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Shedding light on AIDS



LAURA ROBERTS | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students light candles Thursday in front of SIU Arena as part of the Southern Illinois AIDS Walk. Teams raised more than \$3,000 to benefit the AIDS Holiday Project, which provides food, gifts, clothing, toys and grocery store gift cards for 150 low-income households impacted by HIV / AIDS in Southern Illinois. Coordinator Wally Paynter said that the AIDS Walk is still short of its \$5,000 goal and encourages those interested in donating to do so by visiting www.carbondaleaidswalk.com.

Two faculty receive layoff notices

LAUREN P. DUNCAN
Daily Egyptian

Enrollment deficits in campus programs have led to layoffs.

Two SIUC non-tenure track faculty members received notification Friday that they will be laid off, said Kitty Martin, Non-Tenure Track Faculty Association spokesperson.

Martin said the notification letter indicates the layoffs were made as a result of a revenue decline that came from enrollment declines. She said the NTTFA did not know names of the faculty who received the notifications, but the letter states their last day of work will be Jan. 13.

"We're still hoping that solutions can be found, that they'll be able to come back for us," Martin said. "Everyone is trying to stay positive about things."

The two faculty were teaching a combined five courses, Chancellor Rita Cheng said in an email Friday.

"Since enrollments are down in their programs, there was no teaching assignment and no impact on the students," she said.

Cheng said the university has hired two new non-tenure track faculty for three spring courses in different programs with growing or flat enrollments.

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SIU receives last of FY12 state funding

MATT DARAY
Daily Egyptian

The university's financial situation may be slightly relieved by a late state payment.

SIU received \$9.5 million in state appropriations last week, which marks the last of state payments to the university for the 2012 fiscal year that ended in June. However, this is only a portion of more than \$105 million in payments the state still owes the university.

"(The state) is very behind on their payments, and it's now December and we haven't received very much (from) July 1 until today," Chancellor Rita Cheng said. "We anticipate the state will pay us when they have cash to do so, so we're managing like we have for the last couple of years."

Cheng said the money should have been received at the start of July but was postponed until December. Although the payment was expected to come later in the month, she said it is good to receive the funds ahead of time.

Illinois universities have seen a reduction in state funds for several years because of budget issues that have prevented it from keeping up with payments owed to public higher education.

"There is no scheduled timetable for the state to pay the university," said Rod Sievers, university spokesman. "There's no telling when the state, or if the state really will, fulfill its obligations to the university in fiscal year '13."

Sievers said the funds eventually trickle down to the university, but SIU leaders must take precautions to account for the lack of money until that happens.

SIU administrators informed non-tenure track faculty of possible layoffs in an email sent Nov. 12, which stated they would lay off up to six individuals, according to Faculty Senate meeting minutes. Two non-tenure track faculty received layoff notices on Friday.

Sievers said layoffs are based on demand for the position. He said the non-tenure track faculty may not be laid off but instead may not have their contracts renewed or receive a reduction in the number of classes they can teach.

Sievers said the university has not decided if further layoffs will occur.

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Alumnus raises money for Kenyans

Sparta man returns to campus for charities

ELIZABETH ZINCHUK
Daily Egyptian

While education and water are two things Americans may take for granted, many Kenyans have a different story to tell, and one man from Sparta is working to change that.

Vic Hamer, an SIU alumnus and retired employee of the Department of Human Services, first visited Kenya in January 2011. Since then, Hamer has been a part of many organizations that have aided Kenyans, including projects that aim to provide them with access to water, education and other necessary goods.

In his most recent efforts, Hamer has set up a drive for students to donate used shoes, handbags and cell phones as a part of a project called Gateway 2 Give. Collection boxes are located on the Student Center's north end, and they will be available for donations through Friday. Hamer also plans to sell jewelry and other Kenyan-made goods from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the Student Center as a part of the Eastland Project, which aims to help fund Kenyan children's education and employment.

Hamer said Gateway 2 Give

will collect donations, sell them to vendors in developing countries for less than the typical sale price and use that money to help fund water well drilling.

"It is a cause that allows people to conveniently give to a third-world country that does not have those items," he said.

Any money raised from the jewelry sale will help fund and sponsor children who live on the street or in shelters to try to help them attend school and get jobs, Hamer said.

"A lot of these street children are involved with crime and drugs," he said. "Kenya has some of the worst slums in the world."

