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# DAILY THURSDAY EGYPTIAN



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## RUNNING AROUND THE CLOCK



EVAN DAVIS | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jim Payne, a junior from Chicago studying cinema and photography, finishes another two-mile leg of a 50-mile marathon in the second annual Saluki 50-Mile Challenge Sept. 24. Payne and Challenge founder Chris Jones, a graduate student in recreation management from Chicago, ran 50 miles in 24 hours to raise money and awareness for the Women's Center in Carbondale. The 50-mile challenge began at 6 p.m. on the Sept. 24 and ended 24 hours later on Sept. 25. The two enlisted the support of others in raising

money for the center by asking for \$1 donations for every mile covered. Jones said he developed the idea in 2008 when he raised more than \$900 and inspired others to join him. "I was just so in awe that someone could do that, and in a 24-hour period run 50 miles. That's two marathons stacked together," Payne said. Jones said he hopes after he graduates, the 50-mile challenge will live on with help from people such as Payne and others who find the lack of funding for the Women's Center a formidable cause.

To see more action from the 50-mile challenge, check out the audio slideshow on [siude.com](http://siude.com).

## Citizens concerned about losing affirmative action

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Community activists are protesting City Manager Allen Gill's proposal to eliminate the position of community relations officer and combine its responsibilities with the city's human resource department.

The community relations officer is responsible for ensuring the city complies with the goals of the Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity program. The proposal is one of many curbsacks detailed in Gill's preliminary budget adjustments for the 2011 and 2012 fiscal years, during which the city is expected to accumulate a deficit of more than \$5 million.

Community Relations Officer Marilyn James declined to comment on the proposal.

Local business owner Rev. Sidney Logwood spoke in opposition of the proposal at the Sept. 22 City Council meeting. Logwood said because the human resources department hires for the city, giving it the responsibility of monitoring affirmative action would allow it to govern its own actions and, in essence, do away with affirmative action.

However, Gill said there is absolutely no conflict of interest and both departments are involved in recruiting, hiring, promoting and training employees while relying on the same information. The two departments are partners and have to work together to produce federally required reports, he said. "Affirmative action is a human resources function," Gill said. "In most small cities and small agencies, the affirmative action program is administered by the human resources department."

Logwood also said a disproportionate amount of the proposed cuts would affect minorities, such as the closure of the Eurma C. Hayes Center, where youth-orientated Atmucka Community Services operates. He said he doesn't want programs cut that kids can walk across the street to and get help.

Gill said minorities are not being targeted.

**"We can't print money, and we have to live within our means."**

—Allen Gill  
city manager

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## Economist: recession exaggerated

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According to Robert Rasche, "The Report of the Death of the Economy was an Exaggeration."

Rasche, the executive vice president and senior policy adviser at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, delivered the annual Vandaveer Chair Lecture in Economics Wednesday in the Student Center Auditorium titled "The Report of the Death of the Economy was an Exaggeration."

Rasche said those looking to point a finger at someone to blame the recession on should be pointing it at one place.

"We, as Americans, fundamentally want a scapegoat, and we don't want it to be us," Rasche said. "All of us should take part in the blame."

Rasche said the reason for the recession is excessive leverage, too much borrowing and too many instances of high-ranking insiders using their own money to buy stock in the company they are running.

Seth Morrison, a senior from Springfield studying economics, said the highlight of Rasche's presentation was how federal spending is unsustainable.

"That's exactly how I feel," Morrison said. "I'm not a big supporter of federal health insurance or anything of the sort, and I think it obviously is unsustainable."

Rasche's speech was the seventh annual presentation sponsored by the Vandaveer Chair, which was endowed in 1960 through a gift from SIUC alumnus W.W. Vandaveer.



KEVIN TRUJILLO | DAILY EGYPTIAN  
Robert H. Rasche, executive vice president and senior policy adviser at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, conducted the annual Vandaveer Chair Lecture in Economics Wednesday in the Student Center Auditorium.

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**USDO is taking students to Springfield Oct. 12th to try to get back the MAR grant. Will you go?**

Yes, I need the grant to be able to attend and need the \$11 to get it back	Yes	No	No
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I would make a difference when we go to Springfield	Yes	No	No

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Gov. Pat Quinn is proposing a \$1 cigarette tax increase to help fill the state's coffers. The proposed tax could raise \$420 million in revenue and would allow the state to fully fund the Monetary Award Program. Do you support a tax on smokers to help address future deficits?

A. Yes, an increase helps reduce dependence on artificially inflated oil prices.  
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 C. No, the tax is on something that the school is going to suffer.

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**ECONOMICS**  
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The lecture series brings in economists for discussions on topics of general interest related to economics and social sciences.

Rasche said to rebuild the economy, a fundamental, cultural change needs to take place, and he expects numerous new regulations to come from the recession.

"Recovery will take place, but it will be a relatively slow process," Rasche said.

Andrew Jones, a senior from Mount Vernon studying economics, said he doesn't know if he agrees with Rasche on introducing a new health care system right away.

"I think it's a good ideal," said Jones, who is also the president of

Omicron Delta Epsilon International Economics Honor Society.

"How practical is it at this point in time? I don't know."

Daniel Eck, a senior from Springfield studying mathematics, said it was encouraging to hear Rasche say the recession has stabilized and bottomed out.

"He was saying there's no indication of it going down," Eck said. "It could go further down, but not at such a rate that it went when it crashed."

Eck, who is the vice president of Omicron Delta Epsilon International Economics Honor Society, said there is even a small chance that the inverse of the same unlikely circumstances that caused the recession could cause an upswing in the economy.

# Work begins today on South Wall Street

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South Wall Street, between Park Street and Mill Street, will be under construction for resurfacing today and Friday.

According to a city press release, traffic will be reduced to two lanes on Wall Street and there will be restricted access to the street from side streets, driveways and parking lots. Significant delays for motorists are expected and the city is recommending drivers use alternate routes.

