It's not easy being green

Record temperatures cause tree deaths on campus

CHRISTINA SPAKOSKY  
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Carbondale finally saw a break in record high temperatures and triple-digit heat indexes Monday when temperatures dropped to the low 80s.

The National Weather Service reported more than seven consecutive days of excessive heat warnings with indexes surpassing 110 degrees. The blazing heat affected more than 40 counties from the southern region.

Meredith Mendola, a graduate student in plant biology from the Chicago suburbs, said she stayed cool by drinking lots of water and electrolytes, swimming in nearby lakes, and wearing big eyeglasses.

Mendola works at the campus horticulture center and said humans aren't the only ones trying to function in the hot weather. Students at the center have tested plants and have seen photosynthetic rates crash.

"Plants breathe just like we do and when it gets really hot they can't get enough oxygen," said Rachel Goad, a graduate student in plant biology from Chicago.

"Some leaves have patches of brown or they turned completely brown, and it's just too difficult to stay up with the watering," said Lauren Rubin, a landscape designer at Greendige Landscaping.

Rubin said heat isn't the only reason for the brown grass. Another cause is a fungal disease that develops when the lawn is watered in the evening. It's best to water early in the morning so the water has a chance to sink deep into the root systems, she said.

Black spots on large leafed trees indicate the fungus, too. Homeowners should remove the infected areas and possibly spray them with a fungicide, Rubin said.

"But sometimes water and fungicide are not enough," Tippky said.

"It was like overnight instantaneous deaths," Tippky said.

He said the university doesn't have the manpower to water trees or flowerbeds with a garden hose, but the grounds staff managed to save a majority.

While Tippky was struggling to save the trees and flowers, Brad Dillard, associate director of facilities at the Physical Plant, was fixing several air conditioning breakdowns.

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Chancellor Rita Cheng said the university is looking into its own enrollment management office for answers.

Cheng said in an email to the university community that administrators would monitor fall enrollment numbers and "based on those numbers, additional steps, such as furloughs, may still be necessary."

"SIUC has seen its enrollment drop every year since 2008, including a drop of 1,849 students from fall 2007 to spring 2010. Meanwhile, universities in the region, like Southeast Missouri State University and SIU-Edwardsville, have seen their enrollment numbers soar to all-time highs."

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Cheng said she has seen their enrollment numbers increase in the past three years.

"Below said other schools have also seen an increase in applications. She said the economy is a major reason for the increase."

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"One year ago I was using my bedroom as my office and now we are based out of the small business incubator at the (Diane-Richmond Economic Development Center) on campus," Philip said. "I never would have discovered that I would be where I am today."

As his business continues to grow, Philip said he wants to expand the businesses. Currently, but for now the Rovercard will stay in Carbondale.

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ISRAEL
Palestinian who broke into Turkish Embassy, took hostages turned over to Israel
TEL AVIV — A Palestinian who broke into the Turkish Embassy in Israel trying to take hostages and demanding asylum was turned over to Israeli authorities late Tuesday, ending a tensestandoff.

Seven hours after he forced his way into the embassy, the attacker was evacuated out of the embassy and bundled into an Israeli ambulance. Wearing a light blue jacket and keeping slightly from an apparent gunshot wound, he raised his arms briefly and shouted before Israeli police and security officers subdued him.

A few hours earlier, the Turkish government said it had received the situation in hand.

"Our embassy guards neutralized the individual as he tried to attack the vice consul after shouting around for asylum," the Turkish statement said, adding he was armed with a knife, a gas can and a gun that turned out to be a toy.

Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor identified the attacker as Nadin Hijazi, a Palestinian from the West Bank town of Tamus. Israeli police said Hijazi was recently released from prison after serving time for an attack on the British Embassy four years ago, also to seek asylum.

WASHINGTON
AP Exclusive: Under desk, CIA found video of 9/11 plotter being interrogated in secret prison
WASHINGTON — The CIA has videotapes, after all, of interrogations in a secret overseas prison of admitted 9/11 plotter Ramzi Binalshibh.

Discovered in 2001 inside a desk at the CIA, the tapes could reveal how foreign governments aided the United States in building and interrogating suspects, and they could complicate U.S. efforts to prosecute Binalshibh, who has been described as one of the "key 9/11 facilitators" in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"There are tapes we don't show," an administration official said Tuesday night, releasing a statement a day after President George W. Bush decided to remove key congressional restrictions on trying Binalshibh and two other alleged 9/11 accomplices in a military tribunal.

