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Council raises liquor license cap

NICK JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian

The Shorts have permission to get wet.

The Carbondale City Council voted Tuesday raise the cap of allowed Class C liquor licenses in order to grant Zach Short and his wife Tiffany, of Short Enterprises, Inc., a license for their proposed Blue Fish Liquor and Cigars store. The decision also changed the property's designation from dry to wet.

Mayor Brad Cole abstained from all three votes, saying he chose to do so because of "various thoughts by certain folks."

Cole received a \$5,000 donation under Short Enterprises, Inc., for his mayoral campaign in 2007, according to the Illinois State Board of Elections. He received another \$5,000 donation from the Shorts for his lieutenant governor campaign in June of 2009, according to Cole's Team Brad Web site.

"I saw no conflict in my involvement in this discussion," Cole said.

Cole said had he taken the opportunity to vote on the Liquor Control Commission, he would have voted against granting the license and that he supports lowering the amount of class-C liquor licenses available.

The city now has a cap of eight class-C liquor licenses, per the council's decision.

Councilwoman Mary Pohlmann expressed her disapproval of the current license cap system, a sentiment that was echoed by council members Lance Jack, Stephen Haynes and Joel Fritzer.

Grocery chains might not have applied for a liquor license because they knew how stringent the city code was on the matter, Pohlmann said.

"We would very much like to be able to sell beer and wine, emphasizing local wines and organic beers. We think it would help the business if customers could pick up a bottle of wine while they shop for a dinner," said Francis Murphy, general manager of Neighborhood Co-op Grocery.

Fritzer voted against raising the cap because he opposes the cap entirely.

"I felt that this practice is un-American. It against free enterprise, it's against capitalism and it's supporting monopolies," Fritzer said.

Councilman Lance Jack agreed, saying that the council needs to look at ways to change the city code to improve the business attitude of the city.

"Over the years we've done way too much to discourage business," Jack said. "Anything we can do to encourage new business benefits us as a community."

In other business, the council granted John Allen's rezoning request for a 6.7-acre plot off East Campus Drive. The property was changed from agricultural to low-density residential.



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Zach Short stands alongside his wife, Tiffany, as they present their business plan at the City Council meeting Monday for Blue Fish Liquors and Cigars, a store they hope to open on Reed Station Road. The council voted to increase the cap on Class C liquor licenses to grant the business the ability to sell alcohol.

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Haitian student back on SIUC campus

DEREK ROBBINS
Daily Egyptian

One of SIUC's three Haitian students has returned to Carbondale.

Isaac Marcelin, a doctoral student in business, returned to campus Tuesday. Marcelin went to Miami after the Jan. 12 earthquake in an attempt to reach his family in Haiti but was

unsuccessful. It was not until Friday that he was able to communicate with them.

"Most everyone in my family is OK," Marcelin said. "I am still looking for two people and their children, but I hope they are OK."

Marcelin said he was able to get in touch with his family on the phone, but Internet communication such as e-mail

was not an option.

"The Internet right now over there is very shaky," Marcelin said. "Whenever it is up, it is used solely for phone conversations. The flow of information there right now is not very much."

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Sheila Simon, left, watches as David Hoffman, one of four Democratic candidates for the Illinois State Senate seat, gives an introduction at a reception held at Simon's house Tuesday before the debate. Simon invited the candidates, the College of Democrats and members in the political community to mingle before the event.

A rare rhetoric

Senate candidates debate south of Cook County for first time

JEFF ENGELHARDT
Daily Egyptian

The SIUC College Democrats hosted one of the last U.S. Senate debates in the state before the primary election on Feb. 2 as more than 200 people filled the Student Center ballroom Tuesday.

The debate included four of the five Democrats running for President Barack Obama's former position. State Treasurer Alex Giannoulis, former Chicago Inspector General David Hoffman, Chicago Urban League CEO Cheryl Jackson and attorney Jacob Meister all participated in the debate while Robert Marshall was the only absent candidate.

The event was unique not only because of the heavy student involvement, but it was the only debate south of Cook County, said Tyjuan Critic, former president of the SIUC College Democrats and debate coordinator.

"This is the only debate with the top four candidates outside of Cook County, so we're pretty proud of that," Critic said. "People want to talk about kitchen table issues and not Democrat versus Republican. Students want to know what candidate is going to work to help the economy and end the war — who is going to help."

David Yepsen, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and moderator of the debate, asked the candidates questions ranging from the troop deployment in Afghanistan to solutions for the state's dire economic situation.

The candidates answered questions for just more than an hour and took firm stances on certain issues. Jackson and Meister focused on small business and economic development while Hoffman vowed to help stop corruption. Giannoulis focused on how he would serve all regions of the state.

66 I am proud to be the only candidate on stage who has actually spent time in southern Illinois. When I ran for the office of state treasurer, I promised I would focus on making this not the Chicago state treasurer's office, but the state treasurer office. It's the first time ever the people of southern Illinois have a state treasurer who is focused on southern Illinois.

— Alex Giannoulis
on state divide

66 I am the only candidate here who takes the corruption issue off the table in the general election against the Republicans. Not only because I have no ties whatsoever to Rod Blagojevich or Tony Rezko, but also because I have been one of the leaders in the fight against corruption and full reform.

— David Hoffman
on party reputation

66 To see the devastating impact on middle class families that this recession has caused is the reason why I am probably the only candidate to take this position. That not only am I not for the escalation of troops in Afghanistan, but I would work really hard to bring home our troops and our resources. Because it's time to focus on America, and our house is burning right here at home.

— Cheryl Robinson Jackson
on Afghanistan

66 My feeling is there is not a child or person, who wants to go to college and has the aptitude, that should not be able to in this country. And I will support up to 25 percent tuition assistance whether it is through help grants or through other programs. It is very important. The United States has gone from No. 1 in the percent of college graduates to No. 10.

— Jacob Meister
on student loans

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DEBATE

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Each candidate focused on their different backgrounds in hopes of securing potential supporters. Hoffman spoke about his track record of calling out Chicago politicians, even when it was not popular.

Meister said he would bring a fresh approach to the position after being out of politics for 20 years while Jackson said her personal interaction with struggling people everyday would make her a leader by the people, for the people.

Annunzio said he has created the most proactive treasurer's office in the country and would do the same in the Senate.

Vincent Hardy, former Undergraduate Student Government vice presi-

dent and Jeanette Coronado, a member of the McNair Scholars Program, sat alongside Yepsen and asked two questions to each of the candidates.

Hardy said it was an amazing experience to question the Senate hopefuls and was glad all the questions — not just his and Coronado's — were student generated.

"We spent a lot of time working on the questions. (Yepsen) was very adamant about making sure the questions were generated by students," Hardy said. "I think that with the fact with this was in southern Illinois made this a really unique event."

Hardy asked the candidates about the national deficit and relationship between northern and southern Illinois while Coronado asked about improvements to the student loan process.

Justin Stofferahn, president of the SIUC College Democrats, said the event took about four months to plan. He said while he is proud the group was able to sponsor such an important event, he is not yet satisfied.

He said the goal of the debate was to inspire students to be active in the primary election and head to the polls on Feb. 2 to cast their votes.

"As much as I might wish for it, you're never going to get the amount of interest in a primary as you are in a presidential election, especially one as historic as last year," Stofferahn said. "But hopefully this brought everyone's attention to the election and hopefully they will be excited about it."

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Corrections

In the Tuesday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the caption in the story "Calli's dubbed 'hot' by Travel Channel" should have said, "SIU Alumnus Kevin Morefield holds his camera over the crowd at Calli's Saturday night while shooting for the Travel Channel show 'The Nation's Hottest'." The show featured Calli's as one of the hottest dance clubs in the nation. "It was a little overwhelming at points because everyone was rushing the camera, but overall it was a great experience for me," Morefield, who works as a freelance videographer, said. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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Energy efficiency project saves SIUC millions

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

More conservation efforts considered

A project started in 2004 has allowed the SIUC Physical Plant to save money despite the yearly rate increases.

Starting in 2004, the Physical Plant began using \$4 million in loan money for efficiency upgrades, said electrical engineer Justin Harrell.

Half of the money went to changing about 6,500 incandescent light bulbs with more efficient compact fluorescent bulbs, while also converting all fluorescent lighting to a more efficient technology, according to reports from the Physical Plant's Web site.

Harrell said the plant has already noticed the savings.

"If we did nothing—we would have used about 11 million kilowatt hours, which at our current rate is around \$955,000," Harrell said. "So that's how much extra we would have had to pay in 2009 had we not done the renovations before."

Phil Gatton, director of plant and service operations at SIUC, said the entire SIUC campus saved around 4 to 7 percent of what it would have paid had refurbishing not taken place.

"It was a great project, and we are seeing now how important it was to do right now," Gatton said. "We are saving money off it right now."

However, increasing electricity rates are affecting the amount saved by the refurbishing.

Harrell said SIUC has several electric contracts, which rates have

gone up 50 percent in the last five years. He said rate increases are going higher than the school's electric consumption.

Harrell said despite the increasing rates, the refurbishment was still necessary.

"Had we done nothing, we would be a lot worse off right now—we'd be a million further in the hole than we are now, every year," Harrell said. "On the other hand, our overall costs are going up which is bad because we're not getting any more money to cover that up necessarily from state."

Harrell said he would look at

the situation as an opportunity to look into more cost efficient conservation projects.

Potential projects include new motors for cooling systems in facilities around campus and expanding on a control system, which would allow exact amounts of water and air through pumps in the school without any waste.

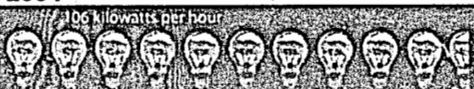
Gatton said he is interested in the conservation projects, but the refurbishment around campus allows the plant more time to look into projects because there is less pressure on it to find ways of saving money.

