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The week that was

More Amoco suits: Two more lawsuits were filed against BP Amoco by families of two men who worked at the company's Naperville research center and later died from tumors. Frank Zeleznik, a lab technician, died from a brain tumor behind his eye, and Mark Boyke, another employee, died from cancer of the esophagus, according to the attorney for their families, G. Grant Dixon. He has now filed 11 wrongful death suits against the petroleummaker, and he said more are expected.

Kankakee the worst: Kankakee won the dubious distinction of being rated the worst place to live among 354 metro areas in the United States and Canada. The authors of Places Rated Almanac didn't visit the town, but based their ranking on more than 200 statistics, from crime to weather to number of golf courses. Chicago came in 62nd.

Another expectant beluga: Mauyak, an 18-year-old beluga whale at the Shedd, is pregnant. The beluga is to give birth next spring. It will be the third beluga born within a year at the aquarium. A male calf died, but a 3-month-old female calf is thriving. The deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday to enter the Sun-Times/Shedd Aquarium "Whale of a Name" contest to name the unnamed calf. Children 8 to 13 can enter and must submit an Inuit name; contest rules are online at [www.suntimes.com](http://www.suntimes.com) or [www.shedd.org](http://www.shedd.org).

Millennium pavilion: Acclaimed architect Frank Gehry unveiled plans for his Millennium Park Music Pavilion, a stainless-steel, ribbon-curl structure that Mayor Daley called "a gift for the next century." The park is slated to open in 2001.

A history of time: The world's largest collection of clocks and watches is apparently moving from Rockford to the Museum of Science and Industry and the Adler Planetarium. Mayor Daley plans to raise \$ 20 million in private funds to buy the 1,500-piece collection.

Shorter lines ahead: Long lines at driver's license facilities could be a thing of the past. Secretary of State Jesse White proposed changing state law to allow motorists with clean driving

records to renew their licenses every 10 years instead of four.

New fire chief: Newly appointed Fire Commissioner James Joyce took office and vowed to make supervisors crack down on alleged wrongdoing that has embarrassed the department. He also wants to triple merit promotions and have all firefighters cross-trained as paramedics. The city also got a new aviation chief, Thomas Walker, a pilot and former head of transportation.

Beating victim dies: Roy Trumblay, one of four victims of an August attack in Bridgeport, died. Trumblay, of Burbank, and three relatives were beaten with a wooden table leg as they walked to a White Sox game. Alleged assailant Thomas Cooper was charged with murder after Trumblay's death, and also faces charges of attempted murder for assaulting Trumblay's wife, daughter and her boyfriend.

The week ahead

Cattle call: A cow of one's own? The Chicago Theatre on Tuesday evening is the place to be to rope one of a herd of 65 that will be auctioned off, including favorites such as "Ferragamoo: Diamonds are a girl's best friend" and "Uncle Sam." Bids are expected to start at \$ 500 to \$ 1,000. Sotheby's is handling the event.

Neal talks about book: Sun-Times political columnist Steve Neal will discuss the new collection of his work Rolling on the River at a City Club lunch Tuesday at Maggiano's Banquets, 111 W. Grand.

Kristallnacht remembered: Cook County State's Attorney Dick Devine is the keynote speaker at a memorial service Tuesday in remembrance of Kristallnacht, which took place Nov. 9, 1938, as Nazis attacked Jews and destroyed synagogues, businesses and homes. The event is at Ezra-Habonim, 4500 Dempster in Skokie.

Albright to speak: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will speak to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations Wednesday. Albright was scheduled as Northwestern University's commencement speaker in June, but was forced to cancel because she was meeting with the Russians regarding Kosovo peacekeeping efforts.

Masquerade ball: The Lake Shore North area of the Junior League will hold a black-tie masquerade ball and auction Saturday at Lake Forest Academy. Tickets are \$ 150 and available at (312) 664-4462.

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