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Cheng reveals possible closure dates

JACOB MAYER
Daily Egyptian

The first of four unpaid closure days at SIUC will likely happen Nov. 24, Chancellor Rita Cheng said Wednesday in an e-mail to the university community.

Cheng said the university has reached agreements with 10 bargaining units, but it has not reached an agreement with the tenure/tenure-track Faculty Association, the Non-Tenure Track Faculty Association, the Association of Civil Service Employees, the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council and AFSCME Local #878.

The other three proposed closure days would occur Dec. 23, Jan. 3 and March 15, she said.

Cheng said the university would continue to consider all options to meet the necessary budget savings, including layoffs of bargaining-unit employees.

"While layoffs are not our first choice, they may become necessary to achieve a balanced university budget," she said. "We intend to continue bargaining in good faith with these units in order to reach some type of mutually acceptable resolution."

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(Clockwise from bottom right) Cobden election judges Midge Stewart, Carol Nebugh, Diane St. Arbor and Janice Inman wait to be told they can go home Tuesday night in Jonesboro at a Union County courthouse. Republican gubernatorial

candidate Sen. Bill Brady won Union county with 3,673 votes to Gov. Pat Quinn's 2,411. To see a video on what students were thinking when they headed to the polls, please visit dailyegyptian.com.

Quinn's lead climbs with absentees

CHRISTINA SPAKOUSKY
Daily Egyptian

Absentee ballots for the Illinois gubernatorial race could take as many as 30 days to count, but David Yepsen says he thinks the real number of votes left to be counted is much smaller than expected.

Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn held the lead Wednesday with a 19,102 vote advantage, 10,002 votes more than he had at the

close of Tuesday night. Quinn still holds about 47 percent of the votes, while Brady holds about 46 percent of 3.6 million votes cast.

Yepsen, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, says Brady's campaign wants to project a brave face on its chances of winning. When the reality of the loss closes in, they're not going to want to look foolish, he said.

"In the next couple days as these absentee (ballots) get counted, Brady may change his

mind," Yepsen said. "Instinctively he wants to say 'hey, let's fight this out; let's keep counting,' but at some point he may decide the classy thing to do is admit the obvious."

The ballots for Illinois governor left to be counted appear to come mostly from Cook County, which include the absentee ballots from military members serving out of state.

"We expect to hold our lead, and may increase it. We do not

see a path to victory for Bill Brady," Quinn spokeswoman Mica Matsoff said.

Illinois law doesn't require automatic recounts in close races — two of which Brady has had this year. He wasn't officially declared the Republican nominee until more than a month after the Feb. 2 primary. He beat his challenger by less than 200 votes.

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Borrowing bill high among fall legislation watch list

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Although higher education is unlikely to be affected by the outcome of Tuesday's election results, veto sessions by the Illinois Senate and House of Representatives this month could make it easier for universities to borrow money.

The Illinois Senate is set for its first session of the fall today, and both the Illinois Senate and House of Representatives will hold six veto sessions, from Nov. 16 to 18, and Nov. 30 to Dec. 2. SIU President Glenn Poshard said

the most important piece of legislation affecting university at the sessions would be possible revisions to the borrowing bill. All university presidents in the state will come together to ask legislators to make revisions to the bill to make it usable for universities, Poshard said.

"We're going to be working with the other presidents throughout the state to see if we can move the bill forward in an amended fashion at this session," he said. "We may need that (bill) next year, and right now we're tied up in the onerous amendments put on it by the House."

Poshard said possible revisions would permit borrowing for more than just one year, remove requirements that make universities pay back what they borrowed 10 days after receiving money from the state and repay all of its debt within one year.

"It makes it difficult to go out on the market and establish a line of credit if you only have so many months to pay it back," he said. "There are just different things in this bill that it makes it so onerous that the universities really don't want to use it, or find it as an ineffective thing to use."

Gov. Pat Quinn signed a bor-

rowing bill June 8 which allowed universities to borrow as much as 75 percent of the money owed to them by the state through public financing. All universities had 90 days to declare their intentions of whether to use the borrowing authority. Poshard said SIU had declared an intention to borrow, but they would only do so in a "worst-case scenario."

SIU is owed more than \$5 million from the state for the budget year that ended June 30, and more than \$101 million for the current fiscal year, according to documents from Poshard's office. The documents state the Car-

bondale campus is owed more than \$71 million for the current budget year.

SIU has a credit line set up at 1.3 percent for the last budget year, but Poshard said a new one would have to be set up for future budget years.

Poshard said he has been told by the state not to expect any money for the current fiscal year to come until January at the earliest.

"If this is delayed beyond January — well, we'll just have to continue to deal

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 This is event is a part of the annual building philosophy graduate conference.

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Dr. Holly Hurlburt Presentation: Sigma Tau Delta Lecture Series
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Professor performs for good cause

RYAN SIMONIN
Daily Egyptian

Philip Burke considers himself lucky — very lucky.