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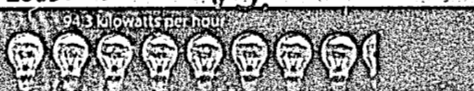
— Justin Harrell
electrical engineer

SIUC's Power Usage

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*Each light bulb represents 10 kilowatts per hour

Source: Justin Harrell electrical engineer

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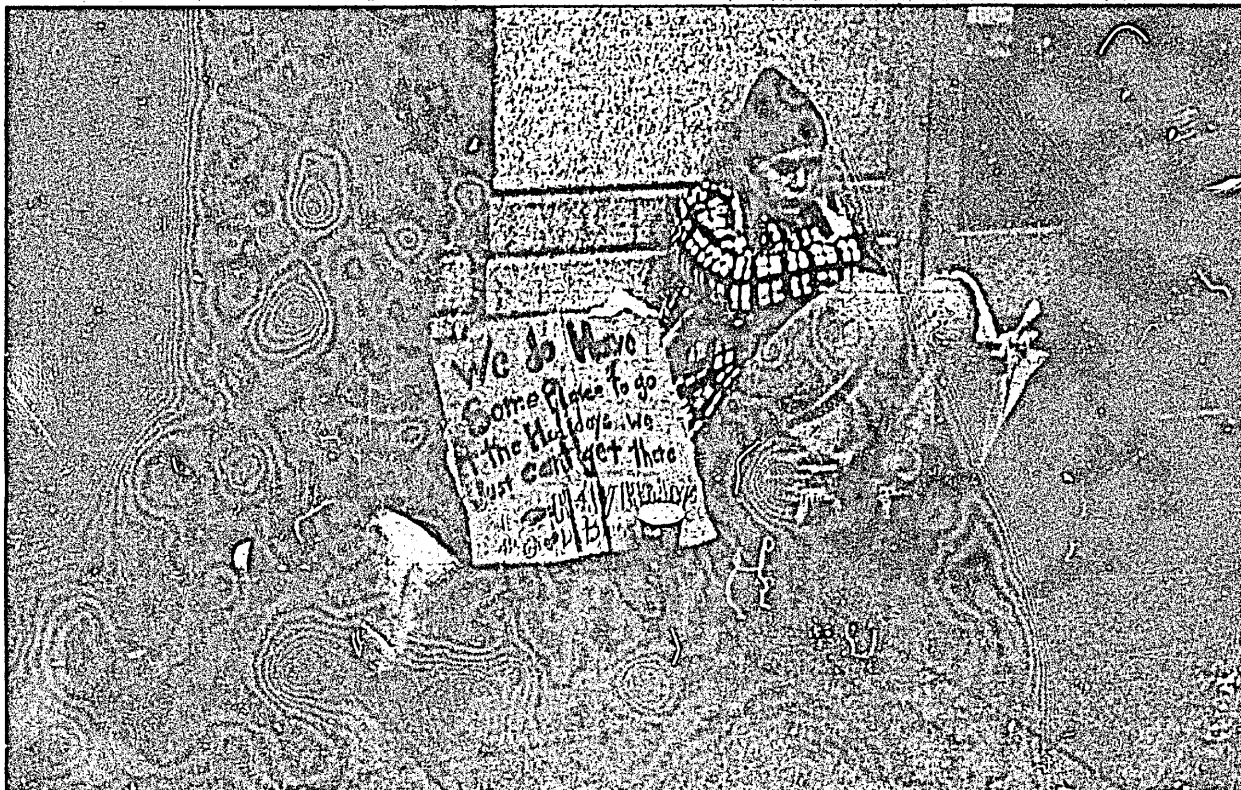
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INSIGHT



What's in the future, Obama?

EDYTA BŁASZCZYK
Daily Egyptian

No matter how much our government is working on fixing the economy, I have not seen many results that were promised to me and my fellow citizens and taxpayers.

Maybe it is because I am impatient. Maybe it is because the failing economy has hit close to home for me. Either way, people, like the woman pictured above, are still suffering.

The sign next to the woman reads, "We do have some places to go 4 the holidays ... we just can't get there. Happy Holidays. God Bless."

I can only guess it is similar to many around the nation.

Here's what the numbers show:

- The Illinois unemployment rate has reached the highest peak in 20 years, with 10.5 percent of people out of work, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which also lists the national rate at 9.7.

- More than 130,000 homes, or one in every 40, received a foreclosure filing last year, according to a RealtyTrac report in the Chicago Tribune. The filings showed an increase of almost 32 percent over 2008, the report said.

- Illinois, along with California, Florida and Arizona, together accounted for 50 percent of the homes forced into foreclosure around the country, according to the Chicago Sun-Times.

- Heartland Alliance, a non-profit organization that brings forth basic human rights issues for the homeless, predicted in its 2009 Report on Illinois' Poverty that by the end of this year, 34,500 more Illinoisans will be added to the already 11.9 percent poverty rate.

So what does this all mean? Now that the idea of poverty is less abstract, and more realistic to many people, I believe the best move is to not freak out but instead make our voices heard to our legislators that we

— the citizens, the voters, the taxpayers — deserve to be on the top of their priority list.

It is not OK the mother and father struggling to take care of their children are forced to pay taxes that are going towards bonuses to top banks and investment firms' top dogs.

- President Barack Obama used the recent bonus uproar to promote a new tax on these giant moneymakers stating, "If these companies are in good enough shape to afford massive bonuses, they are surely in good enough shape to afford paying back every penny to taxpayers."

To those people finding themselves in poverty and homelessness, the Obama Administration and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded \$79,675,377 in homeless grants to help 388 existing programs in Illinois keep operating.

It most likely is because I am impatient and hate seeing people suffer, but government officials better stop doing breaststrokes in their own personal pools of Benjamin Franklins, take the gold earplugs out and listen to what we have to say.

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THEIR WORD

Cole, Turner for lieutenant governor

Republicans: Brad Cole

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole knows something about the position of lieutenant governor that most of us don't know: It can be a vital office to millions of Illinoisans living outside of the Chicago metropolitan area.

Cole is running for the post because the lieutenant governor serves as chairman of the Illinois Rural Affairs Council, which promotes economic and agricultural development and access to health care, and the Illinois River Coordinating Council, which fosters economic development, natural preservation and tourism along the river's watershed. Both are important agencies for downstate towns and villages, business owners and farmers.

The state's second-in-command also oversees the Main Street Program, a downtown revitalization project in which 69 communities participate. "I'm interested in this

job for its duties," Cole said, not because he wants to be governor. That's why he gets our endorsement for the Republican nomination.

Cole, mayor of Carbondale since 2003, has had to handle the type of problems Downstate communities face, from balancing a city budget to responding to a tornado last May that destroyed 150 homes and left residents without power for a week. Given that we have endorsed gubernatorial candidates from the Chicago area, we think it's wise for the GOP to have a statewide nominee from Downstate.

Our endorsement was a tough call because several excellent candidates are competing for the GOP nomination. State Sen. Matt Murphy is an energetic, knowledgeable, thoughtful legislator with a bright future in Illinois politics. Springfield lawyer Don Tracy wants to reform the state's job-killing workers' compensation

Both our Democratic and Republican choices for lieutenant governor have compelling plans.

program. Edwardsville businessman Jason Plummer vows not to accept a state paycheck until the Illinois unemployment rate drops below double digits.

But Cole understands how a lieutenant governor can make a difference. He deserves the opportunity for a shot at the post.

Democrat: Arthur Turner

In a crowded field of six Democrats angling to be Illinois' governor in waiting, respected state Rep. Arthur Turner is our pick.

Turner has earned a reputation as a progressive, honest and effective legislator over a nearly 30-year career in Springfield. He represents a district covering the West Side and west suburbs.

He knows politics and policy, successfully advocating for the disadvan-

tagged while working his way up the Democratic leadership ladder.

He is a deputy majority leader, a position that has tied his fortunes to powerful House Speaker Michael Madigan. We view the speaker as an obstructionist on many issues, but Turner wins our vote because he has shown a willingness to buck Madigan when their views part ways.

Turner's son, who shares his name and home address, is running to replace him as representative. We are sure this will confuse voters — they'll vote for the son thinking they're picking dad for another term. But Turner insists the candidacy was his son's choice and a surprise to him, but both father and son most certainly knew the kid would be a shoo-in.

Both our Democratic and Republican choices for lieutenant gov-

ernor have compelling plans.

Turner argues he could use the expertise he has accumulated over a long and successful legislative career to help move the governor's agenda through the General Assembly.

Depending on who is the next governor, Turner could be a real asset. He also wants to promote volunteerism and find ways to engage young people, both admirable goals.

The "extras" a lieutenant governor brings are crucial, given the limited scope of the job. In fact, those narrow responsibilities and the state's budget deficit could be spun into a pretty good argument for eliminating the post altogether.

But in both Cole and Turner we see two men who could leverage the job into something that does some good for Illinois.

This editorial was published by the Chicago Sun-Times Monday.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



New Illinois law: No texting while driving

CHRISTINA SPAKOUSKY
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale police officers will issue warnings to people who break the new state law that prohibits texting while driving. Police Chief Jody O'Guinn said.

On Jan. 1, Illinois became the 17th state to ban writing, sending or reading text messages and using the Internet while driving, according to the Secretary of State Web site. The law also prohibits making or receiving calls in school and construction zones unless an earpiece is used.

The fines for the violation can be as much as \$150 and could count as a hit against the offender's driv-

ing record, and three hits means a suspended license, according to the Secretary of State Web site.

Jessica Camp, a senior from Joliet studying communication disorders, said she wondered how officers will enforce the law and how they would determine whether the driver is texting versus changing a song on their iPod.

"If they take away text, are they going to (ban) iPods or changing the radio stations?" Camp said.

Campus police don't plan to specifically target the violation, but it is ultimately up to each officer's discretion whether to issue a citation, Director of Public Safety Todd Sigler said.