Hamer said water and education are two things Kenyans absolutely need. He said most orphans he met knew that education was necessary to succeed in their society.

"We have a lot of young adults in our society that want nothing to do with education, but in Kenya they want in school," he said. "Some of these young people are in the trash looking for metal or things they can sell, just so they can have money for school fees."

Since Kenya lacks an effective public education system, Hamer said most families couldn't afford to pay for their child's education. Some children, he said, are sent to boarding schools as early as the first grade and oftentimes see their families only three months out of the year.

"Staying home means you might not get fed every day," he said. "Some of my friends said about their experience that they weren't concerned with learning, but they were concerned with eating."

Hamer said he was one of the first people on his mission trip that stayed in Kenya to become accepted among the villagers and adopt their culture.

"I saw poverty, but I saw happiness and giving, too," he said. "It affected me that these people are so happy."

Hamer said his visits to Kenya have made him realize how comfortable some Americans' lives can be.

"Every person in Kenya I have met wants to come to the U.S. because they see us on TV, and that is what they desire," he said. "We have struggles, they have struggles, and of course if you just live in the United States there is no way you could realize the other person's struggles. If you stay in Kenya, you won't realize our struggles."

Hamer will sell jewelry made by Boniface Mwendwa, a man whom he met during his last visit to Kenya and lives in Nairobi. The jewelry is made from natural materials such as cow horns, coconut shells, banana leaves, beads and wood.

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Hamer has also helped with the Ruth Well Project, for which he helped collect shoes to raise money to drill a water well named after 2012 graduate Ruth Manyara from Kijabe, Kenya. On top of collecting goods and selling jewelry, Hamer started his own organization, Give Me Water Lord, which also aims to raise money for drilling water wells.

Sarah Vanvooren, assistant director of the Student Center, said she has worked with Hamer as he brought his projects to campus, and she supports his plans. Vanvooren said she was happy Hamer contacted the Student Center about his cause.

"It is a very good cause," Vanvooren said. "We like to give students opportunities to participate in events like this."

Emma Kirby, a senior from Bloomington studying anthropology,

said she has helped Hamer in his drive to collect goods ever since she met him through some mutual friends more than a year ago.

As a residential adviser at Neely Hall, Kirby said she has put up boxes in the hall for residents to donate shoes.

"They fill up pretty fast," she said. "There are a lot of people who care."

While he holds high expectations for this week's shoe drive, Hamer said he hopes to hold a bigger one this spring.

"A student or a group of students can always see me if they want to be put in contact with someone they can help sponsor or fund through school in Kenya," he said. "I have so many friends in Kenya who want a better education."

Hamer said he can be reached at vichamer@gmail.com if any student wishes to contact him to raise money for the cause.

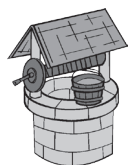
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Kenya fast facts

45.9% of Kenyans lived below the national poverty line in 2005



It costs **\$20,000** to build a water well in a Kenyan village.

One baby dies every minute in Kenya because of inadequate water or food quality or amounts.

It costs around **\$250** to send one Kenyan child to school for a year.

Life expectancy was at **57** years in 2011.

Only **52%** of the Kenyan population had access to clean water in 2010

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There are also a few searches open for spring teaching assignments, Cheng said.

"This is a complicated issue since our faculty are specialized in specific fields, and we routinely have scheduling changes that dictate our appointments," she said. "So, while we are reducing instructional faculty in some areas, we are hiring in other areas."

Cheng said this has always been done at the university, but the administration must now comply with the NTTFA bargaining agreement that states the faculty must be given advanced notice.

"Students should not worry," she said. "Courses will be held where there is strong demand."

Martin said aspects of the NTTFA contract state that faculty who are laid off must be the first to be "called back"

when a position opens up. She said there is a possibility that at least one of the faculty who received the notice will be able to participate in "pushover recall," which gives them the opportunity to work part or half-time.

In July, university administrators notified 77 non-tenure track faculty members that their positions were subject to layoff. Faculty have said another layoff notification has been rumored for December.

But Cheng said there are no further non-tenure track layoffs.

Martin said the NTTFA will keep in touch with the faculty who received the notices in order to stay updated on the possibility for a recall.

"In the meantime, I think it's just an anxious stage for a lot of folks across the board," she said.