After being diagnosed in 1994 with primary sclerosing cholangitis, a rare and incurable liver disease, the assistant psychology professor has defied the odds of the life-threatening illness through his love for his family, classical opera singing and clinical psychology.

Burke said the illness is mysterious, and has its ups and downs. One of the most notable symptoms for him is the severe chronic itching. He said he has been fortunate his disease has progressed slowly, though he will eventually need a liver transplant, the only known treatment for PCS. However, PCS can sometimes come back even after the transplant.

"It is this big unknown in your life, and finding ways to bring meaning into your life in whatever ways possible, through connections with other people or to a cause of some sort, is very important," Burke said.

At 7:30 p.m. today Burke will perform at the Old Baptist Foundation Recital Hall along with the SIU School of Music in an Opera Gala Concert to raise money for PSC Partners Seeking a Cure, a foundation focused on educating and supporting PSC patients and families as well as funding research for a cure for PSC. Burke said it wasn't until he started doing research on PSC several years ago that he decided to become more involved with the organization.

"The most powerful lesson I



ISAAC SMITH | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Philip Burke, assistant professor of psychology at SIU and classical singer, performs at 7:30 p.m. today in the Old Baptist Foundation Recital

Hall on campus. The concert is a benefit for PSC Partners Seeking a Cure, a foundation that supports patients of primary sclerosing cholangitis.

have learned from this illness in general is to have this ability to partner with other people and to remind yourself and other people that you are not in this alone. Partnerships and support networks are really crucial," Burke said.

Richard Best, a former music professor at SIU and Burke's vocal teacher, said Burke had left singing for a long time and has

recently come back to it. He said since Burke's return, Burke had to build his vocals to where they were 10 or 12 years ago. He said Burke has accomplished much in his life thus far and will continue to succeed.

"His basic character has helped him. His good, solid character has held him in good stead when fighting something so unusual

like this," Best said.

Paul Transue, opera and vocal coach at the School of Music, will be one of the two pianists to perform at the show. He said he worked together with Burke in several operas during the summer.

"It has been a lot of fun to work with someone of his caliber, and we have a lot of talented students

at the university, but he is a cut above that. It is also a good chance for me to involve the students from the SIU School of Music a bit in sort of a community outreach with the fundraiser too," Transue said.

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Randy Hughes, president of the tenure/tenure-track Faculty Association, said the contract the association and university currently work under does not permit the university to implement layoffs. He said the university brought the closure-day issue to the bargaining table about a month ago, but the association has not received a full picture of the current financial situation.

"It's hard for us to begin talking about (closure days) or any other options without having a clear, accurate and consistent picture of what the fiscal situation is," he said.

Hughes said he does not think the

chancellor's e-mail is a proper tactic in negotiations.

"We don't think that this e-mail is within the process laid out in our ground rules and is productive to take negotiations into the press," he said.

Michael Smith, president of the non-tenure-track faculty association, said the association is set to have its first talks with the university Nov. 15. He said the association has an offer with the university on the table, but it has not received a response. The university asked the association to provide a list of its priorities for discussion, which the association did, Smith said.

"Beyond that, and that framework of successive bargaining, there's no way for us to reach any kind of an agreement," Smith said.

He said he is puzzled by the university's strategy because it is different from the association's past relationship with the university. As for the e-mail, Smith said it is a tactic to get the faculty's attention.

"There's no other way to read it except as a threat," he said. "I think it's designed to frighten the faculty and that's just a terrible way to bargain something that needs to be bargained."

If no agreement is reached by Nov. 24, Hughes said his association would continue to negotiate. He said it would be illegal for the university to implement closure days without an agreement.

"We would certainly pursue any appropriate response, including legal response," he said.

ELECTION
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John Jackson, visiting professor at the Institute, said the primary between Brady and state Sen. Kirk Dillard was controversial. The first count had Brady winning by 200 votes. Jackson said after the discovery recount, which is a re-

count of a limited number of precincts, the primary outcome changed only by a handful of votes.

"That indicates the kind of problem he's up against now," Jackson said.

Jackson said the numbers would have to be closer than they are now for a discovery recount to be feasible. Normally, the challenger has to pro-

vide the money for the recount, and Jackson said Brady probably has it.

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The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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with it the way we have been," he said.

SIU Spokesman Dave Gross said today's session would focus on the state's pension fund and how the state would contribute to it. He said there would be meetings with legislative staff today to walk them through the proposal to renew the borrowing bill.

"The proposal passed" was just for the one fiscal year," Gross said. "We just have to keep looking into the future; at the fiscal year 2012, and see if the borrowing is available."

He said he was optimistic the revisions could be done during the sessions, but said it would be tough since there are only six session days set up for the fall.

While the revisions do not have to be made at the veto sessions, Gross said the sooner it is done, the better it would be for the universities.

"The sooner we put this in place, the quicker we'll have it as a backstop in case the state does not give funds out to us," he said.

Poshard said Tuesday's election results would do little to affect higher education legislation, though he said it could

affect Gov. Pat Quinn's intention to support education through income taxes.