"We try to give people a break

when we can by taking an education approach to traffic compliance," Sigler said.

O'Guinn said city officers will also give people a chance to get used to the new law, but if texting begins to cause more accidents, citations will be given.

"We'll definitely be enforcing (the law) more stringently if individuals are involved in accidents," O'Guinn said.

O'Guinn said it is obvious if an individual is texting while driving because they are usually weaving and driving all over the road.

"If you can see them actually texting or talking while they're driving, it's pretty easy to enforce," O'Guinn said.

Blayne Miller, a junior from Lawrence studying technology resource management, said while the law may just be another way for the state to make money, the bottom line is that he thinks the ban will make the road safer.

"Talking is fine, but texting is a dangerous distraction for drivers," Miller said.

Now that texting is considered a traffic violation, police will be taking complaints and documenting infractions to figure out how often it occurs, officer Randy Mathis said.

O'Guinn said one exemption to the rule is for police officers, who sometimes need to conduct business on their cell phones via voice or text while on the road.

Wgat? I can't text while driving... who, just 8 a fone pole.

— Gus Bode



Despite the new law, Camp said she doesn't know if she'll ever stop texting while driving.

"It's just a reaction I have," Camp said. "If I receive a text, I have to know what it says."

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Three female SIUC students were uninjured after being trapped on top of a frozen waterfall in the Little Grand Canyon area of the Shawnee National Forest for more than two hours Monday, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office reported Tuesday.

The Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a cell phone at approximately 5:27 p.m. and rescuers found the three students in the western part of canyon, the report stated. A deputy who was also a member of the Jackson County

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— Charles Mallett
Jackson County sergeant

Rope Rescue Team, with help from about nine other local rescuers, climbed to the top of the waterfall and brought the students down,

said Sgt. Charles Mallett.

The three students were off the established trails, when they became lost and stranded just before nightfall, Mallett said.

Mallett said hikers can easily lose track of time and become lost by nightfall, even if they are on the trails.

"It gets dark a lot sooner inside those woods than outside those woods," he said. "It's always a good idea to have extra clothes, flashlights and one or two mobile phones that are fully charged."

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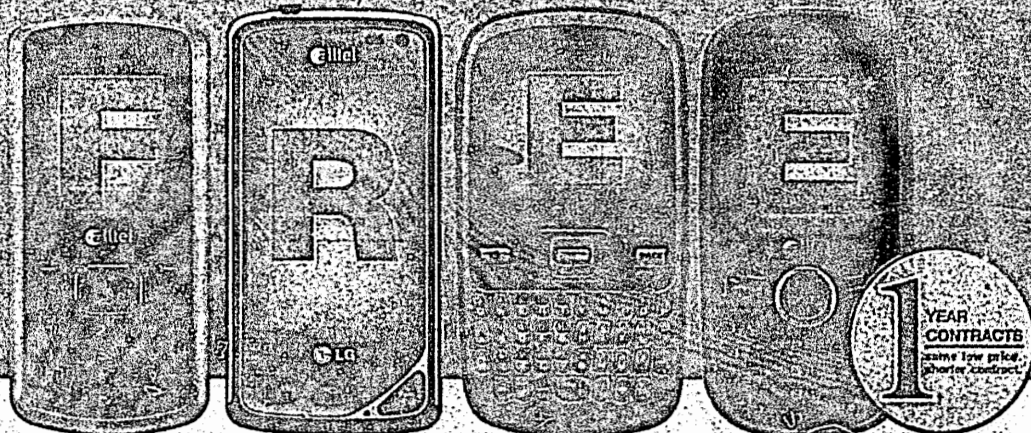
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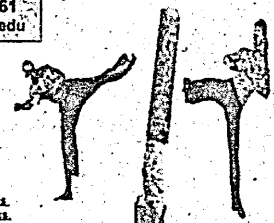
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Marcelin is from Cap-Haïtien, a city along the north coast of Haiti with a population of about 180,000. Cap-Haïtien is the capital of the Nord District, one of 10 districts in Haiti.

Marcelin said he did not know what to think following the earthquake.

"I had a lot of thoughts going through my mind," Marcelin said. "For this to happen to our country, I couldn't believe it. I know how Haitians are deeply wounded in their faith, and if Haitians question their faith, it is for good reason, but there is no explanation for this."

Marcelin said his family did not experience much looting firsthand, but instead saw the community pull together.

"The neighbors help each other out," Marcelin said. "They try to scratch to get their neighbors out of the rubble. If it wasn't for the community pulling together, we would have lost more lives."

Marcelin said it was important for the community to pull together in order to make it through the crisis because most of the country was down, including the government.

"Most of what existed, once it is gone, it is like the whole country is gone," Marcelin said. "Most of the

heavy equipment I know of was scattered all over the country. It's like everything is down, the government is down, the government buildings were down. No matter how strong they were, they were down."

The National Palace in Port-au-Prince was destroyed in the earthquake, as well as other buildings that held ministries. As a result, the Haitian government has relocated to a police station close to the airport in Port-au-Prince. The airport serves as Haiti's communication with the outside world.

Marcelin said the help of outside countries has been very important.

"It has been really impressive," Marcelin said.

Even with the help of outside countries, Marcelin said he expects it to take between 15 and 20 years for Haiti to recover.

"It is going to be a long process," Marcelin said.

Marcelin is in the process of writing his dissertation and expects to be done with his doctorate by the end of the summer. At that point he will go back to Haiti.

"Basically, I never rest," Marcelin said. "I told my friends I would sleep when I die. I am going to finish significantly sooner than I would have so I can return home."

The other two Haitian students, Ricot Saint Aime and Jean Rene Thelusmond, are coming back to



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Isaac Marcelin, a doctoral student from Haiti studying business, speaks about the resiliency of the Haitian people during an interview Tuesday in his office at Kaplin Hall. Despite their personal strength, he said he thinks it will take between 15 and 20 years for the country to get back to where it was.

Carbondale from Haiti by the end of the week. The U.S. State Department said the two had their passports and were coming in from Santa Domingo. The two are from Port-au-Prince and are both graduate students in civil engineering.

"We're very happy to have them coming back into Carbondale and continuing their studies," university spokesman Rod Sievers said. "It is hard not being able to find out information on them right away, but we are glad they are safe."

I think if they feel like they can return to the United States, it means their families might be alright."

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A week after Haiti quake, aid for all is elusive

JONATHAN M. KATZ
The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The world still can't get enough food and water to the hungry and thirsty one week after an earthquake shattered Haiti's capital. The airport remains a bottleneck, the port is a shambles. The Haitian government is invisible, nobody has taken firm charge, and the police have largely given up.

Even as U.S. troops landed in Seahawk helicopters Tuesday on the manicured lawn of the National Palace, the colossal efforts to help Haiti are proving inadequate because of the scale of the disaster and the limitations of the world's governments. Expectations exceeded what money, will and military might have been able to achieve so far in the face of unimaginable calamity.

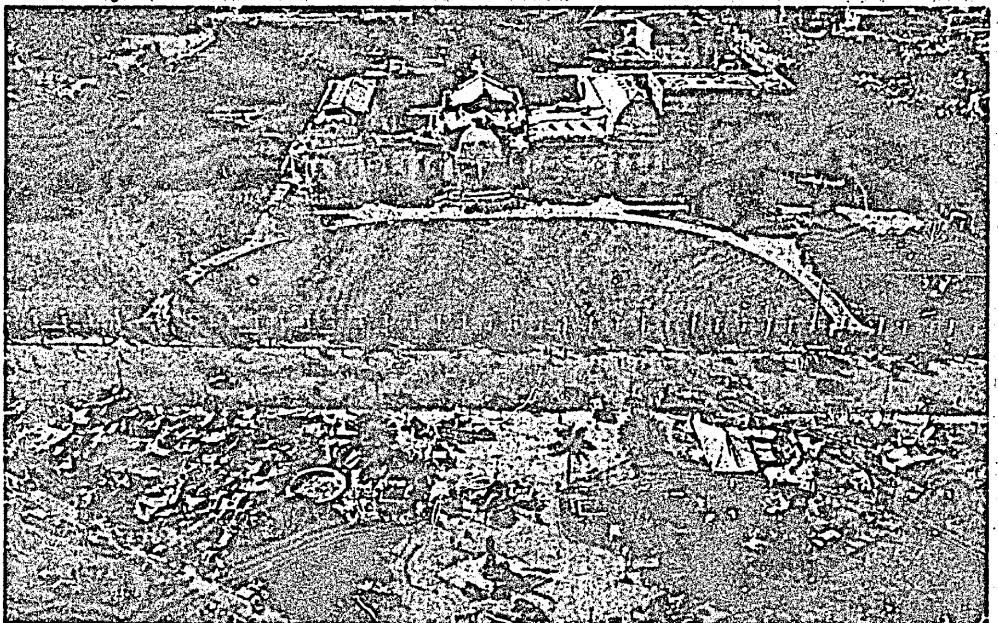
"God has abandoned us! The foreigners have abandoned us!" yelled Micheline Ursulin, tearing at her hair as she rushed past a large pile of decaying bodies.

Three of her children died in the quake and her surviving daughter is in the hospital with broken limbs and a serious infection.

Rescue groups continue to work, even though time is running out for those buried by the quake. A Mexican team created after that nation's 1985 earthquake rescued Ena Zizi, 69. She had survived a week buried in the ruins of the residence of Haiti's Roman Catholic archbishop, who died. Other teams pulled two women from a collapsed university building.

But most efforts are focused on getting aid to survivors.

"We need so much. Food, clothes, we need everything. I don't know whose responsibility it is, but they



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Downtown Port-au-Prince, Haiti is nearly completely destroyed from the 7.0 earthquake that hit one week ago, as seen Tuesday. Pictured is an aerial view of the Presidential Palace, which collapsed.

need to give us something soon," said Sophia Elime, a 29-year-old mother of two who has been living under a bedsheet with seven members of her extended family. She said she had not eaten since Jan. 12.