The tapes depict Binalshibh's interrogations sessions in 2002 at a Moroccan facility the CIA used near Rabat, a former and current official said Tuesday night. The Associated Press has previously reported that the Moroccans were the condition of anonymity because the videos remain a closely guarded secret.

WASHINGTON
Ford calls for manned-class mission to moon: "Operation Moonshot"

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush is expected to announce a goal to send the first astronauts to the moon by 2020 and then plan a manned mission to Mars, a high-level Bush administration official said Tuesday.

"I've been in the room a couple of times, and it is the president's intention to present something like this on Thursday," the official said of today's press conference.

The official described the proposed development as "Operation Moonshot," which the White House hopes will provide a source of pride and inspiration for the nation.

"I don't think we're going to hear anything different from the president this week," the official said.

"Operation Moonshot" would be the latest in a series of programs that have sought to capture the American imagination, from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Apollo missions to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's Mars Exploration Rovers.

"Operation Moonshot" would be a high-profile undertaking that would likely involve an investment of billions of dollars and the involvement of private companies, the official said.

"We're a couple of days away from being able to announce something that will have a lot of public interest," the official said.
Blaogeovich guilty on just 1 count; feds vow retrial

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The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A federal jury found former Gov. Rod Blagojevich guilty Tuesday of one count of lying to federal agents, and the judge said he would declare a mistrial on the remaining 33 counts.

Rod Blagojevich showed no emotion as the verdict was read, neither smiling nor grimacing.

Prosecutors said immediately that they intend to retry the case against Blagojevich and his co-defendant brother, Robert Blagojevich, as soon as possible. The charges included the accusation that they tried to sell or trade President Barack Obama's old Senate seat.

Judge James B. Zagel set a hearing for Aug. 26 to decide manner and timing of their retrial.

The verdict came on the 14th day of deliberations. The count on which Blagojevich was found guilty included accusations that he lied to federal agents when he said he did not track campaign contributions and kept a "firewall" between political campaigns and government work. It is a sentence of up to five years in prison.

Before jurors came in, a somber-looking Blagojevich sat with his hands folded in his lap, picking nervously at his fingernails.

The verdict was read, defense attorney Sam Adam Jr. rubbed his own hands together, and mouth, appearing to shake his head in disgust.

The former governor's wife, Patti Blagojevich, showed more emotion throughout. Right after many appeared nervous, some with tears in their eyes, she said she was not surprised.

"The verdict came as a shock," she said. "I'm not surprised."

Mr. Adam Fitzgerald was in the main courtroom for the first time since the beginning of the trial, as a spectator's bench near a wall on the opposite side of the room from Blagojevich, his hands folded across court documents. He looked on blank-faced as the verdict was read. His team of young prosecutors reflected the same sentiment, also looking on impassively.

It had been clear that jurors were struggling. Last week, they deliberated for an hour without reaching a unanimous decision on just two counts and had not even considered 11 others. There was no immediate explanation about whether they later disagreed.

Jurors appeared more haggard than they did during the trial. As they filed into the courtroom, many appeared nervous, some with tears in their eyes. As they passed in front of the gallery, some appeared nervous, some with tears in their eyes. As they passed in front of their verdict forms and pages, some appeared nervous, some with tears in their eyes.

"It's not over. It's not over," one juror said. "It's not over. It's not over."
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**GOP calls Obama insensitive over stand on mosque**

**PHILIP ELLIOT**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans are calling President Barack Obama insensitive over his stance on a proposed mosque near ground zero, assailing him as an elitist who is indifferent to the families of the Sept. 11 victims.

From town halls to state fairs on Tuesday, Republican incumbents and challengers unleashed an almost unlined list of criticism against the president days after he forcefully defended the construction of a $100 million Islamic center two blocks from the site of the 2001 terror attacks.

Reaching the emotion of that deadly day, Republicans said that while they respect religious freedom, the president's position was cold and academic, lacking compassion and empathy for the victims' families.

"He is thinking like a lawyer and not like an American, making declarations without America's best interest in mind," said Andrew Harr, a Republican running for Congress in Maryland against freshman Democratic Rep. Frank Kratovil.

"That line — emerging as a bolt-ender attack — forced the endangered Democrat to respond.

"I mean, it seems to me those are issues related to local zoning laws and so forth, and that's a decision that they're going to have to make, but I don't see the federal government having any role in that," Kra- tovil said.

In Ohio, where the president was headed Wednesday as part of a three-state political swing, Republican congressional candidate Jim Renacci took issue with Obama's position and challenged his op- ponent, first-term Democrat John Boccieri, to do likewise.

"Just because we may have the right to do something, doesn't nec- essarily make it right to do it," Renacci said.