"I think there was a clear message that was sent (Tuesday) ... and even though Democrats are still in control, the message is we want to see something done," Poshard said. "So it will be interesting to see how hard the governor pushes his tax increase to help with the financial problems."

Gross said there were still too many uncertainties to know just how the elections would face the decision-making process.

"We just don't know enough yet going forward," he said.

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GUEST COLUMN

Republicans idealistic to promise 'Obamacare' end

Lawrence R. Jacobs
Theda Skocpol
McClatchyTribune

Republican congressional candidates have declared war on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, what they've dubbed Obamacare. They have called for its repeal, and promised to work toward that end if elected.

But the rhetoric is largely political theater. Even if Republicans were to gain control of both the House and Senate in the upcoming election, they would not have 60 votes in the Senate to overcome a filibuster. And President Barack Obama would surely wield his veto power to prevent destruction of his signature legislative achievement.

Still, the knives are out, and though the foes of health care reform can't turn back the clock, they certainly will try to inflict whatever damage they can. The reforms passed by Congress require five years of implementation, which will involve complex decisions at the federal and state level. At every step, vociferous opponents, including virtually all Republicans and many special-interest groups, will be looking for ways to undermine the reforms.

In Congress, there are two tactics a new Republican majority might use to slow health care reform. One is to attach amendments to essential, non-health care-related legislation to delay new taxes and benefits and undercut

cost-control measures such as the new commission to monitor and control Medicare expenditures. The GOP is also likely to use committee hearings and investigations to harass Obama administration officials and prod federal and state officials to loosen rules and accommodate private insurers.

Another avenue for fighting the law will be the courts. Legal cases asking judges to rule the reforms unconstitutional are great fundraising tools for opponents, and they will probably produce the occasional legal victory as the cases work their way through the courts.

But most legal scholars agree that in the end, all or most of the legislation will probably survive. As health care reform was designed in Congress during 2009 and 2010, its advocates chose the most advantageous legal terrain: indeed, the actual bill can be read as a conversation with the courts, complete with findings and quotes from prior judicial decisions, including those of the Supreme Court's current conservative coalition.

For the Supreme Court to ultimately find the law unconstitutional would uproot a wide swath of past decisions, including established conservative jurisprudence relating to restricting abortion, extending the right to bear arms, outlawing medical marijuana and other findings.

Another avenue of attack will come, is already coming, from the health care industry. As the Obama

administration and states draw up rules to implement the new law, they are also having to parry arguments from lobbyists over such issues as how much of the premiums collected by insurance companies are devoted to actual health care, as opposed to administrative overhead and CEO bonuses. Big profits are at stake, and not surprisingly, insurers as well as employers, health care providers and the manufacturers of medical devices and pharmaceutical products are all pressing for rules that grant them maximum discretion and generous payments.

Administration officials have to decide when to play tough and when to give temporary ground, for example, making concessions that would prevent insurers or businesses from dumping people who have insurance before the full implementation of the reforms in 2014.

The battle also will play out at the state level, where some Republican governors are already dragging their feet on setting up the new insurance exchanges that will allow people to use subsidies and shop for insurance plans.

All of these attempts to undermine the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act carry a potential cost. Though public opinion remains closely divided about the law as a whole, majorities of Americans approve of many of its specifics, such as rules that will stop insurers from dropping sick people, or that keep

young adults eligible to stay on family insurance plans, or provide new benefits for seniors and tax breaks for businesses. Other aspects, including subsidies for lower-income Americans, measures to control rapidly rising health care costs and a requirement that people must purchase insurance or pay a penalty, are more controversial.

Still, the more Americans learn about threats to popular parts of health care reform, the less they will like those threatening to go back to 2009. Republicans may soon learn that reopening years of battle over health care reform will play poorly with most Americans.

Moreover, if Republicans try to undo certain aspects of the plan, they may find themselves alienating some of their campaign contributors. Insurance companies and health care businesses are giving big money to Republicans in this cycle, and they will expect a return on their investment. But a couple of the provisions most hated by the right wing of the party and by tea partiers are ones that health care businesses have embraced.

The "individual mandate" rule, for example, which requires most Americans to buy insurance after federal subsidies make it affordable, is something many health care businesses want to keep, because it promises more paying customers and encourages people without known health problems to carry insurance, thus spreading out the

risk. On some issues, GOP leaders will have to choose between pleasing donors and pleasing the tea partiers.

It's not surprising that we're seeing pushback to Obama's health care reforms. Social Security was passed in 1935, but it faced delay, and challenges for decades before it was fully embraced as an essential part of U.S. economic and family life. Medicare went through ups and downs too.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act faces years of struggles in Washington and state capitals, and may be delayed or watered down in the short run. But over the years, states will work out their own versions of broad coverage and effective regulation, as California is already doing. Bit by bit, with a lot of variations across the 50 states, the U.S. health care system will evolve toward more secure, affordable and cost-effective health care for all Americans.

Obama's legacy will stand in the end, and we're betting that by 2025, if not sooner, we will look back and wonder what all the shouting was about.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parents should push to reduce childhood obesity worldwide

DEAR EDITOR:

Across the globe, people should increase their awareness of the growing number of obese children.