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Light up the season



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Mwoshe Wangeri, 6, from Kenya, watches the Lights Fantastic Parade alongside other children Saturday on Illinois Avenue. This is the 22nd year the light parade has marched through Carbondale. Mike P. Walsh helped with the Little Obie train float. "Everybody likes a parade," Walsh said. "It brings out the Christmas spirit."

Wyo. murder-suicide happened during class

Associated Press

A man wielding a sharp-edged weapon killed one person in a Casper neighborhood Friday before killing a male teacher and himself in front of students in a community college classroom, causing a campus-wide lockdown as authorities tried to piece together what happened.

Police found the suspect and teacher dead at a science building on the Casper College campus, which was locked down for about two hours, school and police officials said. The other victim, a woman, was found in a street about two miles away.

Casper Police Chief Chris Walsh said the murder-suicide took place in a classroom with students present, but he didn't know how many students or what the class topic was.

He said investigators were still trying to determine a motive.

Walsh said an "edged weapon" was

used it at least one of the killings, but he didn't offer specifics and it was unclear if the same or a similar weapon was used in all of the deaths.

The attacker wasn't believed to be a Casper College student and it appeared he knew the victims, Walsh said. No names were released.

"We're locating next of kin and working on notification absolutely as fast as we can," Walsh said.

He added authorities didn't believe there was any further threat to the community.

"I want to emphasize that this is a horrible tragedy," Walsh said. "And I want the city to ... just feel safe right now. There is no one at large."

The attack at the two-year community college in Casper, about 250 miles northwest of Denver, occurred just before 9 a.m. in a classroom on the science building's third floor. All students and staff were evacuated from the building.

Community brings back Bucky proposal

JACK ROBINSON
Daily Egyptian

The university's architectural community revived a proposal that could make the Bucky Dome the first R. Buckminster Fuller memorial on campus.

Fuller taught at SIU for 12 years and wrote more than 30 books and 25 U.S. patents during his tenure. He popularized the geodesic dome structure and was in turn rewarded with achievements.

Fuller was featured on the Jan. 10, 1964 cover of Time magazine for his work with geodesic domes. He was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award by Ronald Reagan in 1983, which is one of the highest awards given to a civilian for meritorious service.

The Fuller Future Festival is a

group dedicated to honoring Fuller's outstanding life and achievements. The group held a presentation Wednesday that displayed Bucky artifacts to inspire future students.

"I think it is important we get information about Buckminster Fuller out," said Brent Ritzel, co-director of the Fuller Future Festival. "He is an influential figure in SIU's past and deserves recognition."

The Green Fund proposal requests SIU support to purchase and renovate the Bucky Dome, a geodesic dome located on the east side of Quigley Hall. Dome Inc., a company that specializes in geodesic domes, wants to donate the structure if it becomes a memorial, said Jon Davey, a professor of architecture.

Students and faculty said Fuller is

"R. Buckminster Fuller is one of the most renowned figures in southern Illinois history, and this would make the Bucky Dome the first memorial of him."

— Joshua West
junior from Trenton studying architecture

a significant figure in SIU history and should be recognized.

"R. Buckminster Fuller is one of the most renowned figures in southern Illinois history, and this would make the Bucky Dome the first memorial of him," said Joshua West, a junior from Trenton studying architecture.

The Bucky proposal would allow for a new foundation for mulch to be laid for the dome. A memorial plaque would also hang in front of the dome outside of Quigley

Campus Sustainability Project, Plant and Service Operations and the Student Recreation Center's Green Team.

Some students wonder why their Green Fund money doesn't go toward the dome already. Instead of waiting on the university, some students have begun to take the dome funding into their own hands.

A group of undergraduates have begun to create an online Kickstarter program in fear that the bill will not succeed again. The Kickstarter would allow anyone to donate online. However, some faculty do not understand why students should have to take money out of their own pockets.

"It's surprising that students have to go out and get money when they already are donating towards a fund every year," Davey said.