Additional information is available from the city's Engineering Division, which can be reached at 457-3270.

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Criminal Justice Association meeting and trivia...  
 • 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the Browne Auditorium  
 • Chance for new and potential members to get information on the organization and to discuss future speakers, events and fundraisers.  
 • Free to all students

Sponsored by the Department of Cosmology and General Justice.  
 • Free food and beverages

Interarsity Christian Fellowship  
 • Spokes, worship, community  
 • 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the Lower Level of Central  
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How could you be so heartless?  
 • A discussion about the violence plaguing Chicago public schools and youth across the country  
 • 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the Lower Level of Central  
 • Sponsored by the Black Network Centre and the Black Affairs Council

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"We can't print money, and we have to live within our means," Gill said. "When revenues go down, our spending has to go down."

Though Gill said his cuts and revenue enhancements total more than \$2 million and will fall on everybody, Logwood said the elimination of a deputy chief position in the police department is a smokescreen used to claim equal cuts.

Logwood said because Police Chief Jody O'Guinn wants one deputy chief and a captain as well, there would really be no loss of a position, unlike the consolidation of the community relations officer.

"(For the city) to try and make it seem as though we're doing the same thing over here — that's not the case," he said. Community activist Margaret

Nesbitt said Gill, councilman Chris Wissmann, other community members and herself formerly agreed on an affirmative action plan for the city, a key part of which was the Community Relations Officer position. Nesbitt said a commitment to that plan has already been made because the council signed it.

"We want that plan to hold just like it's written," she said.

Nesbitt said she has confidence the council will not change the plan.

Ella Lacey, retired SIUC professor and community activist, said the community relations position is imperative to strengthen the city's relationship with its citizens.

"(If) the budget is tight, there are many places that you look to, but you don't cut one of the potentially stronger things that you have for gaining the support of the community," Lacey said.

**"We want that plan to hold just like it's written."**

— Margaret Nesbitt, community activist



**JULIA RENDLEMAN | DAILY EGYPTIAN**  
Serita Curtis, left, a resident of Carbondale, and Rev. Sydney Logwood, right, president of the local chapter of NAACP, discuss details for a labor union workshop with Carbondale Community Relations Officer Marilyn James and others at the Eurma Hayes Center Tuesday. "I am optimistic. We will continue to work to level the playing field," Logwood said.

# USG allocates close to half of semester budget

## Prepares for Lobby Day

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Undergraduate Student Government allocated \$3,610 to nine different Registered Student Organizations leaving the government's pocketbook almost half empty.

USG President Priscillano Fabian said he is worried about exhausting the money earlier than usual.

"This is the least amount of money we've had to give out," Fabian said. "Once it's all gone, we have to say, 'Sorry, we're out.'"

The government had \$15,000 to contribute to organizations for this academic year — \$8,000 per semester, Fabian said.

The Native American Student Organization was approved \$800 for Native American Heritage Month in November, the most money received out of the nine organizations.

SIUC Club Softball, back in existence for the first time since 1977, was approved \$250 to help with uniform costs.

College Democrats, Zeta Phi Beta, Taiwanese Student Association, Middle Eastern Dance Enthusiasts, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship and Omega Delta Phi received the remaining \$2,560 for various events.

"It's good to allocate to a lot of diverse events that support different demographics," Fabian said.

The government has \$4,390 left to contribute to organizations for the rest of the semester.

Rhonda Daugherty, chairwoman of the finance committee, said even though she is concerned about the money running dry, she is glad the government assisted student organizations.

"I'm feeling really positive," Daugherty said. "(The money) has been spread out the right way to all the groups."

Besides giving money to organizations, the government discussed giving money back to students by way of the Monetary Award Program Grant.

The grant is awarded by the state through the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to undergraduate students. It covers mandatory tuition and fees and does not have to be repaid.

Dave Lofus, chairman of Internal Affairs Committee, said a postcard campaign distributed 3,500 postcards to students this past week and 1,000 more have been ordered.

Students can write their thoughts about the grant to state legislators who will be given the cards at Springfield on Lobby Day, Oct. 15. They were also encouraged to write letters, sign a petition and attend Lobby Day.

"We've already got 50 handwritten letters with 80 more on the way and hundreds of signatures," Lofus said.

An informational meeting for students about the grant will be held today at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium.

Ashley Epps, vice president of USG, said she's looking forward to Lobby Day, but hopes to get even more support from students.

"The MAP grant initiative has been going really well," Epps said. "But we can't do it on our own."

Other Illinois universities such as Loyola, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and Illinois State University are also attending lobby day, Fabian said.

"It looks like it's going to be a big day," he said.

**"Once it's all gone, we have to say, 'Sorry, we're out!'"**

— Priscillano Fabian, USG president



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Ashley Epps, vice president for the Undergraduate Student Government, and Kaitlin Fischer, USG secretary, listen to one of the guest speakers at Wednesday's meeting.

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## Women in the armed forces and the world

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From wearing evening gowns to soldier fatigues, women have made a way in the world. Women have broken into fields traditionally left for men. Every decade, women get closer and closer to active military service without recognition.

It is understandable, but not acceptable, the way women are now treated in the army. In the past women have served as nurses or behind the lines.

In Western culture, women are not seen as soldiers. Traditionally women are expected to

follow their husbands. It is a past trend that women have started to deviate from. In the military, women have begun to move slowly but surely into prominent positions and the front lines.

They should be recognized and honored for their work. Army standards should reflect this.

In the army, women have worked and fought in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. They have lead groups of men in, conflict and died in conflict.

According to the New York Times video "Women at arms: Beyond the Wire," women are not legally allowed in combat situations. This shows a horrendous gap between policy and actual practice.

Women do the same amount of work as the men in combat situations with no official fronts. This seems to be a great lack in addressing the work contributed by women.