It is not just Haitians questioning why aid has been so slow for victims of one of the worst earthquakes in history — an estimated 200,000 dead, 250,000 injured and 1.5 million homeless. Officials in France and Brazil and aid groups such as Doctors Without Borders have com-

plained of bottlenecks, skewed priorities and a crippling lack of leadership and coordination.

"TENS OF THOUSANDS OF EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS NEED EMERGENCY SURGICAL CARE NOW!!!!!" said a press release from Partners in Health, co-founded by Dr. Paul Farmer, the deputy U.N. envoy to Haiti. "Our medical director has estimated that 20,000 people are dying each day who could be saved by surgery." No details were provided on how the figure was determined.

The reasons are varied:

— Both national and international authorities suffered great losses in the quake, taking out many of the leaders best suited to organize a response.

— Woefully inadequate infrastructure and a near-complete failure in telephone and Internet communications complicate efforts to reach millions of people forced from homes turned into piles of rubble.

— Fears of looting and violence keep aid groups and governments

from moving as quickly as they'd like.

— Pre-existing poverty and malnutrition put some at risk even before the quake hit.

Governments have pledged nearly \$1 billion in aid, and thousands of tons of food and medical supplies have been shipped. But much remains trapped in warehouses, diverted to the neighboring Dominican Republic, or left hovering in the air. The nonfunctioning seaport and impassable roads complicate efforts to get aid to the people.

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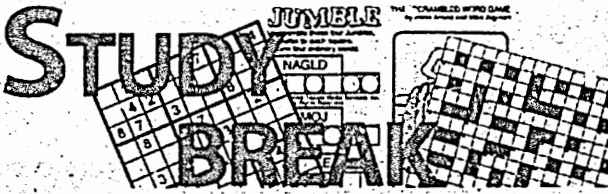
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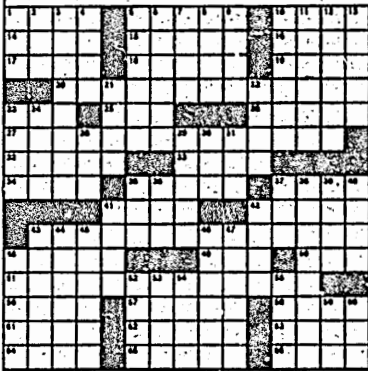
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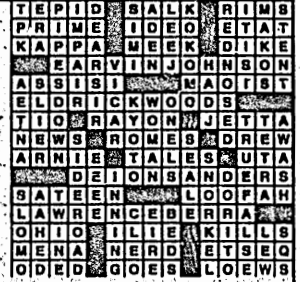
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 - Controversies
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 - Budapest-born conductor
 - "Good heavens!"
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- Scooter ldn.
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 - Get back in business
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 - Counterfeit
 - Right memento
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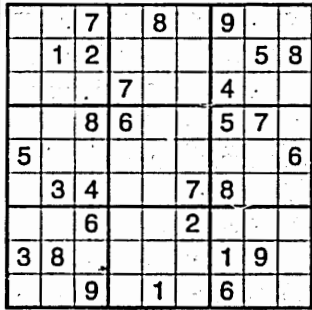


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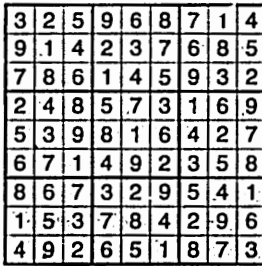
SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

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



Tuesday's answers



Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clements

Today's Birthday — Typical of your usual style, self-reliance is a huge theme this year. You will be tempted to apply force to get your way. A better strategy is to develop a strong plan and implement it through more sensitive attention to the desires of your family or associates.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — More is better in the persuasion department, as long as you speak gently. Talk to several people before making a decision.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — As long as you keep your own responsibilities in mind, you can help others and enjoy the process. Add your personal stamp.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Make significant changes as early as possible. You'll feel better for it, and others will adjust more easily when they're awake and alert.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Take off in a direction of your choice. Do this early and stick to your decision. If you act like a leader, opportunities will come.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Seize the day! You now can make changes that seemed impossible before. As you take off in a new direction, be sure to keep inventing. You may obsess over details.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Re-establish your independence while also honoring your partner's desires. An ambitious idea moves forward because you've thought it through to the end.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Listen to what others say. Their ideas are on target now. Share the task of revising plans and make sure that family members agree.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — Go your own way. Don't let anyone persuade you otherwise. If you can work independently you'll get 10 times more done, and results will be far more creative.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — You don't have as much energy today. Stick to well-traveled pathways and postpone action on original ideas. A friend invites you out for supper.

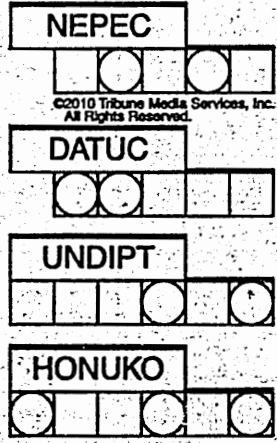
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Independence counts for a lot today. Move your ideas forward and plan a new initiative as well. Balance your checkbook.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Whistle while you work, but not too loudly. Others may do better with silence. Don't stifle your happiness though. It's good for them.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — Even though you want to go off by yourself, logic suggests dealing with responsibilities first. Devise a plan to be at home as early as possible.

JUMBLE

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



THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Agrillon and Jeff Knurek



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis look to sweep season series from Braves

STILE T. SMITH
Daily Egyptian

The SIU men's basketball team came back from a seven-point deficit in the final 1:20 of its Jan. 1 game at Bradley to win 86-81.

The team will look to make things a little easier when the Braves (8-9, 3-4) make the trip to the SIU Arena tonight to take on the Salukis (10-6, 3-4).

Head coach Chris Lowery said it is difficult to beat a team twice in the same season.

"But if you can get one on the road, you feel more comfortable coming back with the second one being at home," Lowery said. "But we can't take that for granted and think we're just going to win."

Lowery said with the struggles the Salukis have had at home with Drake and Northern Iowa, they can't just expect to go in and win.

In its Jan. 1 win against Bradley, SIU allowed sophomore forward Taylor Brown and junior guard Andrew War-

ren to score 25 and 24 points, respectively.

Junior guard Justin Boot said the team would have to focus on the duo early in order to keep them in check.

"Last time we didn't get into them early and they got into a rhythm," Boot said. "We need to slow them down and pressure them more."

After serving a one-game suspension stemming from an ejection in the Jan. 13 game against Creighton, sophomore center Nick Evans will make his return to the court, although Lowery said he wasn't sure if Evans would return to the starting lineup.

Senior guard Tony Freeman was able to score 23 points in the Salukis' previous game against Bradley, and he will look to continue his stellar play against the Braves.

Freeman said he feels more comfortable on the court since he stopped wearing a protective mask Saturday against Evansville. Freeman was wearing the mask as a precautionary measure after an injury earlier in the season.

"I can see, I can breathe a lot better," Freeman said. "My peripheral vision is better. Just my reaction time; my instincts are back to normal."

Freeman scored 13 points Saturday against Evansville after shooting a season-high 10 free throws and connecting on eight of them.

Lowery said the team was successful against Bradley with a four-guard lineup, but it was used for only a portion of the game and he isn't sure if he will go with it again.

"Our bigs really have to be in position in this game because they play twenters at the four and the five," Lowery said. "We have to be really focused."

With students coming back to the university from winter break, Freeman said he expects the arena to be wild.

"They'll be pumped," Freeman said. "It will be a big crowd in here tomorrow, playing rival Bradley."

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CALLAHAN
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2010 is a new chapter in coach Callahan's book and he said he hopes to fill the pages doing what

he does best: being the coach.

"My goal for this year is to just be a college baseball coach — I don't want to be an outsider looking in," Callahan said. "This is what I do for a living and I aim to be involved on

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Saluki Insider

LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers recently announced he will not compete in this year's slam dunk contest during the All-Star Break after very publicly announcing he would last year. What do you think about his most recent announcement?



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Would it really be that fun to watch LeBron dominate Nate Robinson, Shannon Brown and Gerald Wallace? I bet enough of his highlight dunks in every game he plays I don't need to see him ease through the dunk contest. We're long past the days of Jordan and Mike going head-to-head for the title.

Seriously, there will be no LeBron slam dunks? That's like telling people that they can't have all. There is no reason for him to not to compete in the slam dunk contest. He should give the fans what they want.

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For the one player in the league who has the best chance to replace Jerry West as the NBA logo, this was a liberty-dog move. The fans have every right to question James' honorery for the rest of his career now. Truthfully, he was probably just afraid of Nate Robinson.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lowery reportedly candidate at DePaul

STILET T. SMITH
Daily Egyptian

Chris Lowery has been the topic of many conversations during the last week, but some of those conversations have not been about the SIU men's basketball team's performance.

Foxsports.com and the Chicago Tribune have recently mentioned Lowery as a leading candidate to take over as head coach at DePaul University in Chicago. Former DePaul head coach Jerry Wainwright was relieved of his coaching duties Jan. 11 when the Blue Demons fell to 7-8 this season.

Lowery said the rumors have served as a disruption to the team.

"It's a distraction right now," Lowery said. "When that stuff surfaces, it's a negative image of me, and I haven't even created it."

Lowery said he has addressed the rumors with his players on an individual basis.

According to the Chicago Tribune, Wainwright was signed through 2012 for \$800,000 per season and was 59-80 since taking over for Dave Leitao in 2005.



EDYTA BLASZCZYK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU men's basketball coach Chris Lowery shouts instructions during Saturday's 65-57 win at Evansville. Lowery, who signed a seven-year, \$750,000 contract extension with the university in April 2007, has been rumored as a candidate for DePaul's vacant head coaching position.