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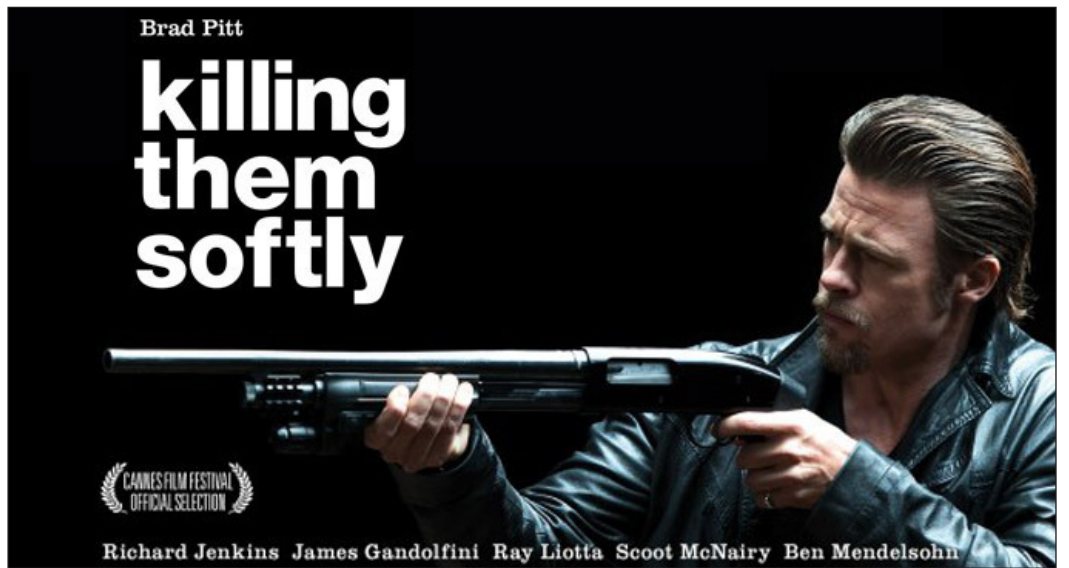
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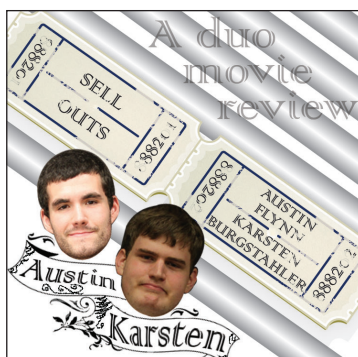
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'Killing Them Softly' light on action, heavy on cynicism

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The week after Thanksgiving is often Hollywood's week off. Major releases hit the week before, and Hollywood begins Christmas preparations.

This week brings audiences the limited-release drama "Killing Them Softly," a mobster movie set in post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans. Brad Pitt plays a hitman assigned to take out two small-time mobsters who have robbed a big-time mobster. Much has been said about the film's slow pace and overly violent content, but is it still worth a watch?

Karsten Burgstahler: "Killing Them Softly" is a deliberately slow film. Writer/director Andrew Dominik takes his time introducing the characters, and he makes it clear to the audience this story is a bleak one. At numerous times, we hear Barack Obama and George W. Bush speech snippets, which help authenticate the setting. New Orleans suffered a horrible

economic rebuilding after Katrina, and "Softly" shows characters who will do anything to put their lives back together. This isn't the movie for Friday night entertainment. The violence, while minimal, is pretty brutal.

Austin Flynn: The violence didn't really bother me because of how much discussion the film contains. I love the film's dialogue because even when the characters are talking about something unimportant, it's more than enough to keep me interested. When the actual killing comes along, I think it's done both well and purposefully. The parts I had the most trouble with were cinematography issues. I know "Softly" is supposed to be one of those "artsy fartsy" flicks, but the fading in and out and cuts in some scenes were just downright bizarre. They weren't terrible, but they were just off-putting enough to make me forget about the movie for a minute, which in this case is bad because of how much dialogue the viewer takes in.

KB: Yeah, the scene where the movie allows the viewer to watch from a heroin junkie's viewpoint is shot funky. But I think it's supposed to add to the confusion and create tension. The audience only gets bits and pieces of dialogue during the sequence, which is an interesting take. One scene that involves a murder in a car was shot in slow motion and quite impressive, but I would agree that sometimes the camera

shots go overboard. Dominik could have gotten his point across differently. I guess I expected those kinds of shots because it is, as you put it so eloquently, an "artsy fartsy" flick.

AF: To continue with the dialogue, though, I have to say I really enjoyed the believable, beautifully average moments between Brad Pitt and Richard Jenkins as they talk about killing these people. There's a Tarantino-style back and forth between the two, which I think brought the film down to earth. Also, the actors were all great picks for their roles. Pitt specializes in characters like this, and he's still the smug, slightly insane actor we all grew to appreciate even after his Chanel commercials.