It becomes a problem when women are not respected by fellow soldiers. According to the New York Times video "Women at Arms: On the Ground," women in the army have dealt with name-calling that shouldn't be allowed.

Name-calling is not the only problem. The number of sexual harassment cases has gone up in 2008, according to the New York Times video.

To respond to the growth in the amount of sexual harassment cases, the army hopes to create a sexual assault team for every unit. The fact the army has had to do this shows a real bias between soldiers. In war, it seems there would be a feeling of camaraderie between soldiers. But these reports show there is still a level of sexism in the world today.

Women in the army have become vital. The story of Sgt. Maj. Teresa King shows what women can do to contribute to the armed forces. King said she does not see herself as a

woman, but as a soldier.

The world should see her as one, too. As head drill sergeant, she will have an impact on the soldiers who serve years from now. The fact she holds the position shows the impact women have on the army.

Women need to be seen as equals in America. Those who have painted women's rights as an extreme movement are only using scare tactics to distract the American people from the truth. If these women are not shown respect for their accomplishments, then we are no different from those we are fighting against in other parts of the world.

It is somehow easy for society to forget about women's rights. Without them we begin to lose our democracy and our freedoms as a nation.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I will lose my job if I don't take the regular flu shot or the swine flu shot."

Frank Manning  
a registered nurse in New York,  
at a rally protesting the state mandate that all health workers receive flu vaccinations

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## GUEST COLUMN

# Happy fiscal new year

Marvin Phaup  
MCCLEATHY THIRME

It's a new year and we have a problem. Today marks the beginning of the new fiscal year, and while there are achievements to celebrate, we have a serious failing to fix. Indeed, we may require a new fiscal year resolution.

To start, we can look back and appreciate the professional judgment, perhaps aided by a bit of good fortune that enabled the Federal Reserve, Treasury, FDIC, two presidents and the Congress to act boldly to mitigate the effects of the financial meltdown on the U.S. and world economies.

However, we did so by digging a much deeper fiscal hole. The extraordinary measures adopted by federal agencies and the fiscal stimulus legislation were layered on top of policies that already had the country on an unsustainable path. Under the combined new and old policies, we added \$1.4 trillion, or more than \$4,500 per person, to the public debt in the last fiscal year alone.

As the economy begins to revive and the stimulus winds down, the outlook for debt gets worse, not better. The public debt as a share of national income is projected to rise from 41 percent in 2008 to 68 percent in 2019.

This will happen, even if the economy recovers fully; no new spending programs are enacted, the Bush tax cuts are permitted to expire, and no new crises occur.

Beyond that, current policy will push up future deficits as a share of national income for as far as the eye can see. Unconstrained growth in public debt could trigger more financial instability. As the current crisis shows, financial market shocks affect our lives in fundamental ways: lost wages, unrealized education plans, and family disruption.

Continued deficits also undermine our ability to deal with future adversity, including climate change, the next economic shock or health pandemic. We urgently need to break the federal fiscal habit of increasing spending and borrowing to pay for it.

Like the family that discovers its debts are growing faster than income, we need to adopt

a new year's fiscal resolution. But it needs to be one we can sustain. Experience tells us some types of resolutions are easier to keep than others.

We know that the more specific and measurable our goals, the more likely we will reach them. Aiming to lose 10 pounds, works better than planning to "lose some weight." Breaking an ambitious goal into a series of smaller pieces also helps. Losing half a pound a week for 20 weeks has more promise than 19 weeks of feast and one of famine.

And, setting a specified period for reaching the goal can point us toward a feasible path while creating some urgency to take the first steps. One action each of us could take would be to urge Congress to adopt legislation now to stabilize the public debt as a share of national income by an established future date.

Such a goal would be specific, measurable, feasible, and the process of adjustments could begin now. But as citizens, we need to recognize that in asking the government to adopt a fiscal diet for our nation's health, we would also be asking the Congress to take away our punch-bowl and cookies.

Lower federal spending and higher taxes today may be a necessary sacrifice if we are to sustain our resolution.

The Peterson-Pew Commission on Budget Reform, a non-partisan group of federal budget experts, has been working since January to develop recommendations that would foster long-term fiscal stability.

It is too soon to speculate about the specific content of their recommendations, but it is natural to expect their proposals will attempt to rebalance fiscal resources with spending.

If their recommendations are to be effective, they inevitably will require us to reduce our demands on government to levels that we are willing to pay for.

New year's resolutions are usually about correcting our overindulgences and are rarely pleasurable. But we know that making and keeping them is in our best long-term interest.

Phaup is director of Pru Charitable Trust's Federal Budget Reform Initiative.

## THEIR WORD

# Disclosure of secret facility unmasks sinister nuclear intentions

The disclosure that Iran is building a secret nuclear enrichment plant inside a mountain near the city of Qom underlines the continuing treachery of a government with a long history of evasion.

Iran's actions represent a brazen and indisputable violation of the international rules governing the development of nuclear power. Iran's insistence that the plant is not intended to make weapons defies belief. If Iran has nothing to hide, why then was it hiding this facility?

Why is it under the control of Iran's Revolutionary Guards and not a civil agency of the government? For most countries, it is not a violation to start building a nuclear facility for peaceful uses, but the plans must be reported to the United Nations.

Iran obviously had no intention of doing so. It came forward only when it learned that U.S. intelligence had discovered the nuclear hideaway and the Obama administration was on the verge of going public.

In any case, Iran is not like most countries. It has been out of compliance with U.N. sanctions for so long that building a nuclear facility of any kind, regardless of intended use, violates U.N. rules. Keeping it secret compounds the violation and shows that Iran was working overtime to defy inspection of its nuclear program.

Whatever claim to credibility the government of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad may once have had — surely not much — has been reduced to zero. The reaction of Iran following the disclosure heightens concerns. It test-fired a series of short-range missiles to flex Iran's military might.