DePaul Athletic Director Jean Lenti Ponsetto said assistant Tracy Webster was named interim coach and the search for a new coach will take place following the season.

Lowery signed a seven-year contract extension in April 2007 at SIUC for a base salary of \$750,000 plus cost-of-living increases.

Lowery guided the Salukis to three

consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances in his first three seasons as head coach, including a Sweet 16 squad in 2007 which finished 29-7, the most wins in school history, but has gone 40-39 since that season.

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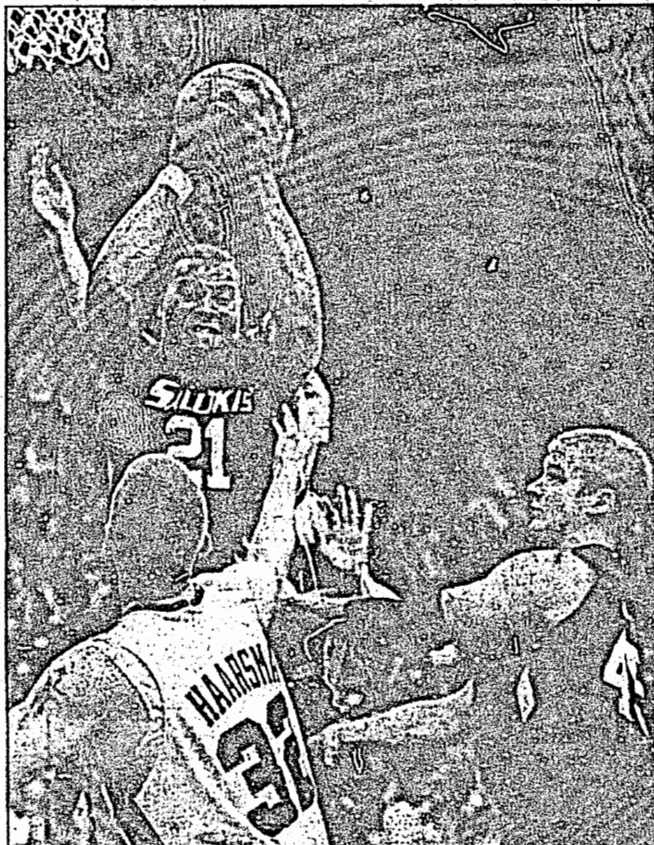
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Teague progressing under tutelage of Fay



DAN DWYER | DAILY EGYPTIAN
Freshman center Gene Teague grabs a rebound during a 65-57 win Saturday against University of Evansville at Roberts Stadium in Evansville, Ind. Teague, who has averaged 13 points and 7.5 rebounds during the last two games, will look to continue his steady play today against Bradley.

BASEBALL

Callahan continues cancer battle, begins practices

RAY MCGILLIS
Daily Egyptian

For head baseball coach, Dan Callahan, being able to throw batting practice for the team this past week brought about the kind of excitement and emotion few people in his shoes might ever experience.

"That was the most I have thrown in over a year and a half," Callahan said. "These 'so-called' little things in life really excite me and I hope these are preludes for things to come."

Callahan, who has led the Salukis to 30-plus victories in each of the last eight seasons, was diagnosed with neurotropic melanoma, a very rare type of skin cancer, in 2006 and has been locked within this personal bat-

tle ever since.

Last season marked the first time he had ever missed a Salukis game in 15 seasons at the helm. However, the second-winningest coach in school history still managed to find time between treatments to make appearances inside the SIU dugout during several home games.

"I knew that I was dealing with health issues periodically, but I did not know it would get to the situation where I couldn't travel with the team," Callahan said. "I plan on being there for everything this year — I'm not out of the woods with my health, but I'm hoping to avoid that kind of

prolonged absence."

Callahan's perseverance through such trying times was recognized most recently when he was named recipient of the 2009 Missouri Valley Conference Most Courageous Award in October.

The award is presented to a past or present MVC student-athlete, university administrator, or coach who shows courage and personal strength in the face of illness, tragedy or adversity.

In a statement released by the Missouri Valley Conference Commissioner, Doug Elgin announced the decision.

"Dan Callahan personifies professionalism in the face of personal adversity, and he's been an inspiration to his baseball student-athletes, and really all those who know him. We feel honored to be able to recognize him," Elgin said.

While the extent of treatment Callahan has endured in these past few years might weigh heaviest on most people, he said it was the loneliness of his hospital rooms, that bothered him more.

Callahan said all the medical staff he has encountered since 2006 have been more than pleasant and satisfactory. "I do know he did not belong in a hospital bed — he was needed amongst the team."

"As much as I like my office and

my alone time, I just simply like being around people," Callahan said. "When you're stuck in a room, it gets old after a while — my preference is to be with the people in my life I enjoy being around."

Through these recent years, Callahan said he learned when your health is put at stake and the reality of personal vulnerability is realized, the most important and meaningful aspects of one's life rise to surface above all else. He said family and friends find their place at the top of his list, but baseball is just as much a constant when pondering what it is he is truly passionate about in life.

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Lowery a DePaul finalist?

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Men's basketball ready to sweep Braves

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Freshman making big strides for Salukis

STILET, SMITH
Daily Egyptian

During the last two games, Gene Teague has proven that his game can be as big as he is.

The 6-foot-9-inch, 290-pound freshman center has averaged 13 points and 7.5 rebounds during his last two games after averaging just 2.1 points and 2.4 rebounds in his first 14 games.

Teague said a large part of his progression has been a result of the guidance he has received from junior forward Carlton Fay.

"I feel like I've gotten a lot more comfortable thanks to Carlton," Teague said. "He's guided me through the process."

Teague, who nearly led the Salukis to a win against Creighton Jan. 13 by putting up career highs of 14 points and eight rebounds, helped the Salukis snap a four-game losing streak against Evansville Saturday when he scored 12 points and grabbed seven boards.

Fay said he tries to make Teague work for everything he gets when the two compete in practice.

"I just lean on him and make it tough for him," Fay said. "I make sure he knows he's got to work to get buckets down there."

Fay said Teague has continued to improve as the season has progressed and he will be a force for the Salukis for years to come.

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— Gene Teague
freshman center

Teague originally signed with South Florida after averaging 20 points and 13 rebounds per game for Living Faith Christian Academy in New Jersey, but was not academically eligible to play, so he enrolled in APEX Academy prep school for a year.

During his year at APEX Academy, Teague averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds per game and was rated as the top postgraduate player in the state by NJ Hoops magazine.

Head coach Chris Lowery said he knew the team would see improvements as Teague continued to get better.

"We knew that if he kept getting his weight down, he would get better," Lowery said. "As he slowly progresses and gets better, so will we."

Lowery said Teague still needs to get into better shape, as he has gotten into foul trouble because of fatigue.

Fay said Teague still has a lot of room to grow and continue developing his game.

"He's still got a ton to learn, being a freshman, but he's playing real hard now," Fay said. "When he gets it down there he's impossible to stop, so we just need to keep working and keep getting him the ball."

Fay said Teague's big frame allows him to back defenders down in the post and he has the ability to score over either shoulder.

Teague will look to continue his stellar play when the Salukis try to sweep the season series against Bradley today at 7 p.m. at the SIU Arena.

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From the Mayor



Mayor Brad Cole

It wasn't exactly a white Christmas in Carbondale, but winter is here and it has brought a new year with it, again. I hope the holidays were filled with the true and kind spirit of giving and thanks, and that friends and family were reunited for at least a few hours or days to catch up on the happenings of the year gone past.

As we move into 2010, the community continues to work through several issues with which I hope we will see improvement. Things could be worse, but they could also be better and we'll focus on getting things better instead of dwelling on the other. First and foremost among those issues is our goal to keep the local economy growing and to stabilize jobs and employment in the area. While our unemployment numbers are much lower than surrounding communities and the state as a whole, one needs only to loosely apply Albert Einstein's theories of relativity and realize that all things are relative... that is, if you're the one unemployed, the fact that other people are not isn't of much consequence.

This is why we keep working to bring in new businesses and try to support existing businesses. But it is also why each of us has an obligation to support our locally-owned and operated businesses and, especially, to support our largest employer and the largest economic engine in the region, Southern Illinois University. As the university's enrollment has dipped in recent years, the regional economy has also declined. Whether we have college-bound children or not, it is important for all of us to represent the campus with good intentions and to support the institution that supports us.

I am proud of the friendships I developed on campus and the two degrees (undergraduate and graduate) that I earned at Southern, and I share that pride everywhere I go. If we would each take an extra moment to think positively and to talk with young people we know, who are about to make college choices, we could see a significant impact on the enrollment of the university. A few hundred or a few thousand more students would have a huge impact on the campus, the community and all of southern Illinois. I have often said that "as goes Southern Illinois University, so goes Carbondale" and now is the time for us to realize that each of us can play a role in strengthening that connection.

So, for Christmas I wished for a more stable economy and lower unemployment, for higher enrollment at SIU, and for a terrific new year for all of us. It's not too late to add those things to your wish list, too.

Brad Cole, Mayor



Ruth Corene McDaniel was presented with the 2009 Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award by Illinois Humanities Council Vice Chair Patricia Simon and Mayor Brad Cole at the December 1, 2009 Carbondale City Council meeting.

Early Voting Dates Announced for Primary Election

The 2010 Illinois Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. Positions to be nominated include United States Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer, Representative to U.S. Congress, State Senator, State Representative, as well as regional, county and judicial positions.

Voter registration closed statewide on January 5, 2010 however, persons not yet registered can still register and take part in Grace Period Voting for the Primary Election. Grace period voting is available in the Jackson County Clerk's Office in Murphysboro during the period of Wednesday, January 6 through Tuesday, January 26, 2010. During grace period voting, persons who wish to vote in the Primary Election may register to vote (or change their voting address) and cast their primary ballot at the same time. Persons not currently registered and not wishing to vote in the Primary Election must wait until Thursday, February 4 to register to vote in the General Election.