The number of children considered overweight or obese has tripled in the last 30 years. Parents of young children need to be especially aware of health risks associated with childhood obesity. One out of every three

kids is overweight or obese. The major health problems that are caused by obesity include, but aren't limited to, Type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. It is also known that obesity in childhood most often leads to obesity as an adult, where many more obesity-related health problems can arise.

To all of the parents out there,

you lead by example. Children tend to eat as often as their parents and also tend to eat the same foods as their parents. Eating a healthy meal with correct portion sizes of nutritious foods is a great start to preventing obesity. There are now more foods eaten that are high in energy but very low in nutrients than ever before in the United States. Soft

drinks have taken precedence over milk and fast food consumption is at an all-time high. Parents need to have meals at home and sit down to eat with their children to lower calorie and fat intake.

Eating healthy meals with correct portion sizes is just one part of maintaining a healthy weight. Regular exercise is also key to prevent-

ing and treating obesity. Limiting the amount of time spent in front of the TV and computer is a must. Parents need to do their part to get their kids outside, running around and exercising.

Chelsea Bickett
junior studying
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BILL CLINTON, former U.S. President, on rapper Lil Wayne, who is scheduled to be released from jail today

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CHEA, actress and singer, in an interview with Uschi Falk, talking about Sarah Palin

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Pinch Penny Pub: Live DJ
PK's: Six Nights Alone

SATURDAY

Copper Dragon: Mike and Joe (\$5 cover)
Key West: Venturis
Tres Hombres: Soothsayers Jub Band/Chicago Farmer
Call's/Callahans: DJ Poin and DJ Awal
Pinch Penny Pub: Live DJ
Global Gourmet: Casey Smith
PK's: Bone Dry River Band

SUNDAY

Bluffs: Lynn Rose/Terry and Friends
Key West: Live Entertainment
Von Jacob: Ivas John Blues Band
Blue Sky: Johanna Jacobsen
Rustle Hill: Carter and Connolly
Walker's Bluff: Hayrides

Mathien's tunes are good for the soul

8 out of 10 on the Simmyscale

RYAN SIMONIN
Daily Egyptian

Mathien's soulful sound is addictive.

In fact, it was so addictive that the large crowd couldn't seem to keep still while the trio played the two-hour set Friday at Tres Hombres.

The Chicago band played songs from its second album "Hello Again" as well as its debut album "Head, Heart and Hands."

The band doesn't fit into any one particular genre, but rather it combines pop, rock, soul and funk into one playful sound. Mathien was reminiscent of Maroon 5 but on steroids as they carried more of a funky and soulful sound.

Chris Mathien, the lead singer and songwriter for the band, is truly one of a kind when it comes to lyrics. His words are the kind that make you cheer, and at times make you smile and laugh.

Mathien's songs were like the perfect puzzle as the lyrics and the instrumentals fit and worked together, which created a perfect harmony between the two.

One song Mathien played, "Saturday Revolution," forces you to stop and think about the world we live in. The song's instrumentals are superior to most tunes on the top of the pop charts today.

The group also played a song entitled "Dirt That I Do," with a theme everyone can relate to. The song is about how no one is perfect and everyone has things they would do differently if they had the chance to do them over again. It was a song with real thought and effort put into it. Mathien definitely brought the band and the audience closer together, making for a more meaningful performance.

Some members of the audience were avid fans, and it showed as they sang along with every word, while others just grooved to the beats. Either way, it was safe to say everyone left in a good mood. Mathien is a band that is worth seeing again and again, even if you don't like pop or soulful music because, as a first time listener, I am addicted.



GEORGE LAMBOLEY | DAILY EGYPTIAN
Guitarist Chris Mathien, right, and bassist Milka Schiff of the Chicago-based band Mathien played Friday at Tres Hombres. The band drew a large crowd and had fans from the Carbondale area singing along late into the night.

WORLD REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Fed takes bold step to try to aid economy by launching plan to buy \$600 billion in gov't bonds

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve announced a bold plan Wednesday to try to invigorate the economy by buying \$600 billion more in Treasury bonds. The Fed said it would buy about \$75 billion a month in long-term government bonds through the middle of 2011 to further drive down interest rates on mortgages and other debt.

This is in addition to an expected \$250 billion to \$300 billion in Fed purchases over the same period from reinvesting proceeds from its mortgage portfolio.

The idea is for cheaper loans to get people to spend more and stimulate hiring. The Fed said it will monitor whether adjustments are needed depending on how the economy is performing.

Some worry the Fed action will do little to boost the economy because interest rates are already historically low. Others fear the bond purchases could drive inflation too high over the long term and unleash speculative buying in assets like stocks.

INDONESIA

Massive blast at Indonesian volcano empties emergency shelters; funds for refugees running low

MOUNT MERAPI — Searing gas and molten lava poured from Indonesia's deadly volcano Wednesday in an explosion three times as powerful as last week's devastating blast, churning people from villages and emergency shelters along its slopes.