This can be interpreted only as a signal that it will resist international pressure to give up its nuclear program.

Nevertheless, a serious effort is called for. When U.S. and allied negotiators sit down with Iran's government in Geneva on Thursday, they must make clear and explicit demands to end Iran's serial deception.

Among other things, Iran must allow inspection of the facility near Qom, and any others like it, turn over blueprints to the nuclear site and make key scientists available to answer questions. If Iran, as expected, still drags its feet, the Obama administration will have to marshal worldwide pressure to change Iran's direction.

For sanctions to work — restricting credit and financial operations, halting energy and technology imports — they must be multilateral and enforceable.

The military option should remain on the table, but Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates deserves credit for warning, as he did on Friday, that this is no trump card.

"The reality is that there is no military option that does anything more than buy time, the estimates are three years or so." As yet, the clash with Iran does not rise to the danger level of the Cuban missile crisis of 1962, but it represents a severe test of the international framework designed to avoid a nuclear crisis and promises more trouble ahead.

President Obama himself was clear about that when he said Iran's refusal to comply would put it on "a path that is going to lead to confrontation." Unless Russia and China support sanctions that can convince Iran to change course, they increase the likelihood of a confrontation that nobody wants.

This editorial appeared in the Miami Herald Tuesday.

Gus Bode says: It's time to send the DE a letter. Don't like what our student columnists and editorial board have to say? Want to make your opinion heard on some other university policy? Do something about it.

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# UN fires top U.S. official in Afghanistan

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**UNITED NATIONS** — Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon fired the top American official at the U.N. mission in Afghanistan Wednesday after a widely publicized dispute with his boss over how to deal with widespread fraud charges in the country's presidential election.

U.N. spokeswoman Michele Montas said in a statement Ban decided to recall Peter Galbraith, ending his appointment as the U.N.'s deputy special representative.

Galbraith said he disagreed with the head of the mission, Kai Eide, over how the U.N. should handle the disputed election.

The secretary-general reaffirmed "his full support for Eide" and made his decision "in the best interest of the mission," Montas said, refusing to elaborate.

Galbraith said he was "surprised" by the decision and worried "insufficient attention was given to how this might impact in Afghanistan, or on the reputation of the United Nations."

"I find it quite astonishing that the U.N. would remove an official

for being concerned about fraud in a U.N.-supported and U.N.-funded election," he said.

In a statement, Ban thanked Galbraith "for his hard work and professional dedication" and recognized his "important contributions."

Eide, a Norwegian diplomat, confirmed the two split over election issues but refused to discuss the disagreement after briefing the U.N. Security Council on Tuesday.

The delay in final results from the Aug. 20 vote led to fears of a power vacuum in the Afghan government that could endure until spring, even as Taliban violence against U.S. and NATO soldiers and Afghan civilians continues to rise.

Preliminary results show President Hamid Karzai won a majority, with former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah in second place. But proclamation of a winner has been delayed pending a partial recount by the United Nations-backed Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC) following allegations of widespread fraud.

Abdullah said Wednesday in Kabul that Galbraith's removal called into question the impartiality of the U.N. mission and the cred-



U.S. Army interpreter Mohammed Halimi questions a man seen shoveling dirt near a road in the Arghandab Valley in Afghanistan on Sept. 24. The man, left, was questioned to see if he was burying a roadside IED or shoveling dirt for concrete as he claimed.  
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ibility of the election process.

Galbraith "had been in favor of vigorous investigations into fraud," he said, and his departure "raises questions about the seriousness of the international institutions in the process" of discerning fraud in the election.

Abdullah said he still supports the U.N.-backed fraud investigation panel but worries about "deliberate delays."

Galbraith was pushing for things to move quickly and pushed for ballot papers to be ordered for a runoff, if needed, he said.

"When somebody who is considered to be serious about this issue is being fired, then the impression it leaves with the people will not be good," Abdullah said. "While still I want to be hopeful about the fraud investigation and the role of ECC in it, it's not a good sign."

# Aid flows to tsunami-hit Samoas; death toll at 119

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**APIA, Samoa** — Police in green reflective vests searched a ghastly landscape of mud-strewn streets, pulverized homes and bodies scattered in a swamp Wednesday as dazed survivors emerged from the muck and mire of an earthquake and tsunami that killed 119 in the South Pacific.

Military transports flew medical personnel, food, water and medicine to the islands of Samoa and American Samoa, which were devastated by the wall of water triggered by Tuesday morning's undersea earthquake. One cargo plane from New Zealand brought in a temporary morgue and a body identification team — with officials expecting the death toll to rise as more areas are searched.

Cars and boats — many battered and upside down — littered

the coastline. Debris as small as a spoon and as large as piece of masonry weighing several tons were strewn in the mud.

Survivors told harrowing tales of encountering the deadly tsunami.

"I was scared. I was shocked," said Didi Afua'i, 28, who was on a bus when the giant waves came ashore on American Samoa. "All the people on the bus were screaming, crying and trying to call their homes. We couldn't get on cell phones. The phones just died on us. It was just crazy."

With the water approaching fast, the bus driver sped to the top of a nearby mountain, where 300 to 500 people were gathered, including patients evacuated from the main hospital. Among them were newborns with IVs, crying children

and frightened elderly people.

A family atop the mountain provided food and water, while clergymen led prayers. Afua'i helped evacuate some patients, and said people are on still on edge and feared another quake.

"This is going to be talked about for generations," said Afua'i, who lives just outside the village of Leone, one of the hardest hit areas. Suva'i Ioane was rattled by the violent earthquake that shook his village of 600 people on Samoa — but he didn't have much time to calm down.

"After the shaking finished, about five or 10 minutes after, the wave very quickly came over us," said Ioane, who was carried by a wave about 80 yards inland from his village of Voutosi. He knew he was lucky to be alive; eight bodies were

found in a nearby swamp.