Early voting will be available in the County Clerk's Office during the period of Monday,

January 11, through Thursday, January 28, 2010. Only persons who are already registered to vote may participate in early voting. Early voting will also be conducted in the Carbondale Civic Center located at 200 South Illinois Avenue on dates and times to be announced later by the Jackson County Clerk's Office.

In-person absentee voting will be available in the County Clerk's Office during the period of Monday, January 11 through Monday, February 1, 2010. Absentee voting by mail is also available through the County Clerk's Office. An application for an absentee ballot must be requested no later than Monday, January 25, 2010.

A listing of Carbondale polling places for the February 2, 2010 Primary Election is included in this edition of the Carbondale Communiqué.

The Illinois General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Voter registration for the General Election will reopen statewide February 4, 2010. Questions regarding voter registration or the election calendar may be addressed to the City Clerk's Office at 457-3280 or the Jackson County Clerk's Office at 687-7366.



The Comfort Inn and Suites hotel on Reed Station Parkway was a welcome addition to Carbondale in 2009. As tourism continues to grow in the area additional hotel rooms were identified as an essential need for the community.

Haven't You Heard...

New Business Growth Continues in 2010

This past year a number of new businesses moved into the City and some of the home town favorites expanded their locations. Despite the reports of the economy slowing on the national level, it has been a busy year in Carbondale and additional business activity is anticipated in 2010.

In 2009 the City welcomed several businesses to the downtown area which included Stadium Grille, Alliance Investment Group, OnMedia, Fat Patties, Magic Signs, Whittle Boys, Dayshift Gift Shop, Hot Grill, Artistic Mind Laser Tattoo Removal, the relocation and expansion of the Jewel of India, and the opening of the Poblano Grill and Underground Pub on The Island. Ultimate Gymnastics opened a larger facility on Chestnut and University.

On Illinois Avenue Jimmy John's expanded and relocated to a larger location with indoor seating. This year a new Sergio's Mexican Restaurant will open on Illinois Avenue and replace Express Burrito as well as utilize the space formerly occupied by Jimmy John's.

Construction began in 2009 on a new 53,000 square foot National Guard Armory that will serve as a joint use facility for the National Guard, Army and Army Reserve units currently located in Cairo, Marion and Carbondale. The facility is being constructed adjacent to the main runway of the Southern Illinois Airport near the intersection of Airport Road and New Era Road. The estimated \$12 million project is funded through the Department of Defense and will have 17-20 full time employees and nearly 300 personnel performing weekend exercises. This facility is also being designed to have the capability to serve as a regional Emergency Operation Center and if necessary, will serve as a field hospital in conjunction with Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. Ground was also broken at the Southern Illinois Airport on the addition of a new Southern Illinois University Transportation Education Center.

On the west end of Carbondale Tequilla's Mexican Restaurant was a welcome addition. The Fish Net relocated and expanded and Larry's House of Cakes opened a new location at the Murtleale Shopping Center.

The Carbondale branch of the First Bank and Trust of Murphysboro relocated and

expanded operations at West Park Plaza and Eggemeyer Associates and The Apple Tree expanded their locations in West Town Plaza. Work is progressing on the Walgreens development and the relocation and expansion of Subway on West Main Street. Two additional housing developments were initiated which included Prairie Living at Chauntara Phase II and the Villas of Carbondale.

On the east end of town the Comfort Inn and Suites opened for business. Absolute Auto Body relocated from the Wallace Professional Building and began construction of a larger facility on Sweets Drive. Aldi relocated to a larger facility. Today's Technology opened a location behind University Mall, Shawnee Hills Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Center opened in The Office Place on Reed Station Parkway and The Bank of Carbondale opened a branch facility in the former Mid-Country Bank facility at Giant City Road.

New tenants have been signed to occupy the former University Teletrak location and also to fill approximately 30,000 square feet of space adjacent to Dick's Sporting Goods and announcements were also made that NovaCare Rehabilitation and Chili's Restaurant will locate at University Place Shopping Center.

An event of major importance occurred in 2009 when the surrounding taxing bodies in Jackson County collectively approved resolutions that extended the life of the Carbondale-Murphysboro-Jackson County Enterprise Zone for another decade, which will now expire in 2020. This action will help all of the communities within the county and it will particularly serve the City well as work continues to bring in the mentioned businesses as well as attract other new business ventures.

Interest from businesses continues to be shown in the sites of various sizes that are still available for commercial development in the Tax Increment Financing District, a 31 acre redevelopment project area bounded by Walnut Street, Main Street, Logan Street and the Canadian National Railroad.

Businesses and real estate developers interested in available properties in Carbondale should contact Kevin Baity, Assistant City Manager for Economic Development at 457-3226.

Interested in Serving on a City Board or Commission?

The City government has many citizen boards and commissions that may benefit from your involvement, including the Planning Commission, the Human Relations Commission, the Library Board of Trustees, the Preservation

Commission and many more.

If you are interested in becoming involved in your City government, contact the Office of the Mayor for more details at 457-3229 or stop by City Hall.



The City of Carbondale Police Department Citizens Policy Academy Graduation was held on December 15, 2009. Pictured are the Class of 2009 graduates and officials and staff that participated in the ceremony. Pictured in the front row are Chief O'Guinn, City Manager Allen Gill, Wilma Reese, Albert Teran, Bryan Brown, Deana Zink, Officer Malthis and SIUC Director of Public Safety Todd Sigler. Pictured with Mayor Brad Cole in the top row are Michelle Brewer, Danny Martin, Julie Martin and Barbara Williamson.

Rental Property Registration Fees Due January 31

The preservation and stabilization of residential neighborhoods, along with ensuring that the housing stock in the community is maintained in a safe, sound and sanitary condition is a priority of the City of Carbondale. The Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program has been effective in gradually improving the housing stock of the community, particularly in older neighborhoods where single family homes have been converted for multiple occupancy use.

Through the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program, detailed inspections are conducted on the exterior and interior of rental properties. The scheduled inspections are initiated through the City's Building & Neighborhood Services Division.

Violations that are noted are required to be corrected before a certificate of occupancy can be issued.

In November, 2007 the City Council approved an annual registration of all rental units in Carbondale. The revised requirements on registration took effect on January 1, 2009. An annual fee of \$35.00 per residential rental dwelling unit is required to be paid at the time of registration by the property owner.

Invoices have been mailed out to property owners and managers, with full payment due by January 31, 2010. For further information about the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program, contact the Building and Neighborhood Services Division at 457-3237.

Monthly Outdoor Warning Siren Testing

Outdoor warning sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. During inclement weather, sirens will not be tested.

If a siren is sounded other than during a scheduled test, this alarm indicates an actual

emergency.

Remember that a watch means that conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop and a warning means that severe weather is occurring and you should take shelter immediately.

Sixth Annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting January 16, 2010

Carbondale residents are invited to attend the sixth annual Neighborhood Alliance Meeting which will be held on Saturday morning, January 16, 2010 at the Newman Center located at 715 South Washington Street in Carbondale. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for registration and refreshments. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at noon. Soup and chili will be served following the meeting.

The Neighborhood Alliance Meetings are sponsored by the Housing and Neighborhood Action Group of Carbondale Conversations for Community Action. The group's current project is the Map Your Neighborhood program. This program is being used around the country and the group has introduced the program to Southern Illinois.

At the Neighborhood Alliance Meeting, organizers will describe how they are mapping their neighborhoods and offer advice to new people interested in doing the same on their block. The Map Your Neighborhood program builds and strengthens disaster readiness among neighbors.

In the Map Your Neighborhood program, 10 to 20 neighbors gather to learn the nine steps to take immediately following a disaster, develop a neighborhood skills and equipment inventory, map

the neighborhood and identify areas of concern and verify which neighbors need extra help in a disaster.

At this meeting attendees will also obtain information on preparing for winter storms, discuss ways to improve food bank resources in the Carbondale area, receive an update on the City's Comprehensive Plan and ways that citizens can become involved in the process and also be provided with an overview of the City's new computerized programs for mapping crime, code enforcement and rental inspections.

The meeting is open to all who call Carbondale home. For more information about the meeting, contact Mary O'Hara by email at maryohara@mchsi.com or call (618) 713-0820.

The Carbondale Human Relations Commission initiated Carbondale Conversations for Community Action, a Study Circles program, in 2003 and selected the topic of Building Strong Neighborhoods. Since then, the Housing and Neighborhood Action Group has been working towards that goal.

For more information email studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us or call 549-5302 ext. 386.

Historic Preservation Award Nominations Due March 5, 2010

The Preservation Commission is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Historic Preservation Awards Program. Any property located within Carbondale's city limits is eligible for a Historic Preservation Award. Carbondale residents are invited to submit nominations for any property that they feel is deserving of an award. Property owners are encouraged to nominate their own property. Properties can be nominated in one of four categories:

- **Preservation:** Buildings that have been kept in their original architectural style and are being used for their original purpose.

- **Restoration:** Properties that have been restored to their original style or appearance.

- **Sympathetic Addition:** Construction of an addition to an existing structure that is consistent

with the original architectural style of the structure.

- **Compatible New Construction:** Any new structure that is consistent with the original architectural style of the neighborhood or that utilizes historic building materials and techniques.

Nominations are due no later than March 5, 2010. The award winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting in May, in association with National Preservation Month. Nomination forms can be picked up in the Planning Services Division at City Hall or can be found on the City Web site www.explore.carbondale.com.

For additional information on the Historic Preservation Awards, or any other activities of the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission contact the Planning Services Division at 457-3248.