KB: I really did like the dialogue, but audiences may be put off by it. Pitt's character is very cynical. Several dialogue-driven scenes are dedicated to the character's beliefs on America and what we really stand for as a country. The film contains few happy moments and fittingly ends on a cynical note. This is why I say the film is not Friday night entertainment; it is meant to be contemplated and discussed. Audiences may have the same reaction here that they had to last year's dialogue-heavy "Drive," which is why the film's academy chances are slim. "Softly" is an interesting period piece, but it isn't popcorn entertainment. Skip it at the theater; just check out the DVD.

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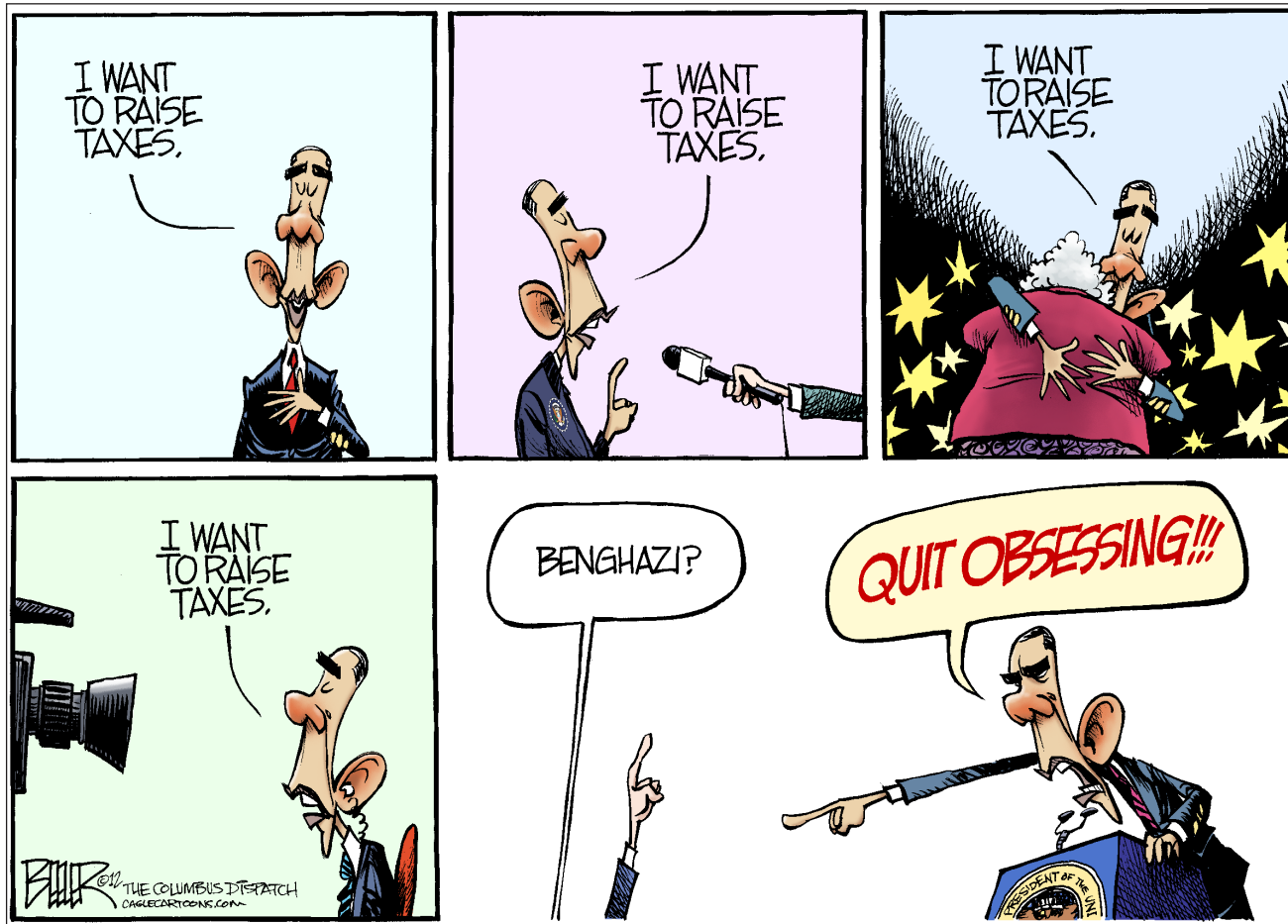
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Congo urgently needs aid from the US

BEN AFFLECK
Washington Post

Last week, a heavily armed rebel militia, M23, took control of the eastern Congolese city of Goma, the economic center and capital of the country's North Kivu province. Unfortunately, to those of us who work in eastern Congo, the only surprise in this turn of events was how little attention it received.