Some people had enough warning to run to higher ground.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii said it issued an alert, but the waves got to the islands so quickly that residents only had about 10 minutes to respond. Another system designed to alert aid agencies suffered a hardware malfunction that delayed notification, but that did not affect island residents.

The quake was centered about 120 miles south of the islands of Samoa, which has about 220,000 people, and American Samoa, a U.S. territory of 65,000.

Four tsunami waves 15 to 20 feet high roared ashore on American Samoa about 15 minutes after the quake, reaching up to a mile inland, officials said.

Another strong underwater earthquake rocked western Indonesia on Wednesday, less than

24 hours after the Samoan quake, briefly triggering a tsunami alert for countries along the Indian Ocean. The 7.6-magnitude quake toppled buildings, cut power and triggered a landslide on Sumatra island, and at least 75 people were reported killed. Experts said the seismic events were not related.

Hampered by power and communications outages, officials in the South Pacific islands struggled to determine casualties and damage.

Samoa National Disaster Management committee member Filomina Nelson told New Zealand's National Radio the number of dead in her country had reached 83 — mostly elderly and young children. At least 30 people were killed on American Samoa, Gov. Togiola Tulafono said.

Authorities in Tonga, southwest of the Samoas, confirmed at least six dead and four missing, according to acting New Zealand Prime Minister Bill English.

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# What to watch: Best shows of fall 2009 season

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The leaves are changing and the temperatures are dipping. This can only mean one thing. No, not time to stash away flip-flops for next spring. It means fall television is finally here.

### Gossip Girl

*Mondays at 8 p.m. on The CW*  
The teenagers of the Upper East Side have left high school to enter the frightening world of college. Luckily they all ended up at New York University, or at least stuck around the city.

The season started slow with Georgia Sparks (Michelle

Trachtenberg) up to her old tricks, trying to ruin as many social lives as possible.

Sexual tensions are thick as relationships go up and down with the frequency of a yo-yo, but this is expected from the show now in its third season.

For "Gossip Girl" fans who are less-than-impressed with the season's first three episodes, have faith. Creator Josh Schwartz has never started out strong, dating back to his beginnings on "The O.C.," but he always finishes with a flourish.

### The Office

*Thursdays at 8 p.m. on NBC*  
Not since its second season has "The Office" started out with such consistency.

The first two episodes of this sea-

son were jam packed with humor, heart and sadness, but mostly laughs.

Big shake-ups are happening at Dunder Mifflin and this means some people (Dwight Schrute) will feel less than OK. If the show's writers continue to keep putting characters outside of their normal comfort zones, (Toby Flenderson goes on a stakeout mission during the second episode) expect the show to remain as fresh as ever.

Also, the season premier's cold open was one of the best of the show's run. Full of physical comedy, something the show usually stays from, it made for hilarious television.

### How I Met Your Mother

*Mondays at 7 p.m. on CBS*  
After seasons of having its two fe-

male leads bow out for a time because they were pregnant, "How I Met Your Mother" is back to full strength.

While Neil Patrick Harris gets the most recognition from this ensemble cast, the two women (Cobie Smulders and Alyson Hannigan) are the catalysts for all of the action the men engage in.

The season's initial episodes embraced what made this show one of network TV's greatest sitcoms for the past few years.

These are five people who are in the midst of getting older no matter how hard they try not to. They are still dealing with the ins and outs of relationships, new jobs and, well, more relationships.

It is only two episodes in, but this season is shaping up to be its best yet.

### It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia

*Thursdays at 9 p.m. on FX*  
It is remarkable this show is entering its fifth season.

Each episode ratchets up the ridiculous factor as if the writers are having a contest to see who can induce more cringe-worthy laughs.

The season began with "the gang" attempting to exploit the mortgage crisis. Their plans included flipping a house with a family still living in it and DeLo (Kaitlin Olson) attempt at surrogate motherhood in their never-ending quest for cash.

The show has not had a weak season yet, and with a cast willing to do pretty much anything for a laugh, this is a "can't-miss" show week in and week out.

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# STUDY BREAK

**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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

**SUROE**

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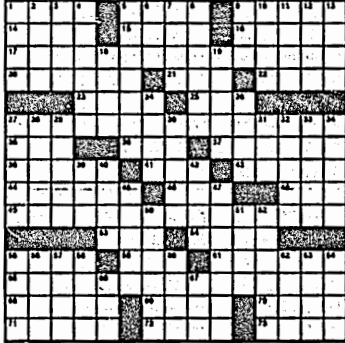
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## Crossword

Wednesday's answers



- Across**
- 1 Gillette's ill razor
  - 5 Young reporters
  - 9 Half-and-half hair
  - 14 Sappers
  - 15 European capital
  - 16 Speed
  - 17 Doe
  - 20 Get loose for the game
  - 21 French monarch
  - 22 Long, long time
  - 23 Matured
  - 25 Maker of ergonomic kitchenware
  - 27 Do
  - 35 Suffix with ranch
  - 36 Coastal bird
  - 37 Car's as spending
  - 38 Dentist's directive
  - 41 Puppy's bite
  - 43 Neary's bail
  - 44 Retaining in the body's main blood line
  - 46 Laddie's negative
  - 48 Indians, on scoreboards

- Down**
- 1 Melting period
  - 2 Gossyp Barrett
  - 3 Passionate dely
  - 4 Haster
  - 5 Ve
  - 6 Military morale-boosting go
  - 7 Indistinct image