City Co-Sponsored Workshop on Construction Apprenticeship

The City of Carbondale joined with SIUC Construction Management Services, the NAACP, the Illinois Department of Transportation, E. T. Simonds, Attucks Community Services and several trade union representatives to provide an Educational Workshop on Construction Apprenticeship Programs this fall at the E. T. Hayes Center. One of the goals of the workshop was to attract more minorities and females to these types of opportunities and educate them on how to qualify for the various apprenticeship programs.

The event drew a crowd of over 150 participants who were very much interested in learning more

about the construction field and apprenticeship opportunities. The event brought encouragement to those that attended and several have asked for more events to be made available to local residents. For many of them it could be a first step toward an apprenticeship that could lead them to a job in the trades.

Plans are in the works for the City and its partners to sponsor a workshop in the coming months for minority and female owned businesses in an effort to increase their levels of participation in economic development projects in the area.

Las nuevas empresas y la expansión de negocios aumentaron las opciones de restaurantes y servicios de la Ciudad en 2009

Durante este año que termina varias empresas nuevas se han mudado a la Ciudad y algunas de las empresas locales favoritas han expandido sus operaciones. A pesar de los informes de que la economía está empeorando a nivel nacional, este año ha sido un año activo en Carbondale y se anticipa aún más actividad empresarial adicional en los próximos meses.

Este año la Ciudad dio la bienvenida a varios negocios en el centro, entre los que se incluyen Stadium Grille, Alliance Investment Group, Fat Patties, Magic Signs, Whiffle Boys, Dayshift Gift Shop, Hot Grill, Artistic Mind Laser Tattoo Removal, la mudanza y ampliación de Jewel of India, y la apertura de Poblano Grill y Underground Pub on The Island. Ultimate Gymnastics abrió un nuevo local en la cruce de las calles Chestnut y University. En la Avenida Illinois Jimmy John's va a expandir sus servicios y va a mudarse de su actual domicilio en 510 S. Illinois Avenue a un local más grande y con comedor, tres puertas más alijo. Un nuevo Sergio's Mexican Restaurant va a abrir sus puertas en la avenida Illinois, reemplazando a Express Burrito y utilizando además el espacio que Jimmy John's ocupaba anteriormente.

En el verano de este año comenzó la construcción de unas instalaciones nuevas de 51,000 pies cuadrados para la National Guard Armory que servirán como sede adjunta para unidades de la Guardia Nacional, el Ejército y las Reservas del Ejército, actualmente localizadas en Cairo, Marion y Carbondale. El complejo se está construyendo adyacente a la pista principal del Aeropuerto Southern Illinois, cerca del cruce de las calles Airport Road y New Era Road. El proyecto presupuestado en \$12 millones está auspiciado por el Departamento de Defensa y ocupará entre 17 y 20 empleados de tiempo completo y aproximadamente un personal de 300 realizando ejercicios durante los fines de semana. También se está diseñando esta facilidad para que tenga la capacidad

de servir como Centro Regional de Operaciones de Emergencia y, si fuese necesario, como hospital de campo en conjunto con el Memorial Hospital de Carbondale.

En el sector occidental de Carbondale, el Restaurante Mexicano Tequila's fue una adición bienvenida; The Fish Net se mudó y amplió su local; Larry's House of Cakes abrió un nuevo local en el Centro Comercial Murdile. La sucursal de Carbondale del First Bank and Trust of Murphysboro se mudó y expandió sus operaciones en West Town Plaza; y Eggmeyer Associates y The Apple Tree también ampliaron sus locales en West Town Plaza. Se adelantaron trabajos en la construcción de Walgreens y en la relocalización y ampliación de Subway en West Main Street. Se inició la construcción de dos urbanizaciones residenciales, que incluyen Prairie Living en Chautauqua Fase II y las Villas de Carbondale.

En el sector oriental de la ciudad, Comfort Inn and Suites inició operaciones; Absolute Auto Body se mudó de Wallace Professional Building a unas instalaciones más amplias en Sweets Drive; Aldi se mudó a un local más grande; Today's Technology abrió un local detrás de University Mall y Shawnee Hills Oral and Maxillofacial Center empezó a operar en The Office Place.

Continúa demostrándose interés en los locales de variados tamaños que aún están disponibles para desarrollo comercial en el Distrito Financiero Tax Increment, un proyecto con un área de 31 acres de re-desarrollo entre los límites de Walnut Street, Main Street, Logan Street y la carillera de Canadian National Railroad.

Las empresas y los urbanizadores que estén interesados en las propiedades disponibles en Carbondale deben contactar a Kevin Bailly, Sub-administrador de Desarrollo Económico, al 457-3226.

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Haven't You Heard...

Southern Illinois Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. January 17, 2010

The public is invited to attend the Southern Illinois Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which will be held at the Civic Center on Sunday, January 17, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. The event is held annually and co-sponsored by communities of faith in Carbondale and Murphysboro.

The program will include music by the Community Choir, the Dedicated Men of Bethel, and an interpretive dance group from the Baber Chapel AME church in Carver Mills. There will also be a special multi-media presentation created by Iesha Mona Wilson.

Murphysboro Mayor Ron Williams and Councilwoman Corene McDaniel will present the Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award. This award recognizes an individual or group that exhibits the character and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Nominations were accepted from the community until December 31, 2009.

Previous honorees include WDBX radio host Pepper Holder, the late U.S. Senator Paul Simon, SIUC Associate Chancellor Dr. Seymour Bryson and long-time citizen activist Lillian Adams, community volunteers and educators Marjorie Parker, Mary O'Hara and Donna Haynes.

Recipients of the awards are identified as having enacted or modeled a spirit of community service in the manner of Dr. King. For instance, he or she might have demonstrated a commitment to nonviolence and leadership in areas such as intervention for justice, equality and peace, conflict resolution, social change, improved race relations, improved conditions for workers or individuals in the face of inequity, or other efforts undertaken in the spirit of Dr. King.

For more information about the award and the event contact Rex Bill Sasso at 618-529-2439 or email wsasso@juno.com.

City's New Comprehensive Plan Nearing Completion

Work is near completion on drafting a new Comprehensive Plan that will serve as a policy document and official plan guiding growth and development of the community and its future growth area during the next decade.

The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted by City Council in 1997 and since that time there have been a number of new developments and changes to the physical surroundings and economic climate that the new plan will take into consideration.

The Comprehensive Plan identifies the forces that have and will influence the City's land use pattern, social structure and economy and sets forth a planned response to the changes that they will likely bring. This plan will build on the relevant policies of the previous plans, by focusing on the current strengths of the community and recognizing future trends. Because of its nature, taking into account all facets of the community, it is rightly described as a comprehensive plan. It will be in place in Carbondale for much of the next decade, and used as a template to guide community decision-making at many levels.

Funding to engage the services of a professional consultant firm to assist City staff in preparing the

Comprehensive Plan were included in the City's FY 2009 budget. With the assistance of the selected consultant firm, it was anticipated that the Comprehensive Plan would take twelve 12-18 months to complete.

A community symposium was held on March 26, 2009 in which over 175 people attended to provide input on important issues facing the community. Input provided at the symposium along with community discussions is helping guide the overall plan.

The symposium was followed up with stakeholder interviews with various segments of the community. Draft chapters of the Comprehensive Plan that have been completed to date are posted on the City's Web site www.explore.carbondale.com for the public to review and provide comment on. It is anticipated that the plan document will be in final form and presented for formal adoption by the City Council during the first quarter of this year.

There is still time to provide your input in this project. For more information about the Comprehensive Plan project contact the City of Carbondale Planning Services Division at 457-3275.

Applications Being Accepted for Homebuyer Program Grants

The City of Carbondale has been notified that Homebuyer Program grants will be available from the Illinois Housing Development Authority in 2010. Qualified participants can receive up to \$40,000 in Homebuyer Program funds to assist lower income persons with the purchase and rehabilitation of a home located within the Carbondale corporate city limits.

The Homebuyer Program provides up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing cost assistance with the remaining funds for rehabilitation of the property in order to bring the dwelling in compliance with the City's housing codes. Based on the amount of assistance, the prorated loan will be forgiven in five years if the total amount of assistance is less than \$15,000 or ten years if the total amount of assistance is more than \$15,000. Home owners must live in the house as their primary residence for the duration of the loan. The home purchaser must provide at least \$1,000 towards the down payment and qualify for and obtain financing from a participating lender for the mortgage on their home.

Carbondale Police Officer Exam March 8, 2010

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will conduct a written examination for the position of Carbondale Police Officer at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 8, 2010, in the Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale.

All candidates will take the Physical Fitness Assessment which will begin at 2:00 p.m. on March 8th. To be eligible to take the exam, applicants must be citizens of the United States, possess a valid driver's license, have no felony or certain misdemeanor convictions, and be at least 20 years of age.

Applicants must possess 60 semester hours in education from an accredited college or university, except that applicants who have graduated from a law enforcement training academy accredited or approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and who have experience as a regular, full-time police officer (at least 37+ hours per week) may substitute such experience and training for the required education in accordance

with the Governing Rules of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

An optional Candidate Tutorial Session will be held on Monday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center. A practice test will be administered which will be scored on-site. Each candidate attending the tutorial session will be given a study guide to take home. The study guide includes additional practice test items. Applications and pre-employment agreements must be on file in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2010.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, by calling 618-527-3281, by emailing jgarrett@ci.carbondale.il.us or by printing the application, pre-employment agreement and information from the City Web site www.explore.carbondale.com.

The City of Carbondale encourages minority and female applicants. The City of Carbondale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

If you are interested in further program information, please contact Kristina Vaughn, City of Carbondale Housing Programs Administrator, at 549-5302 x.346.

Working Street Lights Keep Citizens Safe

If you notice a street light out or malfunctioning on your street or down the block, in town while you are walking, jogging, bicycling to class, or while driving, dining or shopping during the evening hours, don't keep us in the dark.

