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Landlord challenges Carbondale’s Main Street ordinance

Brett Nauman
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One of Carbondale’s largest property owners has filed a complaint in Jackson County Circuit Court regarding that an ordinance the city adopted to fund the local Main Street program be struck down and declared invalid.

The city charges down town property owners a property tax surcharge to collect about $40,000 to distribute to the Main Street program each year. Mayor Fisher, owner of Hanley Rental, Carbondale, and landlord to hundreds of SIUC students, alleges in a civil lawsuit that the city is “contrary to Illinois law” when it went along to disregard the petitions he submitted last December in protest of the ordinance.

The Carbondale City Council voted unanimously Dec. 18 to attend the property tax surcharge to fund the Main Street program for an additional four years. The surcharge was first adopted in 1996 when Carbondale established its Main Street program. In order to successfully protest the Main Street ordinance, Fisher needed to gather signatures from at least 51 percent of the registered voters living in the downtown area and the same percentage of those who own property.

City Attorney Page Reed said Reed said the congressman’s office and Human Services for the Handicapped Training and Head Start Agency, in its third year of operation, caters to parents who have children in the Jackson County’s office, 255 Valuation. The donation was announced Dec. 18 meeting but the property tax surcharge to The court is waiting for a writing for a hearing and the city for a civil lawsuit to the ordinance. Illinois law limits as plaintiffs in the case. Reed said if Fisher’s lawsuit is dismissed, he can still put up a fight to avoid paying the tax. He would need to file his lawsuit in Carbondale that he can’t find an area in Carbondale that he can’t make any money in one that he can’t avoid the tax. The only catch in the city has to be worth less than 1.5 percent of the entire downtown area is equalized assessed value.

Reed said the city isn’t too concerned about Fisher’s lawsuit, because the city wouldn’t want anyone to file an lawsuit so a city can easily refute it.

“Before we have a clear definition in this, and I believe our ordinance will be held valid,’’ she said.

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National News

**Floodwaters force more evacuations in south Texas**

NEW BRUNSWICK, Tex. — From the air the Sunday, Rick Perry said the devastation that torrential rain have brought to central and southern Texas house was not just done by the deluge, but also by flooding, overflowing and overwhelmed tanks and oil tankers.

And that's just news just keeps coming. Floodwater that devastated the San Antonio area spilt into even more homes, offices and businesses as water rushed through downtown, Lake Travis was 75 feet above its normal level and was expected to crest overnight a foot or more higher.

The flooding has been blamed for eight deaths and tens of millions of dollars in property damage. In some places, the streets are empty, and hundreds of homes have been destroyed.

President Bush has already ordered 13 Texas counties federal disaster areas.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Iraqi newspaper attacks U.N.**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Iraqi newspaper has accused the United Nations of "an inability to perform a sober role," and being "an agent of aggression" in Iraq.

The semi-official daily, owned by President Saddam Hussein's cousin, today said it was a lack of progress at talks between the UN and Iraq that left Iraq in Vienna was "a joke," that the negotiations were "a farce.

An editorial on Monday said the "ineffective" UN, "consistently weak in the face of the American administration's desires," was "a threat to the security and stability of the region." The editorial also said Secretary General Annan was "politically biased and biased," and "is working to bring about a war with Iraq against its chief enemy, the US army and navy.

The editorial also said Annan's approach was "trying to create a situation that is serious and dangerous for Iraq."

**South Africa, Libya vie for leadership in African Union**

DURBAN, South Africa — The African Union's next meeting in Libya next week will bring to light the South Africa's struggle for leadership in the African Union.

But the Libyan leader, who has never hidden his desire to make use of his position at the head of the African Union, is currently engaged in a "diplomatic offensive" to safeguard his position.

The editorial said Saturday's meeting of the African Union's foreign ministers in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, was "a diplomatic offensive to safeguard his position in the Union.

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Boy stuck in hit and run

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Main Street building gets the blues

Student latest work of art turns windows blue

Codell Rodríguez

For people driving down West Main Street Saturday night, the only lights right after South Illinois Avenue were those head lights and a strange, blue glow coming from 211 W. Main St.

Michael John Hofer, a graduate student in art, stared straight ahead from across the street at its gallery watching as people tried to enter, only to find the door closed.

The catch to the gallery was that the gallery was the art.

