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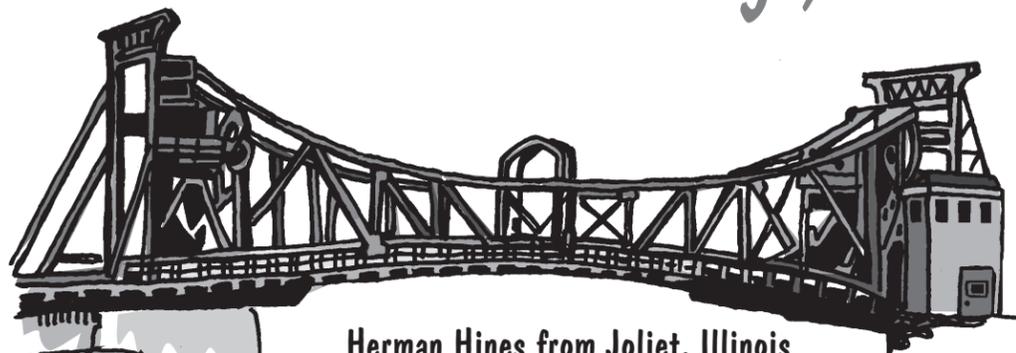


Sweet Home Suburban Chicago, that is!

J.B. Ritchie

Power Blues

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



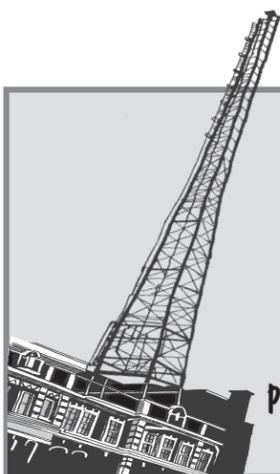
Herman Hines from Joliet, Illinois is a big man with a big voice and his presence demands your attention. He truly is linked to classic 1950's Chicago Blues while performing with many of today's prominent artists. Herman also participates in the Chicago Public Schools educational music program "Rock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



In 1978, a fictional bluesman from Joliet and his brother famously filmed their own blues mission in suburbs like Calumet, Cicero, Harvey, Park Ridge, Schiller Park, South Park, Wauconda, Waukegan, West Chicago/Winfield, and of course Joliet!

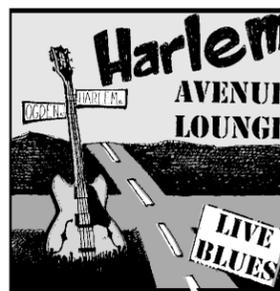


The Chicago AM radio frequency of 1490 was once home to station WOPA-AM, home of legendary blues program hosts like Big Bill Hill and Pervis Spann. The tradition continues, now as WPNA-AM 1490 with John Gorney's Sunday night program "Blue Midnight" broadcasting from high atop the Oak Park Arms building!

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).



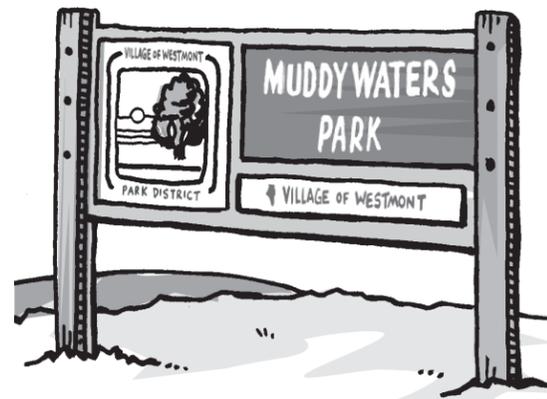
...and years before that era, the bar was owned by White Sox star and Blue Island native Don Kolloway!



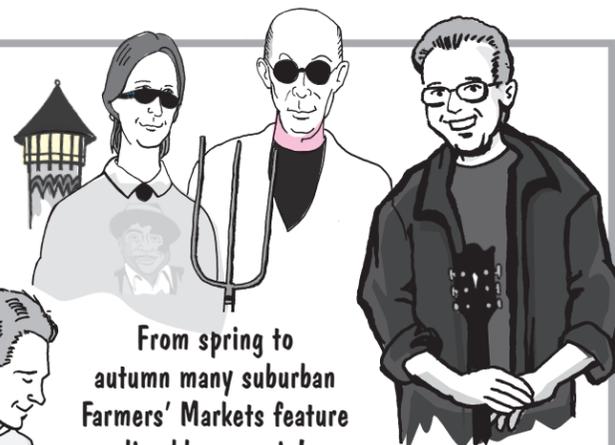
The Harlem Avenue Lounge in Berwyn is celebrating 25 years of showcasing live blues three nights a week from acoustic sets and open stage-nights to top acts!

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

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



"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!



From spring to autumn many suburban Farmers' Markets feature live blues music!



Guitarist/vocalist Paul Halvey (above) performs in historic Riverside while Hollywood Slim (aka Sean Short, at left) and his band perform in neighboring Brookfield, home of the zoo!

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