist Paul Halvey. Below, the president from the south side and his four main musical favorites, Miles Davis, Frank Sinatra, Howlin’ Wolf and John Coltrane.