The Boccieri campaign said the candidate was unavailable for com- ments Tuesday.

In New York, one of the developers of the planned Islamic Center said in a television interview Tuesday that he was dismayed that the proj- ect had become a national political issue.

"I'm surprised at the way politics is being played," Solar El- Emami told NY1-TV. "There are issues that are affecting out country which are real issues — unemployment, poverty, the economy. It's a really sad day for America."

Republicans who weren't on the ballot this year — but possibly looking ahead to challenging Obama in 2012 — sought to make it a political issue.

"We'll think it's another exam- ple of him playing the role of law profes- sor. We can have a great de- bate about the legal arguments, but it's not about that," Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty said in an interview Monday on Fox News.

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Democrats face an unforgiving political landscape 11 weeks before midterm elections, with high un- employment, ethics charges against two senior House Democrats, and Obama's approval ratings facing a toll.

The president injected another issue to the mix when he said last Friday that Muslims "have the same right to practice their religion as every- one else in this country" and that included building the Islamic center in lower Manhattan.

A day later, Obama told report- ers that wasn't an endorsement of the specifics of the mosque plan.

Republicans called it the "9/11 Mosque" and the "Ground Zero Mosque," falsely describing it as if a place of worship was being built in the crater left behind when the Twin Towers crumbled. Republican gubernatorial candidate Rick Scott started running a TV ad in Florida that said: "Mr. President, ground zero is the wrong place for a mosque."

With a steady drumbeat, Repub- licans tried to force Democrats into difficult positions of either standing with the president or bucking him.

GOP Senate candidate Carly Fiorina told reporters in Sacramento that the issue was not about religious freedom. Rather, she said it is about being sensitive to those who suffered in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Her opponent, Sen. Barbara Boxer, said it was an issue for New Yorkers.

In Ohio, Republican Senate candi- date Rob Portman issued a statement on the eve of Obama's visit designed to force his Democratic opponent, Democratic Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher, to make a statement.

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Democrats in Washington ad- vised candidates to do what was best for their campaigns, remind- ing them of state demographics and stressing the need to agree on problems that are universal.

But it had been Democratic candi- dates who had to address the issue of the mosque.

In Illinois, Rep. Mark Kirk, the Republican running for Obama's former Senate seat, said he respects religious freedom but suggested the Islamic center be built at a "less controversial site."

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Baseball players use offseason to develop skills

Right-hand pitcher Andrew Bever strides toward the plate during a 13-1 loss April 20 at Abe Martin Field. Bever had a 2.91 ERA going 1-1 with the Gunnison Colorado Colts of the Rocky Mountain Baseball League.

BRANDON LACHANCE
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The college baseball season ended in May, but some players never stepped off the pitching mound or stopped swinging their bats. Now Saluki baseball players participated in summer leagues from Anchorage, Alaska, to Harrisonburg, Va., to advance their baseball skills.

"I play for the Anchorage Bucs of the Alaska Baseball League. The opportunity let the junior see a side of Mother Nature he hadn't seen before, and the extra swings should help his game for the upcoming season," he said.

"It gives me a lot more confidence to take into the season," Bever said. "Hopefully, I can put up some good numbers and go to a regional for once."

Serriella and Johnson said they decided to play throughout the summer after encouragement from coaches and after they heard from teammates it would help them become better players.

Head coach Dan Callahan said summer play is a valuable tool in a player's progression. It helped last year's ace Nathan Forer become the Salukis' No. 1 pitcher after he struggled his junior year, Callahan said. Forer was selected by the New York Yankees in the MLB draft earlier this summer.

"Where he really turned the corner was his confidence," Callahan said. The 2010 Salukis finished the season 28-29 and lost their two games in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament. Callahan said he hopes summer league play will have the same effect on his players for next season as it did for Forer.

Other SIU players who had an impressive summer include Bever, who finished 6-1 with a 2.91 earned run average and a 67 to 7 strikeout to walk ratio; and Snyder, who went 6-0 with a 3.10 ERA and led the Salukis in home runs and a .17 to 7 strikeout to walk ratio; and Snyder, who went 6-0 with a 3.10 ERA and led the Salukis in home runs and strikeouts.

Sophomore Nick Johnson spent his summer playing for the Alton Indians of the St. Louis Metro Collegiate Baseball League. The Indians won the league, but lost in the national championship game. Johnson tied for the league lead in RBIs during his 111 at-bats.

"It's a lot less intense. Everyone still wants to win, but it was definitely a change from the everyday grind of being a Salukis," he said.

There's not as many practices and a lot less emphasis on winning."