Contact the City of Carbondale Citizens Assistance line at 457-3226 or email

jporter@ci.carbondale.il.us to report the location. We rely on you letting us know when you are in the dark. The earlier you call us, the earlier we can get the lights back on.

Help us keep your neighborhood and the City well illuminated. Working street lights keep citizens safe.

Police Providing New Interactive Communication Tool for Citizens

The City of Carbondale Police Department is pleased to provide citizens a new, interactive tool to help them become more informed about crime in their neighborhoods and to help fight crime in their community. Citizens can now visit the Carbondale Police Department Web site and view the newly installed and fully interactive Crime Mapping program called CrimeReports.

Working with nearly 700 law enforcement agencies across North America, CrimeReports is the largest and most accurate online resource for up-to-date crime and sex offender information. The CrimeReports network offers affordable, easy-to-use software tools for law enforcement agencies to understand crime trends and share up-to-date neighborhood crime data with the public. Community members can access the integrated crime map and receive email crime alerts for free, empowering them to make informed decisions to help improve the safety and quality of life in their neighborhood and community.

Crime mapping allows citizens to learn more about the location and type of crime in their neighborhood and community and includes information and photographs of registered sex offenders, as well as informative articles on crime prevention and internet safety. Citizens are also able to access free, customizable crime alerts which will automatically provide them with electronic mail notifications when a crime occurs in their neighborhood. Proactive police activity, including vehicle stops, foot patrols and extra patrol requests are also included. Crime mapping data is updated on a daily basis.

Mayor Brad Cole stated, "In an effort to release more information

and provide more data to the public about crime and criminal activity, we continue to lead by offering more to our residents than any other community in Southern Illinois. We have instituted an e-mail news release system that allows us to share information with anyone who is interested. Citizens are able to selectively search the program, which uses google maps to securely probe the Police Department's database, and plot crime reports by date, time, location and event type. This is just one more way that Carbondale residents can gather information about the community."

Chief Jody O'Guinn added, "The information age continues to provide us with technological advancements that assist us in the collaborative effort between the Police Department and the citizens of Carbondale to fight crime within our City. It is my hope that CrimeReports will provide citizens with an additional, accurate, and timely means to increase their awareness of the crime issues faced by our community and, in some instances, even dispel some of the misinformation that tends to cause anxiety. Additionally, it allows for a greater level of departmental transparency that will undoubtedly increase our accountability to the public, allowing them to see firsthand, our proactive response to criminal activity. The more informed residents are about crime, the more they can help keep themselves and other members of our community safe."

To access CrimeReports simply visit the Police Department's Web site, www.carbondalepolice.com, and select "Crime Mapping" located on the left side of the screen. Citizens can search for incidents based on crime types or by the dates which they are reported.

Keep Informed of City News and Events
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www.explore.carbondale.com

Carbondale Polling Places February 2, 2010 Primary Election

Precinct	Polling Place
1	Carbondale Community High School, 1301 E. Walnut Street
2	Carbondale Middle School, 1150 E. Grand Avenue
3	Housing Authority High Rise, 300 S. Marion Street
4	Housing Authority Community Center, 207 N. Marion Street
5	Eurma C. Hayes Center, 441 E. Willow Street
6	Senior Adult Services, 409 N. Springer Street
8	Church of Christ, 1805 W. Sycamore Street
9	Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue
11	Carbondale Towers, 810 W. Mill Street
12	University Baptist Church, 700 South Oakland
13 & 14	Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1501 Chauteauqua Road
15 & 16	Grace United Methodist Church, 220 N. Tower Road
17	Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center, 150 E. Pleasant Hill Road
18	Carbondale Community High School, 1301 East Walnut Street
19	Lakeland Baptist Church, 719 S. Giant City Road
20	Lakeland Baptist Church, 719 S. Giant City Road
21	University Hall, 1101 S. Wall Street
22 & 23	Grinnell Hall, SIU Campus
24	Evergreen Terrace, Activity Room, 150 Evergreen Terrace
25	Leitz Hall, Thompson Point, SIU Campus
26	Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue
27	Southern Illinois Airport, 665 N. Airport Road
28	Housing Authority High Rise, 1425 Old West Main Street
29	Carbondale Middle School, 1150 E. Grand Avenue

Carbondale City Calendar

January

Date	Meeting	Time
The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16		
Monday - 11th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm
Tuesday - 19th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 6th, 20th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm

Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue

Monday - 4th	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 11th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 14th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 pm

Scheduled meetings at other locations

Wednesday - 13th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Tuesday - 21st	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 28th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Administrative Center 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 pm

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED: City Hall will be closed Monday, January 18th for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.

February

Date	Meeting	Time
The following meetings will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue, and televised LIVE on CityVision 16		
Tuesday - 9th	City Council	7:00 pm
Wednesday - 3rd, 17th	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
Monday - 8th	Carbondale Park District Board	6:00 pm

Other scheduled meetings at the City Hall/Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue

Monday - 1st	Human Relations Commission	6:30 pm
Monday - 8th	Preservation Commission	7:00 pm
Thursday - 18th	Sustainability Commission	6:00 pm

Scheduled meetings at other locations

Wednesday - 10th	Library Board of Trustees, Conference Room, 405 West Main Street	4:30 pm
Thursday - 18th	Carbondale High School District #165, CCHS Cafeteria, 1301 East Walnut Street	7:00 pm
Thursday - 25th	Carbondale Elementary School District #95, Administrative Center 925 South Giant City Road	7:00 pm

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED: City Hall will be closed Monday, February 15th, for the President's Day holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will be delayed one day on all routes.



In December of 2009, the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission announced that the Varsity Center for the Arts was designated as a Landmark District on the Carbondale Register of Historic Places. This is the 15th addition to the Local Register. The Varsity, built in 1940, has an art deco design, making it a unique building in Carbondale. It originally housed a two-tiered auditorium theater which was later split into an upper and a lower theater with a third theater being added in the 1980's. Renovation efforts are underway to restore the original 1940's architecture of the Varsity Center for the Arts and it is being used as a place for theatrical performances, art exhibits and the headquarters for Carbondale Community Arts and the Jackson County Stage Company.

Countdown to Census Day: April 1, 2010

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census be taken once every 10 years. The census determines state, county and municipal population counts. It is very important to obtain a complete and accurate census count because the data collected is used to determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives and the allocation of more than \$400 billion annually in federal funds to states, counties and municipalities. Census data will serve as a planning guide for the construction of new hospitals, roads, housing developments, job training centers, schools and other community facilities and to determine the need for additional allocations for social services, block grants and urban revitalization programs.

One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form contains ten questions and should take less than ten minutes to complete. Completing the

census form is easy, important and safe. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

In an effort to obtain an accurate count in 2010, the City has become a 2010 Census Partner. Through this partnership, the City is informing the public about temporary census jobs in the community, sharing the importance of the census at public meetings, creating Complete Count Committees in the area to promote the completion of the census questionnaire and increase census participation, and is making information available to the public through public service announcements and printed materials.

Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to households in March and are to be returned by April 1, 2010. To learn more about the 2010 Census, visit the City Web site www.explore.carbondale.com.



Pictured is a section of the All-America Cities Award winners quilt that was displayed in the Carbondale Civic Center in recognition of the City's strong showing in the competition.

All-America Cities Quilt National Tour Made a Stop in Carbondale

The completed 2009 All-America City Award winners quilt arrived in Carbondale as part of a national tour, and was displayed at the Carbondale Civic Center from December 1 through December 6 in recognition of the City's strong showing in the competition. Finalist cities were requested to submit a handmade quilt square that was representative of their city.

The All-America Cities quilt is a relatively new addition to the 61-year civic award program. This is the third year for the quilt which represents 30 of the named finalist cities.

The City of Carbondale was announced as a finalist in the All-America City Award competition earlier this year. Carbondale joined 32 other communities in being named a finalist for one of the 10 awards, which were bestowed by the National Civic League for outstanding civic accomplishments. Mayor Brad Cole said Carbondale had not applied for the award since 1971, when the city was named an All-America City.

The All-America City Award is like a civic "Oscar" for communities of all sizes. The program is unique because it recognizes the efforts of entire communities. The award program demonstrates inclusiveness,

collaboration, civic engagement and innovation.

An All-America City must demonstrate a proven capacity for community-based problem solving, grassroots civic engagement and cooperation between sectors (public, private and nonprofit). To become a finalist each participant completed an application documenting three community projects that address local challenges such as job creation/economic development, environmental sustainability, neighborhood revitalization and disaster recovery.

Cole said the City's 5,000-word application focused on local neighborhood revitalization efforts, the renovation of the Varsity Theater and the City's Futures Program, a program which places local high school students in jobs with local employers.

"We are very excited about the fact that we are a finalist for the All-America City Award," Cole said. "Being a finalist is an honor for Carbondale and all of the volunteers and businesses that strive to improve the quality of life for citizens in the community."

This designation is a true recognition of the efforts put forth by private citizens and businesses on a daily basis to benefit Carbondale.

Reminder to Move Vehicles During Snow, Sleet or Ice

Parking is prohibited on Emergency Snow Routes during a snow emergency. A snow emergency is automatically declared when an accumulation of snow or ice exceeds two inches. When this occurs, parking on any portion of an Emergency Snow Route street is prohibited and vehicles will be towed to allow the snow plows access to safely clear the streets.

Permanent signs are posted on each street that is designated as an Emergency Snow Route. These streets are given primary attention during snow, sleet and ice removal operations. When snow or freezing precipitation is forecasted, please make

arrangements to move your vehicle(s) to the driveway or garage so that you may avoid having your vehicles towed and or blocked in by piles of compacted snow.

As the streets designated as Emergency Snow Routes become substantially clear of snow, sleet and ice (clear from edge to edge, for the length of an entire block) the "no parking" snow emergency is terminated and parking is again allowed on the street.

If you have questions, please contact the City of Carbondale's Maintenance and Environmental Services Division at 457-3275.



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