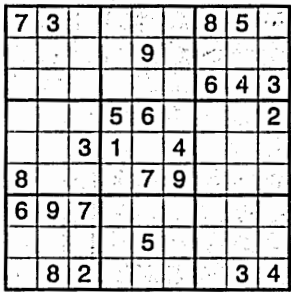
- 8 'Already!'
- 9 'Eva' narrator
- 10 Steakhouse request
- 11 Canadian gas sign
- 12 Oodles
- 13 Clothing store section
- 18 Bygone Serbian auto
- 19 'Finding Nemo' studio
- 24 Lure of 'Jurassic Park'
- 25 Plural ending for noun
- 27 Meal on a skewer
- 28 1 + 1 = 3, for example
- 29 'a Good Man, Charlie Brown'
- 30 How contracts are usually signed
- 31 One, two- vs the armed forces
- 32 Has \_\_\_ up one's sleeve
- 33 City in which de Gaulle was born
- 34 Rear \_\_\_ hit from behind
- 39 Grand Central, e.g. Abbr.
- 40 Sweeps under the rug
- 42 Titled target
- 45 'Good buddies'



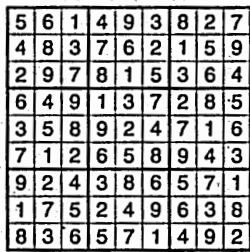
- 47 Sheathes
- 50 White 66-Down, e.g.
- 51 Cat in Cancon
- 52 Land chronized by C.S. Lewis
- 55 One giving Starbuck orders
- 56 Double agent
- 57 Pantomimed disco song

# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group



Wednesday's answers



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold brackets) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

## Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

**Today's Birthday** — Use your communication skills to help you learn something new. Adjust your thinking to the prevailing situation. Creative efforts in an imaginative direction reap big rewards. Females play the larger role. Pay attention to what they offer.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 9 — You say what you mean today, but do pay attention to the response you get. It matters.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is an 8 — Romance over-rides beyond personal relationships to include your work and extracurricular creativity. Enjoy!

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 7 — When talking about your feelings, remember those of the other person. A female may challenge your social position.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is an 8 — You warm up to the subject right after your first cup of coffee. Others chime in, and suddenly you have a plan.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — All systems are go for fun, profit and love! Take advantage of the moment.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Take care of details today (as if you don't always do that). Conventions lead in positive directions. Take notes.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Open your mouth. Try not to insert your foot. Instead, serve yourself some sweet remarks.

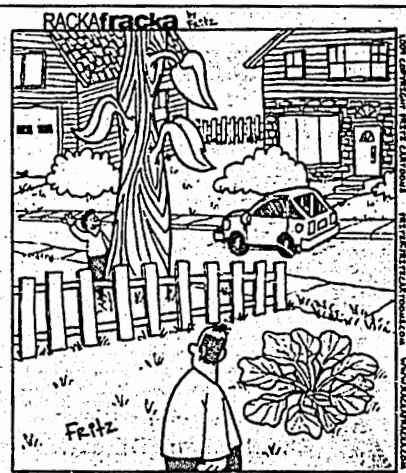
**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is an 8 — Actually, the gods are on your side today. Use this advantage to get what you need from a female.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is an 8 — All systems are go. Record your message early, and replay it frequently. That way you believe it yourself.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — You have a hard time balancing all of your acts today. Respond to e-mails or letters that were on the back burner.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is an 8 — Usually talk is cheap. Today, not so much. Spend your words carefully. You may have to eat them.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 7 — This month you get to do just about whatever you want. Take advantage of that, starting today.



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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

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ROBBINS' NEST

# Cardinals have championship edge

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As a Cubs fan, it really hurts to type this.

Fingers cringe, feelings of self-loathing boil inside and horrible thoughts come to mind, but it doesn't change reality. A cold, hard reality that not even Patrick Kane could beat out of my head.

The St. Louis Cardinals are going to win the World Series.

Ouch.

Fans of the Cardinals are kind of squirming anxiously because the team has gone 5-5 in the last 10 games and its offense has gone cold. Hey, guess what. The Cardinals have nothing to play for. They could clone Neifi Perez nine times and have him play every position on the field for the rest of the way and the results of the games still wouldn't matter. Right now they have nothing to play for.

When the Cardinals do have something to play for, they are a truly ferocious team. There was a point in early August when the Cardinals were a half game behind

the Cubs. Yes, the Cubs had a lead as late as August.

They now sit 7.5 games back of the Cardinals.

The Cardinals have done this by being a very balanced team on both sides of the ball. The most obvious improvement was adding Matt Holliday to the team, giving Albert Pujols a legitimate threat to back him up.

What makes them a winner though is their pitching. From one-to-three, the Cardinals have the best starters in the playoffs bar none. The Giants could have given them a run for their money, but San Francisco is looking less likely for the post-season every day.

St. Louis' ace pitcher, Chris Carpenter, is 16-4 and sports a National League leading ERA of 2.30 and with a WHIP of 1.01. Carpenter came into the season with people wondering whether he could stay healthy. Carpenter has done more than that, as he has completely humbled National League hitters.

The other ace, Adam Wainwright, is 19-8 with a 2.58 ERA and a WHIP of 1.21. While slightly less dominating than Carpenter, Wainwright hosts an ERA that is the envy of everyone in the National League except for Carpenter and San Francisco's Tim

Lincecum. Most teams are lucky to have one pitcher this good — the Cardinals have two.

Finally, there is Joel Poincote. He is not as dominant as Carpenter or Wainwright, but his stats are indicative of a typical No. 2 starter. He is slated to go up against the opposition's third starter. His 3.44 ERA, 15-12 record and 1.14 WHIP is more than respectable.

The offense does not even matter when the pitching is that dominant. In a five-game series, the Cardinals look unbeatable. Carpenter and Wainwright could both start twice. There is not a team capable of knocking three wins out of St. Louis with both of those guys on their game.

The main threat for the Cardinals would come from the New York Yankees. The Yankees have one of the best hitting lineups of all-time. The problem is, the lineup isn't so effective if it can't score.

The Cardinals pitching should provide the team with smooth sailing through the playoffs.

Now excuse me while I turn off my TV all October (and early November, thank you WBC) and shut out this noise.