Two years ago almost to the day, I wrote in *The Post* about the bloodiest war since World War II and its continued toll on the Congolese people.

From 1998 to 2003, eight African nations fought on Congolese soil, killing millions, forcing tens of thousands of children to become soldiers and, in some areas of Congo, subjecting as many as two of every three women to rape and other forms of sexual violence. Violence continued long after combatants agreed on a cease-fire.

With regional war looming once again, it is time for the United States to act.

President Obama is well acquainted

with this crisis. During his Senate career, he authored the Democratic Republic of Congo Relief, Security and Democracy Promotion Act. The president should appoint a temporary envoy to signal clearly that finding a lasting solution is a priority for his administration.

Past models for this approach such as sending Sen. John Kerry to Sudan, veteran diplomat Richard Holbrooke to the Balkans or Gen. Colin Powell to Haiti, demonstrate that high-level diplomatic intervention at the right moment can cut through deadly impasse and open the path toward lasting stability.

As a major humanitarian and foreign assistance partner in central and east Africa, the United States has significant diplomatic influence with the key players in this conflict. The Obama administration should leverage this influence first and foremost on behalf of an immediate cease-fire.

The ongoing violence is creating a massive humanitarian crisis, with tens of thousands driven from their homes in the last few weeks alone. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees has not been able to reach most of the

camp for internally displaced people in North Kivu, where Congolese are going without food, water and access to much-needed medical care.

Talks among regional leaders are underway, and the M23 rebels have recently said they would withdraw from Goma. But high-profile pressure from the United States can help stop the fighting and allow humanitarian aid to reach the people who desperately need it.

A cease-fire must be brokered immediately, as the concerned parties strive for nationwide solutions that could stop this cycle from repeating itself. The temporary U.S. envoy should work with the United Nations and the African Union to lay groundwork for serious regional talks.

International negotiation is critical because regional actors have not demonstrated a willingness to set aside their own interests in favor of lasting peace. Evidence is mounting that neighboring countries are providing aid to M23.

Here again, the United States has unique influence with the leadership in Rwanda, Uganda and Congo.

Washington must now leverage that influence to demand full military withdrawal as well as logistical and financial support to the rebels.

Within Congo, too little has changed since the last cease-fire. The country's dysfunctional national leadership shows little interest in protecting its people from internal chaos and external interference, leaving the Congolese vulnerable to warlords' whims.

Without competent military and law-enforcement institutions, Congo's territory will continue to provide safe haven to armed groups who prey on civilians and disrupt economic development. It does not need to be this way, and the United States can help.

In April, more than 300 Congolese and international civil organizations published a detailed report on the urgency of establishing competent, professional military and law enforcement institutions.

This report made specific recommendations and received high-level attention from the policymaking establishment in New York and Washington, but there has been

little follow-up.

Security-sector reform in Congo is now imperative. The United States should prioritize reform in its engagement with leaders in Kinshasa, Congo's capital, and the incoming secretary of state should escalate that engagement considerably.

Congolese President Joseph Kabila must be persuaded to accept technical assistance from the State Department. The Obama administration should coordinate support for this reform plan among Congo's international partners, including other African countries. The U.S. Africa Command can, and should, help with restructuring and training Congolese forces.

After decades of violence, the Congolese people deserve peace. The United States is in position to help them find it. As President Obama shapes his foreign policy agenda for his second term, 70 million Congolese will be watching.

So will we.

Ben Affleck is an actor, writer, director and the founder of the Eastern Congo Initiative, a U.S.-based advocacy organization.