Hofer wrapped the windows of the building with blue fabric and set upHomestand lights behind it. He also wrapped shut the streetslights on the block and most of the businesses to turn off their lights.

"It's amazing that they were so cooperative," Hofer said.

Hofer said the idea of the piece was basically to get people to stay and look.

"I just transformed the entire building so that these lights stand out," Hofer said.

More than 20 people stopped to take on the color of the art piece after coming in the laws of the First United Methodist Church with food and drinks to accompany their study of the building. One of the tourists was Nick Smith, art professor at SIU.

"It challenges the mind," Smith said.

"When I first came up, I wanted to go inside," Hofer said.

Hofer said he decided to go inside was part of the point of the gallery. He said the people walking in front of the windows at night, produced a silhouette image, whereas said that while the piece is meant to be seen at night, he thinks beauty is the day as well. He said the transition from night to day is especially amazing.

"It's gorgeous the entire time," Hofer said.

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Local camp has big effect on special needs children

STORY BY JESSICA YOSAMA • PHOTOS BY ALEX HAGLIN

From a counselor at Camp Little Giant, cupcakes hands around the shoulder of a camper to help the group to the waterside. "There's something special about the camp," Charles Campbell says as he prepares hands around the shoulder of a camper who shares some of his interests. "I went on a trip with my counselor," Charles agrees. "We learned how to be a nature guide, and our counselor told us about the camp."

Camp Little Giant is for people with special needs who would not be able to attend a regular camp. The camp provides a setting for children such as Charles and his new friend to form bonds. Next year, the camp will celebrate its 50th anniversary. In honor of the anniversary, local filmmakers David and Rebecca Flores have ventured to Camp Little Giant to watch the start of the various forms of camps that engage in activities such as hiking, swimming, fishing, and horseback riding. The two have already begun filming interviews with those who have attended the camp and filmed before the hike in inception and plan to release a documentary for a national audience.

Despite the fact that all 15 campers in this session are under 21, employees want to emphasize that this is not an experience planned for children. The first two sessions are primarily for adults.

"We are coming to the camp to learn as much as we can from the experience as the children do."

"We can't put a price on an experience like this," says Krista Friedrich, a counselor from Illinois. "It's amazing how many different ways you learn to communicate and how serious you get to know the campers."

Counselors at Camp Little Giant are hardly limited to those with or without disabilities. The first two sessions are under 21, employees involved with the camp since its inception want to emphasize that this isn't a fraternity or community.

"The sense of belonging and friendship that all counselors agree is acquired at Camp Little Giant is not the only thing obtained in the two-week session. In fact, counselors say they receive as much from the experience as the children do."

"It's difficult, but in the end, you realize it's all worthwhile."

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Camp Little Giant counselor Jon Greider applies sun block to camper Tyler Knowles' legs before a swim session on Monday afternoon. Knowles' sister Morgan waits to get her share of sun block, while counselor Jon Greider knelt and was ready to hold down to the lake.
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Our Word: 
"Under-God" debate spurs identity crisis

The 9th Circuit Court ruling that nullifying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag is unconstitutional in public schools because of the phrase "under God" does much to help澄清 "What does it mean to be an American?"

Oh great — another identity crisis.

As the upcoming election year isn't enough to keep our brain-deaded flat-heads and talking-head television personalities from inviting themselves into our living rooms with messages of patriotism and honor.

Wet, no amount of flag waving, red-white-and-blue wearing, patriotic song-singing and school shooting will make you any more American than Michael Newdow, the father of a second grader who challenged the constitutionality of the words "under God" is the Pledge and its required recitation in public schools.

The First Amendment, which makes a clear separation of church and state, is not so much to protect the church from the state, but rather the state from the church.

It is in the halls of Congress that we shall find the American sanctuary, meant to protect the people through the laws that bind us.

Yet those pupils on the other end of the line threatening the Newdow family, especially the little girl who instantly became victim of self-proclaimed judges of un-American activities, who should be questioning what it means to be a citizen.

(Does the name Joseph McCarthy ring a bell?)

And what about our leaders on Capitol Hill? Don't they have anything better to do than recite the Pledge the day after the ruling, putting a special emphasis on the words "under God." It was a little overboard when I heard in the day Congress passed overwhelmingly popular legislation condoning the ruling to soothe their bruised egos.