After more than a week of continual eruptions and warnings that pressure inside Merapi's crater may still be building, the province warned it was running out of money to help more than 70,000 people forced from their homes.

Soldiers loaded women and crying children into trucks while rocks and debris rained from the sky. Several abandoned homes were set ablaze and the carcasses of incinerated cattle littered the mountain's scorched slopes.

No new casualties were reported after Wednesday's fiery explosion, which dusted cars, roads and towns up to 80 miles (130 kilometers) away in gray ash.

"This is an extraordinary eruption," said Surono, a state volcanologist who had earlier said energy building up behind a magma dome in the crater appeared to be easing.

IRAQ

Al-Qaida front group in Iraq threatens Christians with more violence after bloody church siege

BAGHDAD — Al-Qaida's front group in Iraq has threatened more attacks on Christians after a siege on a Baghdad church that left 58 people dead, linking the warning to claims that Egypt's Coptic Church is holding women captive for converting to Islam.

The Islamic State of Iraq, which has claimed responsibility for Sunday's assault on a Catholic church during Mass in downtown Baghdad, said its deadline for Egypt's Copts to release the women had expired and its fighters would attack Christians wherever they can be reached.

"We will open upon them the doors of destruction and rivers of blood," the insurgent group said in a statement posted late Tuesday on militant websites.

The Islamic State of Iraq is an umbrella group that includes al-Qaida in Iraq and other allied Sunni insurgent factions.

It is unclear exactly what led the group to seize on the conversion disputes between Egypt's Muslims and its minority Christians, although the issue has become a rallying point for hard-line Islamists in Egypt.

WASHINGTON

Palin's candidates score quite a few wins, a couple of losses, and a few might-have-beens

WASHINGTON — Sarah Palin's scorecard? More than three dozen of the Republicans she supported won seats in Congress to challenge President Barack Obama and possibly smooth a presidential run by her benefactor. Yet big losses in Delaware and Nevada may have cost the Republican Party crucial seats in the Senate.

Palin earned high-wattage allies in early nominating states of Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina should she seek the White House in two years. The 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee backed winning candidates from Washington state to Florida, but her political left went to like-minded conservatives in states that could prove critical to a presidential campaign.

"She's got a big following in Iowa and she's generated a lot of enthusiasm and helped the party," said Terry Brandstad, the Palin-backed former Iowa governor who won back his former office on Tuesday. "Gov. Palin has a following, so her endorsement can make a difference."

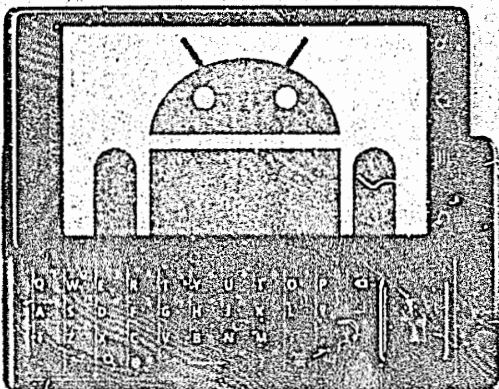
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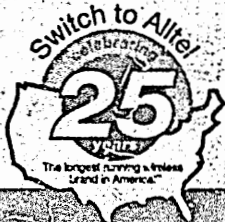
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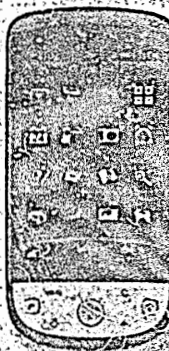


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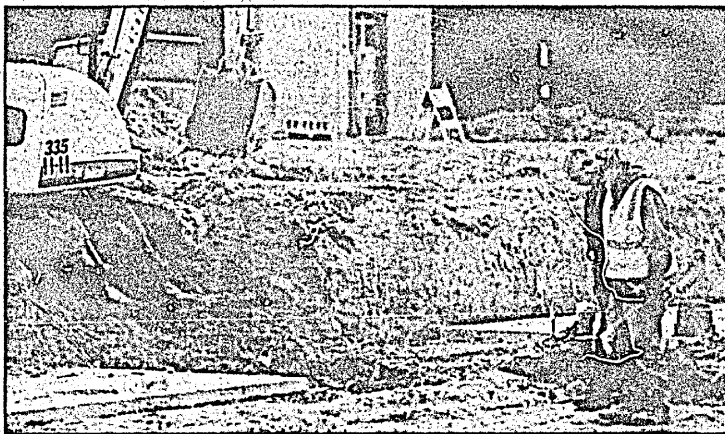
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GAS LINE BREAK OUTSIDE THE GLOVE FACTORY
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Head of Chicago schools to quit

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago Public Schools CEO Ron Huberman will step down later this month.

According to school officials, Huberman tendered his resignation to Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and Board of Education President Mary Richardson-Lowery. His last day in the \$230,000-a-year job is Nov. 29.

In a brief statement Wednesday, Daley said Huberman has shown "great leadership" throughout his 16 years in city government, and thanked him for his service.