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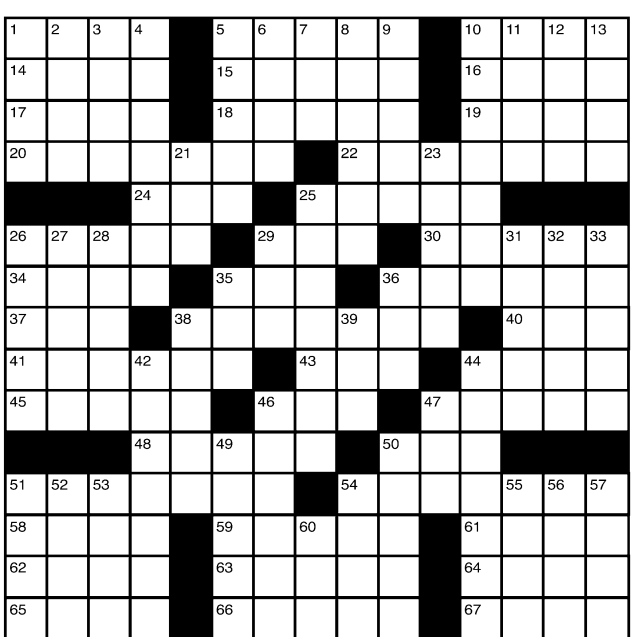
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 - 45 Donkeys
 - 46 Hideaway
 - 47 Actress Bo ___
 - 48 Bravery
 - 50 Feathery scarf
 - 51 Mockingly derisive
 - 54 Male geese
 - 58 Concept
 - 59 Like an infectious disease
 - 61 Lend of tennis
 - 62 Mend socks
 - 63 Gladden
 - 64 Notorious Roman leader
 - 65 Give off
 - 66 Sutured
 - 67 Got bigger
- DOWN**
- 1 Novak and Kardashian
 - 2 Middle East nation



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Friday's Puzzle Solved

<p>3 Had on</p> <p>4 Ants & aphids</p> <p>5 Monastery</p> <p>6 Thirteen popes</p> <p>7 Long, long ___</p> <p>8 Doesn't ___; isn't important</p> <p>9 First phase</p> <p>10 Burn sluggishly</p> <p>11 Usually dry streambed</p> <p>12 Shortly</p> <p>13 Floating mass of ice</p> <p>21 Animal park</p> <p>23 Long-term inmate</p> <p>25 More distant</p> <p>26 ___ apso; small Tibetan dog</p> <p>27 Franc replacers</p> <p>28 Requirements</p> <p>29 Puss</p> <p>31 Hate</p> <p>32 Elevate</p> <p>33 Smooth and glossy</p> <p>35 Prohibit</p> <p>36 Nov. honoree</p>	<p>38 Actor Romero</p> <p>39 Actor McKellen</p> <p>42 Straying from the norm</p> <p>44 First-grader's school subject</p> <p>46 Obedient</p> <p>47 Actor Ameche</p> <p>49 Exists</p> <p>50 Bundled hay</p> <p>51 Faction</p> <p>52 Eve's husband</p> <p>53 Actress Garr</p> <p>54 Fence opening</p> <p>55 At any time</p> <p>56 Uncommon</p> <p>57 Winter weather</p> <p>60 Uncooked</p>
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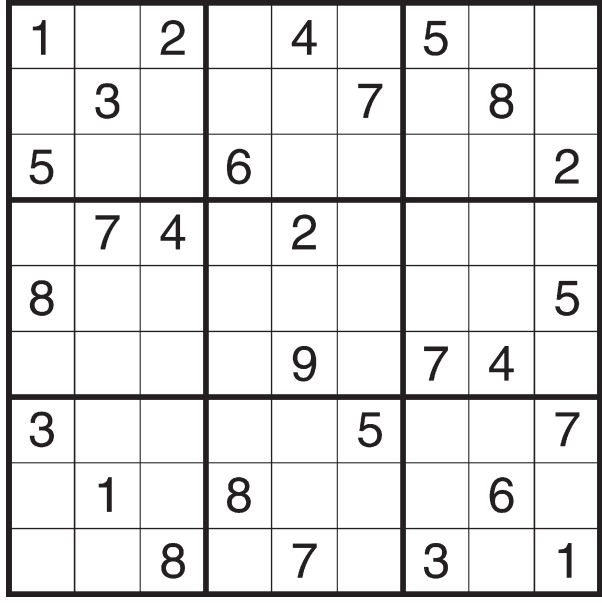
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7	6	8	3	9	4	2	5	1
8	3	1	6	2	9	5	7	4
6	4	2	7	5	3	1	9	8
9	5	7	4	8	1	6	2	3

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contain every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer: □ □ □ □ □

Friday's Answers: WEARY ORBIT WEAPON DETACH
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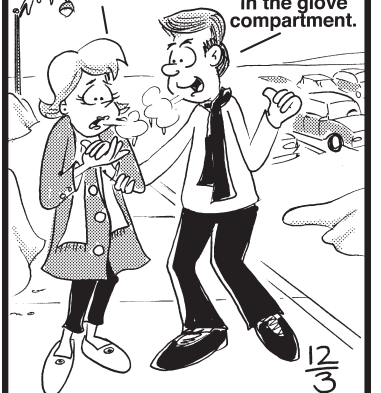


