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## What a relief: Stone treasures out of hiding

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The once-hidden treasures of the ancient city of Petra are on full view at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

"Petra: Lost City of Stone" reveals more than 200 objects from the city once carved into the desert cliffs of southern Jordan. The traveling exhibit organized by the Cincinnati Art Museum and American Museum of Natural History includes stone sculptures and reliefs, metalwork, drawings, paintings and more. ([www.calvin.edu/petra](http://www.calvin.edu/petra), 1-800-738-7205.)

*Melissa D. Boyd*

### SINGING PRAISES IN CHICAGO

The **Chicago Gospel Festival** at Millennium Park downtown features a tribute to gospel great Mahalia Jackson and a "Power in the Praise" concert Sunday with Mary Mary, Israel and New Breed at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion. The three-stage, three-day festival begins Friday and continues through Sunday with local and national gospel artists Angie Spivey and the Voices of Victory, Mark Hubbard, Byron Cage, Dorinda Clark-Cole, the Williams Brothers and the Rance Allen Group. Hours are 4 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and noon to 9:30 p.m. Sunday. (1-877-244-2246, 1-312-744-3315, [www.chicago.il.org](http://www.chicago.il.org)).

*Colleen A. Coles*

### CLIMBING EVEREST

Neal Mueller, the Chaska man attempting to be the second Minnesotan to reach the summit of Mount Everest, is still waiting for his chance.

High winds, spring blizzards and a serious avalanche have hindered teams attempting to climb the world's highest mountain this spring, but a break in the weather was forecast, and if the conditions are right, Mueller's group, led by Everest veteran Jim Williams, will have begun their ascent as you read this.

"They're getting pretty bored," said Laura Mueller, his mother. "They've been getting in snowball fights with the sherpas."

An avalanche on May 5 injured six climbers from other groups, and it buried some tents and other equipment from Williams' group, but nothing that will hinder their summit effort, Williams reported. Periodic

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updates on the expedition can be found at [www.exploradus.com](http://www.exploradus.com).

*Chris Welsch*

## GAME BOY IN NEW YORK

Rockefeller Center is on the must-see lists of many New York City tourists, and now kids who are visiting the city have a reason to drag their parents there -- to see the new Nintendo World store.

The company is billing the two-story, block-long store, which is open daily at 10 Rockefeller Plaza, as the "ultimate gamers' paradise." Visitors can sample games and systems for Game Cube, Game Boy, Nintendo DS and other Nintendo products.

*Associated Press*

## HIGH AT CEDAR POINT

Cedar Point, the roller coaster capital of the world, holds the record with 16 "screamers." The lakeside park in northwestern Ohio pumps up the thrills this season with the debut of "maXair." The wild, two-minute ride challenges all brave souls who aren't afraid of heights and are at least 52 inches tall to climb aboard. Strapped-in riders dangle upside down 140 feet above the ground while the ring of seats spins counterclockwise at the top of a pendulum swinging back and forth at 70 miles per hour. (1 Cedar Point Drive. 1-419-627-2350, [www.cedarpoint.com](http://www.cedarpoint.com)).

*Boston Globe*

## VISIT KANSAS TO WIN

Snap a photo in Kansas and you could win a plasma TV or other prizes. To enter the 2005 Kansas Mega Gigantic Getaway Giveaway, which runs through Oct. 31, travelers must visit a Kansas attraction or event listed in the 2005 Kansas Getaway Guide or on [www.travelKS.com](http://www.travelKS.com) that is at least 100 miles from their home.

For entry details and a complete list of prizes, visit [www.travelKS.com](http://www.travelKS.com) and click on Getaway Giveaway. For a free Getaway Guide, visit the website.

*Boston Globe*

## STAR TRIPPING IN L.A.

Hoping to run into a movie star in Los Angeles? You can find Hollywood's A-to-Z-listers almost anywhere you look in Lalaland.

"[Seeing actors] is more common than you might think," said Ted Johnson, deputy editor of V Life, Variety's lifestyle magazine. "If you look in the right places." To improve your odds, here are some star-studded venues:

**For shopping:** Kitson boutique (115 S. Robertson Blvd.), the Grove mall (189 The Grove Drive), Fred Segal (two locations, Melrose Avenue and corner of Fifth and Broadway in Santa Monica) and Barneys New York (9570 Wilshire Blvd.).

**For restaurants:** Koi (730 N. La Cienega Blvd.) or Nobu (3835 Cross Creek Road, Malibu) for sushi, the Little Door (8164 W. 3rd St.) for French romance, the be-seen scene at the Ivy (113 N. Robertson Blvd.),

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the Grill (9560 Dayton Way) and the legendary Spago (76 N. Canon Drive).

**For nightlife:** Avalon (9400 W. Olympic Blvd.) in Beverly Hill's swank Avalon Hotel, Prey (643 N. La Cienega Blvd.) and the Abbey (692 N. Robertson Av.), a gay hot spot.

Many of these places are tough to get into, though, and even tougher to afford.

### *Washington Post*

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