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St. Louis Cardinals players wait for teammate Matt Holliday (No. 15 left) to cross the plate after he hit the game-winning solo home run in the top of the ninth inning against the Chicago Cubs. The Cardinals defeated the Cubs, 3-2, at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, Friday, Sept. 18.

# Cutler delivers as promised

Andrew Sellgman  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE FOREST — The audio in his helmet went out and the roar from the crowd was deafening, not that it topped Jay Cutler.

The Pro Bowl quarterback led the Chicago Bears to a 25-19 win at Seattle last week and again delivered the sort of performance fans expected following the blockbuster trade with Denver in the offseason. He completed more than 70 percent of his passes for the second straight week since that swif debut at Green Bay.

The difference? "Four interceptions," Cutler said with a grin, referring to the number of times the Packers picked him off.

The past two weeks, Cutler has just one interception and five touchdowns. He leads the league with a 73.8 percent completion rate in that span, and he's getting help from a group of wide receivers that

has taken as many hits as an unprotected quarterback.

Now, the Bears (2-1) would like to get their running game going when they host Detroit (1-2), which just snapped its 19-game losing streak by beating Washington last Sunday.

Chicago ranks 28th in rushing, with Matt Forte struggling behind a retooled offensive line.

He ran for 66 yards last week against the injury-depleted Seahawks and is averaging just 2.5 yards per carry after running for 1,238 as a rookie last season. It's a sharp contrast from a year ago, when he ran for 304 yards over his first three games.

He's still running hard, yet he's also running behind a line with three new starters: Right tackle Chris Williams and left guard Frank Omiyale are more natural left tackles, but that spot belongs to Orlando Pace, who has yet to play up to the level that could land him

in the Hall of Fame after signing with Chicago in the offseason.

Forte said he saw some positive signs and he insisted the hamstring injury he suffered in the offseason is healed.

Forte ran for 126 yards against Detroit at Soldier Field last year, when the Lions were on their way to an 0-16 mark. "They're a different team now, with 31 new players."

"This is the NFL," Forte said. "It's hard to run the ball, and that's not an excuse, but we have to go out there and I have to make some plays, whether it's making somebody miss or breaking a tackle here or there. It's that close to breaking a long run."

Offensive coordinator Ron Turner said give it time.

"We have a very good offensive line," he said. "It's just a matter of us getting everything going. It'll come. It'll come, and we're not going to panic."



## Saluki Insider

The Cleveland Indians fired manager Eric Wedge Wednesday, with only six games left in the season. The team will allow Wedge to coach the remaining games. Good call by the Indians?



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Shame on those players for getting Wedge fired. He was a good manager, and those damn players had to go and get themselves injured and unable to close out games. Then Victor Martinez and Cliff Lee had the audacity to be traded. The nerve of those guys. Hope Wedge taps Grady Sizemore on the shoulder, resulting in another season-ending surgery.

The Cleveland Indians faced several problems, but Eric Wedge was not one of them. The problem with baseball is that the manager gets too much blame when the team does poorly, and too much credit when the team does well. Wedge could not help that his team was rife with injury and had some of their top players traded. I always thought Wedge was a good manager. The manager of the Chicago Cubs wasn't fired on the spot for suggesting a 12-year old boy could take on a prominent coach's role, so I say give Wedge the benefit of the doubt. Let him coach let him coach!

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I don't really follow baseball, but I do know one thing: The fictional Cleveland Indians are a lot more fun than the real ones. With Eric Wedge getting the boot, this is the perfect time for them to hire manager Lou Brown from the "Major League" version of the Indians. If Brown can take a team with Ricky "Wild Thing" Vaughn to the top, then he should do just fine with Grady Sizemore and Shin-Soo Choo.

### ENEMY

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"He's a guy who didn't throw a lot in high school, but we knew he had a strong arm. He just needed to throw some more," Hendrickson said. "He's gotten better every year for us, and we hope he will keep progressing in the future."

Despite the loss of Patterson, Hendrickson said he believes his team will be ready and motivated to face the Salukis.

"They had a weekend to think about (the coaching change), but when we walked onto that practice field Monday, we knew that we just had to put it behind us and play," Hendrickson said. "I've been with Don for 17

years and it is a little different. At the same time though, these players know they face a tough challenge this week in the Salukis, and that is where their mindset is."

Western Illinois will take on the Salukis (2-1) at 6:05 p.m. Saturday in Macomb.

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### TENNIS

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Freshman Brandon Florez is playing in flight one for SIU this weekend after he finished sixth overall in his first tournament playing in flight one.

"I thought I did really well, more than anything I just tried," Florez said. "No matter the results, I was just going to go out and try. If I gave it my best, the tennis would come after."

Junior transfer Falk DeBeenhout

wer also competed in flight one play, falling in the third place match of the consolation bracket against freshman Max Stevens of Tennessee.

Head coach Dann Nelson said he was not surprised by his team's effort.

"We got about what we expected from them in the last tournament," Nelson said. "I don't put any pressure on the guys in the fall. We go out, we have fun, and we take things from our matches and learn from them."

Nelson said he was impressed with the doubles play from the last tournament, even though they were

put together before the tournament started. He said he expects the doubles teams to perform even better in Chattanooga because they are now more familiar with each other.

Nelson said he has his eye set on the spring though, towards a second straight MVC title.

"We have a bit of a tradition here now after winning conference last year," Nelson said. "We have to do whatever we can to help and win it again."

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### ALLARIA

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Allaria has also become one of the Salukis' most explosive deep threats.

Four of his last 13 receptions have gone for more than 20 yards, and the junior is averaging 16.0 yards per catch. He also had a career-best 77-yard touchdown catch against Southwest

Baptist, blowing by the Bearcats secondary to make the catch.

Dieker said he and Allaria do not work on the plays between each other, but Dieker said he knows when to look for Allaria.