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Focus on fitness



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Jennifer VanBrooker, of Carbondale, performs a clean and jerk, an Olympic lift, Sunday during a workout at CrossFit So Ill. VanBrooker said being a CrossFit member is unique to a regular gym membership because it's a community of people. "Everyone does the workouts together, and we push and motivate each other," she said. "After a long day at a desk job, I get to come and workout with my friends in a great environment."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis left panting in Racers' dust

ALEX ROSTOWSKY
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's basketball team found trouble cooling Murray State down from three-point range as they lost 67-55 on the road Saturday night.

Murray State (5-3) made nine of 17 attempts from beyond the arc en route to the program's first win over SIU (0-6) since 1988 and only victory in their last 20 contests. The Racers scored 21 points off 20 Saluki turnovers, posted 16 points in second chance opportunities, took down 18

offensive rebounds and banked 14 transition points to notch their fifth-straight win this season.

SIU's quick-paced offense managed only four fast-break points.

"We gave up too many offensive rebounds, and that takes away our opportunities to play fast-break style," coach Missy Tiber said. "We are not the greatest team in the half court set. We just need to be more consistent when we get stops. We have to score that ball in transition."

SIU could not contain Murray State senior guard Mariah Robinson, who scored 23 points while shooting

6-7 from three-point territory. Robinson put up 14 of her points in the first half, as the Racers led 34-25 at the break.

The Salukis took a one-point lead with 8:47 left in the first, but a Murray State bucket shot put the Racers in the lead for good only nine seconds later.

Three SIU players scored in double figures, but it was not enough to keep up with the Racers, whose 3-point shooting was 23 percent better than the Salukis.

Sophomore guard Cartaesha Macklin bounced back from an

eight-point performance Thursday against Indiana-Purdue Fort Worth with her first double-double of the season. Macklin led the team with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Redshirt freshman forward Dyana Pierre had a double-double for the second game in a row and finished with 12 points on 4-11 shooting along with 10 rebounds.

Freshman forward Jameeka Bouie came off the bench and added 11 points in 23 minutes of play.

SIU continued to collectively improve on the boards, but the team was ultimately out-rebounded 43-

42. However, 20 turnovers offset any momentum the Salukis would have on the court's offensive end.

"Defensively, I felt like we got some stops," Tiber said. "We had opportunities to get transition buckets, and we just didn't get them."

The Salukis will return to SIU Arena Wednesday to take on the Southeast Missouri State Redhawks (4-4). Tipoff is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

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D.E. Weekly Bark

? The NBA fined the San Antonio Spurs \$250,000 for excusing four players — guard Tony Parker, forward Manu Ginobili, F/C Tim Duncan and guard Danny Green — from Thursday night's loss against the Miami Heat. The Spurs played five away games in the eight days coming into the contest, and they are one of the league's older teams. Were league officials right to punish San Antonio because they blemished a potential playoff-like match, or was Spurs head coach Greg Popovich correct to rest his waning stars?



Alex Rostowsky

Commissioner David Stern and his associates were absolutely wrong to fine the Spurs for resting its players. It seems as if the only reason the league got upset was because this game was a marquee matchup between two of the league's best teams on a national network. What they didn't realize was that the game was extremely competitive, even without the likes of Duncan and Ginobili. If the league was worried about the game being a dud, then it was wrong. I see this strictly as a monetary decision. When it comes down to it, the old Spurs could use a day or two off.



Demario Phipps-Smith

Popovich is the longest tenured coach in any major American sport, and he is the only active NBA coach to win multiple titles. As Dwayne Wade puts it, "I think he knows what he's doing." You get hired as head coach to win, and "Pop" has won consistently in the league during the course of his career. The NBA shouldn't be able to fine coaches for strategies—especially ones that apparently work. The fans may not have had a chance to see the Spurs play against the defending champs at full strength, but Pop has a job to do.



Ben Conrady

The league has no reason to involve itself in personal decisions such as this. NBA teams compete with an overarching goal to win the championship. If Popovich chooses to rest his players, then he must believe it is his best move to get his team closer to its goal. The league has no place nosing into this situation.