( Aren't we fighting a War on (terrorism)?)

Then there is President Bush. He called the ruling "out of step with the tradition and history of America." Surely, Mr. President, you can come up with a better defense. Slavery is also an unforget-tuble part of our nation's history and it wasn't until 1920 that women could vote.

Of course Illinois also would throw up its hands when the patriotic wave rolled around.

Only days after the ruling, Gov. George Ryan signed legislation extending the required recitation of the Pledge in grade schools, to high schools as well.

It was an act of Congress in 1954 that inserted the words "under God" into the Pledge and, according to the court, when President Eisenhower signed the legisla-
tion he declared: "Millions of our school-children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village, high school and school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty."

As a nation is made from peo-
ple of all types of religious stripes and those with no religious stripe at all. The phrase "under God" serves no place in our public schools or in the Pledge to our country.

If Congress won't take out the phrase "under God," take the Pledge from the daily classroom ritual will not threaten our children's sense of patriotism.

Have you ever listened to a crowd of hyperactive school children reciting the Pledge before morning recess? If you have not, yes the ears have erased the meaning of your own grammar school days, perhaps this will serve as a reminder of that glorified sound of patriotism.

It goes something like this:

"Under-God... eternal truths... Justice... Liberty... Freedom... equality... with God guiding our destiny."

If you ask the students or even the par-
cipants very convincingly the courts decision what the Republic stands for, could they answer? Do they know what it means to have justice for all?

Nothing in the ramblings of the Pledge teaches children to be American. It doesn't teach them to question government policy and laws, to express their views, no matter how unpopular and unlearned to understand those who do not share their belief, even if that means they leave the room when the rest of the class says the Pledge.

It's a shame that we have reduced the teaching of patriotism or what it means to be American to the day-to-day drudgery of the Pledge. Too bad we have replaced the teaching of American values—diversity, equality, critical thinking and acceptance — no No. 2 pencils and institutionalized bubble sheets.

Without democratic knowledge, the Pledge is a sickle-chatter, with or without the "under God" phrase. Most of us who gathered before the flag, hand over heart, every day of our grammar school, still don't perform our most basic of civic duties: voting.

It's time we get over our identity crisis and get to the heart of what it means to be an American.

David Osbourne
Community members exchange dialogue on Fourth
Locals gather to discuss terrorism at open forum
Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

Local concerns and opinions regarding terrorism may not change, but the nation's focus has changed. The news of the U.S. attack on Afghanistan has caused some local citizens to express their opinions on the matter.

"The news has caused the nation to look in other places to address terrorism," said Simeon Schenert, the executive director of the Center for Continuing Education and the Institute for Public Affairs.

Schenert said the public is interested in participating in such discussions. "There are a lot of people out there who want to have these conversations," he said. "People are interested in hearing what people on the ground are saying about the situation."
Students start business by using their professor's funds

Tamara El-Khoury
Knight Ridder/Tribune

WASHINGTON — Diana Dodson and her other classmates at Mount St. Mary's College have $50,000 and five weeks to start a business. But Dodson, 42, dealing nightlong with her home, she is working 50,000 in cash coming into her professor's bank account.

Before her class even started in May, Dodson, 42, of Middlesex, Md., had two weeks of homework to do for her accelerated entrepreneurship class and a press conference to attend. She had resulted in the course at Mount St. Mary's in Emmingsburg, Md., to learn how to write a business plan so that she could expand the experience and my know-how. Laughlin's 12 students came company while continuing his job as a prize to the student who had the weeks. 

Dodson said start, and after growing their and my wife is going to play a key role with this. If she supports it, I've got two kids as well. I thought the process...It gives you something from the X-Files.

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Baseball by the Beach

Salukis represented in prestigious Cape Cod League

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Daily Egyptian

The Cape Cod Baseball League has showcased some of the best talent in baseball since 1885. This year was a great complement to two of SIU’s own, pitching coach Ty Neal and outfielder Sal Frisella.

Neal and Frisella traveled to Cape Cod in the beginning of June and will play an average six games a week, until the beginning of August. The two were selected by host families they will stay with throughout the summer.

Barbara Elsworth has been hosting players and coaches since 1978. Neal is staying with her this summer. Elsworth said SIU baseball head coach Dan Callahan seeks the right players and coaches to the league.

