



Illinois Newsletter

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Nursing home abuses detailed in Illinois-based story

An AP investigation based in Illinois documents a dangerous trend: States are housing young, mentally ill and sometimes violent adults in nursing homes alongside America's frail elderly.

A package that includes a print story and photo, video, graphic and dataset for members use moves in advance today for use beginning Monday (3/23). The digest line:

CHICAGO - Around the country, more and more mentally ill people are being put in nursing homes alongside older, frailer patients - sometimes with tragic results. In Chicago, a 77-year-old man with Alzheimer's was beaten to death with a clock radio, allegedly by his roommate, who is mentally ill and nearly 30 years his junior. Slug: Mentally Ill-Nursing Homes, moving March 19 for Monday, March 23.



The investigation was led by Chicago bureau reporter **Carla K. Johnson** (pictured), who has covered health and medical issues for members in Illinois and beyond for the last four years. AP this week added AP Medical Writer to Johnson's byline, recognizing her insightful beat coverage in this area of top reader interest.

For more information: Illinois News Editor [Niki Dizon](#) or the Chicago desk (312) 920-3624.

Watching the economy For your readers

Every newspaper now has free access to daily infographics from AP that track and analyze Wall Street for regular readers.

The Pantagraph in Bloomington uses this material to anchor the bottom of the daily business page, and to give readers an easy way to track the markets online.

The business front (right and in attached pdf) uses the Today module from AP's Money and Markets service. It's quick to download, attractive, and gives readers an advance look at that day's financial news.

Inside, the Centerpiece module from Money and Markets provides a graphic focus for the paper's short list of carefully chosen stocks.

For more information www.ap.org/markets
Or contact Illinois Bureau Chief [George Garties](#).



Economy continued ... online

For its Web audience, The Pantagraph complements its local coverage with constantly updated market information, using the online elements of AP's Money and Markets service.

Pantagraph.com uses a module that tracks the market throughout the day and offers readers a stock lookup function that provides prices and a wealth of information about the company.

You'll find the module in the middle of the money page: www.pantagraph.com/money/

For more information see the [AP website](#), or contact Illinois Bureau Chief [George Garties](#).

For your weekend papers

SPRINGFIELD — If Gov. Pat Quinn wants to raise income taxes, he must convince skeptics that it's the only remaining solution to the state's budget problems — and that means demonstrating that he's getting spending under control. Illinois Budget-Cuts by Christopher Wills, for use starting Saturday.

CHICAGO — Rebecca Brown could bring home a couple thousand dollars in a good week when she worked for a national restaurant chain. As a dancer at Chicago's Pink Monkey gentleman's club, she can make almost that much in one night. The 29-year-old is among a growing number of women across the country who, faced with a tough job market and bills to pay, have left their day jobs to work in adult entertainment. Meltdown-Adult Entertainment by Karen Hawkins, for use beginning Monday.

For details, watch for the state enterprise digest, which is updated Wednesday through Fridays each week. AP Exchange search slug="IL Enterprise Digest"

Questions about the Illinois report: News Editor [Niki Dizon](#) 312.920.3624.

Economy: a final note

AP consistently offers stories to help you tell the economy story in human terms. Two from the wire today:

NEW YORK — Your teenager has some new competition for jobs this summer. Namely, an army of out-of-work Americans numbered at 12.5 million and growing. To ensure your college-bound kid doesn't stay parked on the couch come summer, we look at three winning strategies for landing a job. On the national wire as BC-Summer Jobs-Teens.

NEW YORK — Many 20-somethings who were raised to believe they can do anything and be anything are finding their high expectations dashed as they lose their first or second jobs because of the recession and face a difficult time finding a new one. On the business wire as Lifestyles-Young Unemployed.

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