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dynasty; Czechs and Balances; Lady Thatcher sets down her record; "Am I happy? Yes, I'm happy!"; Auctioneer to host the last bash at butler's digs; Cicero cops on crash course; Can't go home again? try the bus; Paintings tell tales of Beverly life; Hopes blossom in North Lawndale; Austin Village shows no place like home; A Hyde Park denizen comes of age; New drive for South Side Y  
Memories of TITANIC unsinkable Light pole painter has a true brush with fame; The ultimate out-of-towners; River's friends go where only most hardy dare; Shrinks in love; One language needs no translation; Small delights on the ZEPHYR; In touch with sex; Algren affair to remember lives again; Porn star Missy is graphic about safe sex; Marriage an open book for Loggins, wife; Finned friends cheer lonely guests; Animal lovers ferret out a unique halfway house; 268 paws tug at her heartstrings; Paws puts furry faces in the adoption market; Gold Coast pays tribute to its storied vet  
Suds, sanctuary are match made in heaven A generation tries to remember . . . something or other; Song helps rekindle spark in Alzheimer's patients; Near-death experiences share common thread; The meaning of life? don't ask

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### Sommario/riassunto

In forty-five years as one of Chicago's liveliest journalists for Time, Life, and the Chicago Tribune, Jon Anderson has established a reputation for picking up on what someone once called "the beauty of the specific fact." Part "Talk of the Town," part On the Road with Charles Kuralt, Anderson's twice-a-week "City Watch" columns in the Chicago Tribune seek out interesting and unexpected people and places from the everyday life of what the author calls the "most typical American big city." In the process he discovers the joys and triumphs of ordinary people.

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