After Daley announced last month he won't seek another term, Huberman made clear he had no desire to serve another mayor. Daley responded that "everybody is replaceable."

The 38-year-old Huberman said in a statement he is grateful for the chance to serve the city of Chicago and Daley as his leader.



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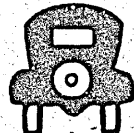
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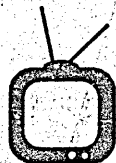
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Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's birthday — Don't worry about a demanding partner. Listen to their words, while paying attention to the mood. What do they really want? Sometimes you just need to hear what's missing in order to transform challenges with respect and compassion.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — You could easily obsess over a partner's injury or illness. It's okay to show concern and even better if you understand the treatment or meds completely. Rest.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Your work environment contains a hazard

that demands attention now. Repair flooring or carpet to prevent accidents. Reduce clutter to a minimum.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — An older person observes over creative details that don't quite come together. Don't force the pieces to fit together or you might break them.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Household matters demand your attention. You wonder how you'll get everything done and still manage your travel plans. Prioritize ruthlessly.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — You're ready to take off on a bold adventure into parts unknown. On a practical note, pack for the destination. Do laundry, and then decide if you need something new.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Others add opinions to your situation. Listen, and then research the facts before you decide what to do. That way you have confidence in the choice.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Huddle privately with your coworkers. More gets accomplished in private today. There's time later to go public, but first get consensus from the team.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Finalize one more question before you present your ideas to the group. Consider the feelings of others as you add the finishing touch.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Family circumstances rearrange your schedule without asking. Surprise! Juggle

the new priority and use spare moments to handle what you'd planned before.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — A new face enters the picture, bringing heartfelt feelings and a deep understanding of your career goals. Expect big changes, and take time for yourself.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Your finances alter when an older person reveals long-term arrangements. Allow this information to soak in before making any plans. Consider yourself fortunate.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Don't freak out! An older person presents a problem, but you grasp a solution with minimal difficulty. Rely on your own values and information gleaned from research and study.

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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The Duplex



JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



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from the Pound

What's your response?

The DAILY EGYPTIAN wants to hear from any Salukis who want to speak their mind. Respond to our Daily Bark question or answers by e-mailing njohnson@dailyegyptian.com with your response and full first and last name for a chance to be published in Friday's paper.

D.E. Daily Bark

The Tennessee Titans claimed Randy Moss off waivers Wednesday, and the receiver said he'll report to practice this week. In a gridlocked AFC South, will Moss give the Titans what they need to get ahead?



Athletically, yes. Intellegently, no.

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He is an offensive weapon, so he would have helped any team. Quarterback Vince Young is suffering ankle problems, so backup Kerry Collins, defined as a pocket passer, is now another option who can help the Titans with the deep ball.

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Moss may be what the Titans need. They already have a solid running game, with running back Chris Johnson. If quarterback Vince Young can stay healthy, if the Titans stress the run game first, then Moss will be open for the deep ball more often than not.

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BASKETBALL

CONTINUED FROM 12

The Salukis scrimmaged Belmont University on Oct. 23 in Nashville for Tiber's first look at her team against a different opponent rather than itself. SIU started off sluggish but played better as the game went on, scoring 41 points in the second of two 20-minute halves, which is on the right track, she said. Tiber said one of her goals is to score 75 to 80 points per game this season.

The scrimmage against Belmont also helped the Salukis with an off-court basketball issue, she said.

"It gave us an opportunity to get away from home, so it was crucial with a young team and we learned we have to come out ready to play right away," Tiber said. "Making that three hour bus ride down to Nashville was a little bit of a challenge for those kids, but it's something we're going to have to overcome this year with a young team."

Last season, the upperclassmen

averaged 35 to 40 minutes a game. With the young, talented team, only Oliver will play those type of minutes because of all the hard work she has put in, Tiber said. Other than Oliver, Tiber feels she has enough young talent to spread playing time around.

The sophomore guard said she doesn't feel any pressure in the leadership or game play departments because Tiber expects her to play the game the way she knows.

Oliver is the only player who has locked a spot in the starting lineup, Tiber said Wednesday at practice. Tiber said having many options is a meter of how the program is developing.

"We have multiple players in each position that can give us minutes. When you watch us scrimmage in practice, the scores are very competitive, even sometimes when I think I have a team overloaded on one side it's still competitive," Tiber said.

Although Oliver has a guaranteed spot, other players are pushing her in practice such as Ignota, Tiber said.

Ignota, a four-year varsity starter for Westlake High School in Thousand Oaks, Calif., before she came to SIU, is a player people are going to be pleased with and excited to watch, Tiber said.

"You see Taylor, she's cute and she's girly, and real small but she's a transformer. She gets on the basketball court and transforms into something very special," Tiber said. "She can shoot the long ball, she is a smooth-shooting lefty, she can get to the basket, she's our toughest kid driving to the basket and she'll take contact and finish."