Coach Callahan is earning respect in this league for his judgment. Elsworth hosted Callahan in 1997-98 when he coached in Cape Cod.

"It was a thrill to reach in the league," Callahan said. "I am excited for our guys. It is a great experience and prideful to professional baseball."

Neal is a graduate of Miami University of Ohio where he was a pitcher for the Redhawks. He is entering his third year here at SIU as an assistant coach. Neal is the pitching, recruiting and hitting coach and previously Redus, currently in third place in their division.

The players that competed in the College World Series are on Neal’s team.

"Day in and day out you see the No. 1 pitchers and hitters from teams across the nation," Neal said. "It is a great experience and exposure."

Frisella, a senior on the Salukis, led the Cape Cod League in hitting the first two weeks of play. He is on the Eldorado Commanchees.

"The league is known for the pitching you face," Frisella said. "Pitchers don't make mistakes."

SIU senior outfielder Sal Frisella prepares for an at-bat earlier this past season. Frisella, along with SIU pitching coach Ty Neal, is taking part in the Cape Cod Baseball League. The prestigious league is one of the top amateur summer leagues and features the best college players from throughout the nation.

"The home family he stays with, is made up of a mother and her two sons. Frisella said he has never been a big brother, but he takes on that role with the two boys.

Playing in the league is exciting for Frisella, who describes the old high school fields they play on as nostalgic.

"Cape is a pinnacle you want to reach in the summer."

One out of six current professional baseball players have played in the Cape Cod league on one of the 10 franchise teams, according to CCBL statistics.

In 2001, 184 former Cape League players were drafted. Among those players were stars such as Frank Thomas, Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio, Tino Martinez, Mo Vaughn, Todd Helton and Nomar Garciaparra.

The Cape League had 30 players from 2000-01 in the top 50 of Baseball America’s College Prospects. The league is considered the premier summer league in the nation with plenty of fans and scouts watching the games.

"The competition doesn't get better," Callahan said.

The Cape League experienced national attention with the Warner Bros. film "Summer Catch" which starred Freddie Prinze Jr. revolving the tale of a Cape League player who falls in love with a local girl.

The league is a great opportunity for aspiring baseball players to gain the competitive experience needed to reach the next level.

Cape Cod has a long tradition of producing major league baseball players. The Red Sox and the New York Yankees dominate the league. The team in its third place in their division.

"If you enjoy the game of baseball and the sound of wood, this is the best place to be," Neal said.

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Women Water Dawgs restocking for another title run

Goelz has high hopes for new recruiting class

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As a sophomore on the SIU women’s swim team, Rachel Belach has been a butterflyer, but now she’s ready to become a leader.

Since I was 22, I set like a mother to the girls," said the Brazilian native. "They even call me Grandma."

Belach is prepared to take on a leadership role, particularly with the departure of nine seniors from the team.

"Jeff Goelz, head coach of the SIU women’s swimming and diving team, said leadership was one of the many contributions made by the seniors who helped strengthen the team," Goelz said.

"Each one of them had been with the program during the last years where we were in the rebuilding stages," Goelz said.

"They were the kids who came and worked hard to get us back on the map," Goelz said.

"When we sign bigger, higher-quality athletes, a lot of their hard work is the reason we're better. They not only did a good job in the pool and in the classroom, they also did a great job recruiting the next generation."

Belach said the departing senior were very strong swimmers, but they also contributed a sense of solidarity among team members.

"We were very close, very friendly," Belach said, "and we're going to miss them a lot."

Goelz praised his senior swimmer’s ability to combine their talents for the benefit of the team.

"Some of the girls were really good in the pool, and others were good in the classroom," Goelz said.

"Other girls were social, they were the social directors. They had known each other for four years. They had washed together and had done some great things together."

Although the Dawgs have lost nine seniors, Goelz sees promise in his new recruits.

"Some of the kids that get in are already established as pretty good athletes and pretty good students, and they all have potential," Goelz said. "They're all exciting because it's the first step out of their club program, and it's a step up into the college team."

Newly recruited freestyler for the 2002-03 season includes Briley Bergen from Jacksonville, Fla., and Taylor Kistlin from Griffith. Recruits specializing in both freestyle and backstroke are Megan Simmons from

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