"With him being a former quarterback, he knows how to read the defenders, and he can make adjustments that some receivers wouldn't think to do," Dieker said. "I know

when I look over there, he's going to find a way to be open."

Despite his success, Allaria said he is keeping it in perspective.

"It is what it is right now; I've been getting open out there, and Chris is throwing some great passes to me," Allaria said. "Hopefully I can keep going out there and putting up those numbers and helping the team."

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### Junior wide receiver

Joe Allaria dodges a Southwest Baptist defender during the 59-7 win Sept. 19 at McAndrew Stadium.

Allaria has become one of the go-to-guys on the Salukis' offense

with 13 catches, 234 yards and two touchdowns in his last two games.

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EYE ON THE ENEMY

## Leathernecks adjust after Patterson steps down

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Western Illinois will look to move on after losing its legendary head coach for the second straight season.

Former head coach Don Patterson announced Friday he would step down from his position because of health complications.

Patterson, who has the fourth-most victories in Missouri Valley Football Conference history, missed the first seven games last season because of tonsillar cancer. Patterson coached Western Illinois (1-2) in the first three games this season.

He said despite being declared cancer-free by doctors, the physical toll of coaching was too much for him. He said he did not want to be a distraction for his team.

"Right now the most important thing is for our Leatherneck football team and coaching staff to focus on winning our game against Southern Illinois, and eventually a Missouri Valley Football Conference Championship this season. I didn't want them focusing on me," Patterson said.

Saluki head coach Dale Lennon said Patterson's departure is a blow not only to the conference, but to all of college football.

"With all he has done for that program, and to see a great like him have to go out like this, it hurts," Lennon said. "At this point, I wish him the best of luck not as a fellow coach, but as a friend."

In Patterson's place will be former assistant coach and offensive coordinator Mark Hendrickson. Hendrickson served as the acting head coach for the Leathernecks last season while Patterson was undergoing cancer treatment. Hendrickson said taking over the team again would be difficult, but not overwhelming.



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"I know what to expect after going through this last season, and I think our veteran players do too," Hendrickson said. "Getting out there and practicing on Monday though seemed to send the message to the players that we just have to focus on Southern."

Among those veteran players

will be starting quarterback Matt Bair. The third-year starter has taken a bulk of the offense on his shoulders after the departure of last year's running back Herb Donaldson, who finished third in the Walter Payton Award voting for best running back in the Football

Championship Subdivision. Bair has thrown for 824 yards and five touchdowns in three games. Hendrickson said his quarterback's progression through the years has been key to the team.

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TENNIS

## Salukis prepare for final tune-up tournaments

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The Salukis tennis teams will travel to Chattanooga, Tenn., Friday to participate in the Steve Baras Fall Classic.

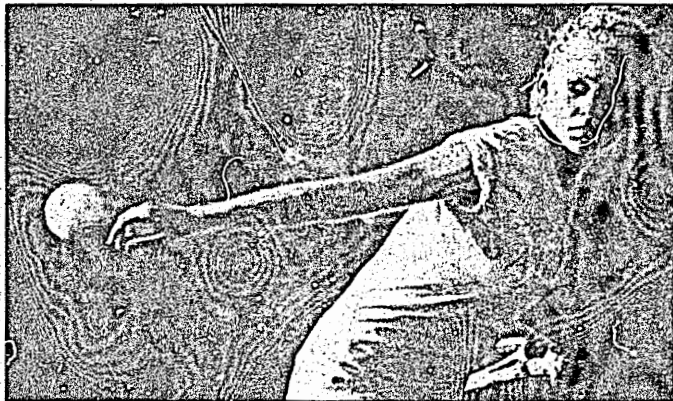
This is the second tournament of the season for the women, who have not competed since Sept. 12. Women's head coach Audra Notwehr said she sees the weekend as an important practice for her team.

"The way we set up tournaments, we purposely had these two first," Notwehr said. "These two are practice for the MVC Individuals, that is our big week. So, the girls don't need to get nervous. They just need to go out and prepare."

The women's team will enter the tournament with no one in the first flight, which is designated for the team's ace, freshman Melanie Dehart was scheduled to be the No. 1 going into the tournament, but is ineligible because of incomplete paper work.

Sophomore Emily Whitney will play in second flight competition for the second tournament in a row. She finished in seventh place in singles in her first attempt—and also fought two in doubles with senior partner Michela Cruise.

"Emily consistently beats every-



KEVIN TRUJILLO | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sophomore Emily Whitney practices with the women's tennis team at University Courts Wednesday. The team is preparing for this weekend's tournament, the Steve Baras Fall Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn.

one in practice except for Melanie," Notwehr said. "We want to see her play more aggressive, but she has to play good competition before the figures that out. She should be getting that this weekend."

Notwehr said the team

worked on singles, but focused on doubles this week.

"They are more prepared with their doubles partners than last time, so they should be able to clinch more wins," Notwehr said.

The men are playing in their third

tournament of the fall. It is their last minor bout before the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Championships in Tulsa, Okla., running Oct. 22 through Oct. 26.

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FOOTBALL

## Allaria now a go-to guy

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Joe Allaria makes switching positions look almost too easy.

A year after switching from quarterback to wide receiver, Allaria has become one of the go-to guys for junior quarterback Chris Dieker.

"That guy is just incredible out there receiving," Dieker said. "He has great hands, and he knows how to run routes. He looks like a natural-born receiver out there."

In the last two games, Allaria has caught 13 passes for 234 yards and two touchdowns. Last season, Allaria had 28 catches for 260 yards and only one touchdown.

Head coach Dale Lennon said the consistency at the wide-receiver position has helped Allaria with his game.

"Last year he had to make that switch from quarterback to receiver, so he never really got a chance to get comfortable with each one," Lennon said. "But with the strides he's made, I think it shows just how great of an athlete he is."

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