Shannon said the new players have all adapted to each other's playing styles through their weeks of practice. The goal isn't only to build this team for the future, but to be a quality team this year as well, Shannon said.

"Everybody's saying in time (we'll) be better, but we're going to be good this year," she said.

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VOLLEYBALL

CONTINUED FROM 12

Sophomore setter Rachael Brown said offensively, the Salukis have sped up their tempo so the opponent's blockers don't have much time to get in place before a SIU outside hitter is pounding the ball over the net. Winkler said for these two matches, the middles will be a main component to success, as well as the outsides.

"I'm asking middles to put in some extra time. Last time, we were very successful against both Illinois and Indiana State running our middles, so that'll be key and give us a balanced offense," Winkler said.

Winkler said her offense and defense will need to play at a high level to win these two matches, but the main factor, which will determine the winner Friday and Saturday, is errors.

"In both matches, who can

“In both matches, who can commit less errors, play cleaner volleyball and who can stay on system more, this will be the biggest difference.”

— Brenda Winkler
SIU volleyball coach

commit less errors, play cleaner volleyball and who can stay on system more, this will be the biggest difference," Winkler said.

The Salukis will play Illinois State at 7 p.m. Friday in Normal and will face Indiana State at 6 p.m. Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind.

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Childress on Moss trade: 'It was a poor decision'

JON KRAWCZYNSKI
The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Randy Moss experiment blew up in Brad Childress' face, a spectacular football and public relations failure that has turned up the pressure on the Minnesota Vikings' coach.

Higher than when the Vikings went 6-10 in his first year on the job. Higher than when fans filled the Metrodome with chants of "Fire Childress!" in 2009.

Childress spoke Wednesday, two days after deciding to cut Moss less than a month into his second stint in Minnesota. He declined to answer repeated questions about the specifics of the decision, including the motives behind it and whom he consulted before placing the receiver on waivers.

"It was a poor decision," Childress said, referring to the Oct. 6 deal in which the Vikings sent a third-round draft choice to the Patriots for Moss.

"I've got to stand up and I have to make it right. When it's not right, you need to make it right."

Vikings owner Zygi Wilf, who signed off on bringing Moss back to Minnesota and increasing the team payroll by about \$5 million, has declined comment.

Childress is also under heavy criticism for the way the transaction was handled, which has reflected poorly on the organization. Childress did not mention his plans to waive Moss during a news conference Monday that was broadcast live to fans across the state, minutes before he told his players in a team meeting that Moss wasn't coming back.

He finally issued a statement mere than six hours after the news first broke.

"I have to answer for my decisions," Childress said. "In the long run with ownership, obviously, my name is affixed to wins and losses in this program here. So, it's not an attempt to deceive, it's just a matter of letting the

people know that need to know. And when we came out with the statement, that's when all that had been done."

The latest mess comes on top of a 2-5 start for a veteran team that expected to make a run at the Super Bowl, prompting questions about Childress' job security.

"I'd say that's up to everybody else to look at," Childress said. "I know that basically it's usually tied to how many wins you have and how many losses you have."

Moss didn't help much in that department. The Vikings lost three of the four games he played in purple, and his antics in the locker room and during a postgame rant to the media only made the situation worse.

Moss first raised some eyebrows in the Vikings' locker room last Friday when he berated a caterer who brought in food for the team after practice.

"I wouldn't do it," Brett Favre said. "I was sitting in my locker eating the food. I thought it was pretty good."

Chilean miner prepared for NYC marathon

EVA VERGARA
The Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile — Edison Pena has prepared for the New York City Marathon like no other competitor: running each morning and afternoon in steel-tipped electrician's boots that he cut down to ankle-high shoes.

Pena ran back and forth along a 1,000-yard path through the darkness and stifling heat and humidity inside the collapsed gold and copper mine where he and 32 other men were trapped for 69 days before last month's dramatic rescue.

Pena ran to clear his head, to push away his anxiety.

And he ran, fellow miners said, because he wanted to be ready to represent them in a marathon, where he might be able to spread a message

about what he hopes will be the legacies of their ordeal: safer workplaces, closer families and more trust in God.

"If I had to run barefoot, I would have done it," Pena told Associated Press Television News after his rescue. "Life has given us a new challenge — to care more deeply, to be more present with the people we love."

The 34-year-old Pena has been among the more outspoken of the rescued miners, a man willing to show his emotions, even tears, as he talks of his intense desire that Chile's mineral riches don't come at the expense of working people ordered into mines known to be unsafe.

"I would like things to change," he said. "It was for something that I ran inside the mine. I think that things can be done. I think we suffered too much, that this too has to be worth something."



BANTER

Will Moss get the Titans ahead in the AFC?

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

New roster plans for turnaround season

66 *Everybody's saying in time. (We'll) be better, but we're going to be good this year.*

— Cici Shannon
freshman center

BRANDON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

With 10 new faces on the roster, a new arena and a few veterans to provide leadership, the Salukis hope to bounce back from last season's ninth-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference, coach Missy Tiber says.

This year, the Salukis are predicted to finish ninth again by the coaches and media who vote in the MVC preseason poll. The Salukis return three seniors but have added eight freshmen and two junior transfers. Tiber said the team will not use the new young players as an excuse for another bad season, but as a reason to improve.

"We're training these girls every single day to try to give their best. They're working really hard for us right now, and I think there is plenty of opportunity for us to be successful this year and that's why we're not letting down on them," Tiber said.

Success for the season will have to start with strong leadership qualities from senior forward Katrina Swingler, senior guard/forward Eboni Crayton and sophomore guard Teri Oliver, Tiber

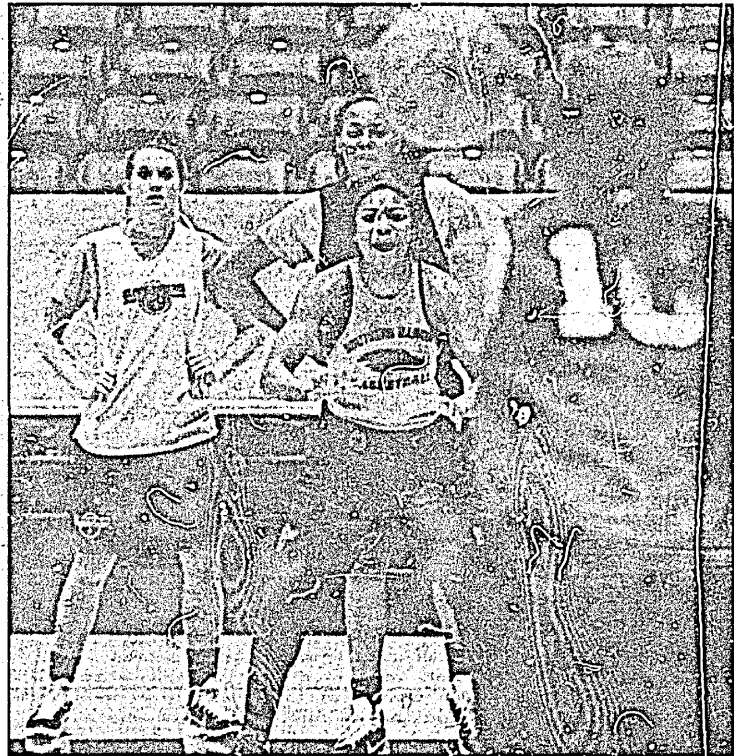
said. Until the new players have some experience under the bright lights of Division I basketball and learn Tiber's game plan, the veterans will have to be on-court coaches, she said.

The freshmen are guard Taylor Ignoto, guard Brooke LeMar, center Cici Shannon, guard/forward Jordyn Courier, guard Sidney Golins, forward Raquel Miller, guard Olivia Patterson and guard Renee Reed. Reed was medically red shirted last season. Forwards Charmise Mitchell and Rani Brandon are the two junior college transfers.

Swingler said practice has been a classroom. She said the team leaders have to be patient, relax and understand it will take time for everyone to know everything they need to. The aspect of basketball the freshmen have struggled with the most is learning college defensive terms, Swingler said.

"We say a term like 'jump to the ball,' and they don't know what we mean," Swingler said. "I guess it takes time because it might not be something they heard in high school."

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Junior forward Charmise Mitchell gets ready to receive a pass during a drill at practice Wednesday at the SIU Arena. The Salukis play their first

game of the season against University of Illinois Springfield for an exhibition game Saturday at the arena.

VOLLEYBALL

Southern Illinois looks to repeat previous results



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Sophomore setter Rachael Brown celebrates a good play with her teammates Friday during a set against Northern Iowa at Gavies Gymnasium. The Salukis face Illinois State University and Indiana State University away Friday and Saturday. The Salukis defeated both teams earlier in the season.

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SIU plans to come back from its road trip with the exact same results it had last time it faced these opponents — victories, said senior middle blocker Jasmine Conner.

The Salukis will face Illinois State on Friday and play Indiana State on Saturday. SIU beat Illinois State 3-1 on Oct. 9 and made a comeback victory against Indiana State on Oct. 8 after being down 2-0 to win 3-2. Since then, the Salukis have gone 2-3, losing to the three toughest teams in the Missouri Valley Conference but winning against Evansville and Bradley. Coach Brenda Winkler said these matches will help the Salukis gain ground from their seventh-place position and improve their 5-7 record.

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Evansville (5-7) is in sixth place, Drake (6-7) is in fifth place and Illinois State (5-8) is in eighth.

Conner said the SIU defense has improved since it faced both teams and should create two more victories. One area the team has improved is getting where they need to be to receive the ball and properly set up the passing scheme, she said. Indiana State won the first two games during the last meeting because of its powerful backside

attack, but now the Salukis are ready for it, Conner said.

"I think we've learned if we can't get the block, the passers have channeled where they are and position their arms because that backside is so fast," Conner said. "Me being a middle, it's hard to get out there and close, so I think it helps our defense if the back has improved so if there aren't two blocks, the back row knows where to set up and get digs."

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