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# Giving from the heart



LAURA ROBERTS | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Elizabeth Deschamps, a senior from Oak Forest studying Aviation Management, waits to give blood at the Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday. Deschamps said, "I try to do it anytime I can. It's important."

# Rental housing: a tricky pick

#### AUSTIN FLYNN Daily Egyptian

With a high theft rate and myriad housing options, students can be hard pressed to find a safe housing choice in Carbondale outside of dorm life.

According to neighborhoodscout. com, a website dedicated to comparing U.S. cities' crime rates and safety, Carbondale is safer than 4 percent of cities in the U.S., and residents have a 1 in 18 chance falling victim to property crimes with 1,417 reported annually. Despite this, thousands of students each year will decide on a housing option that fits their needs while staying within their budget.

Kevin Baity, city manager, said all properties must be inspected by the city once in no more than 36 months to



NICOLE HESTER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

# Program works to regain funding

#### TAI COX Daily Egyptian

Some SIU veterans have seen the loss of a grant affect the services available to them.

The Veterans Cash Grant has been awarded to the university's Veterans Program since 2006, but the Department of Veteran Affairs did not approve the program's request for funding this semester.

The grant assists veterans and their immediate family members by aiding health insurance costs, long-term care, post-traumatic stress disorder research or treatment, disability benefits and housing assistance, according to the Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs website.

The funding amount varied over the five years SIU received it, said Rod Santulan, coordinator of Veterans Services. He said it has provided more than \$100,000 to SIU some years, while it totaled close to \$70,000 in others.

The department declined the university's request because there has been past non-compliance and a high turnover rate of the staff that oversees the grant, according to the letter sent from Kevin Cavanaugh, the IDVA grant administrator. He said these issues caused concern for the department.

Cavanaugh said in the letter that representatives from SIU's program should apply again when there is stability with the staff and a complete plan is in place.

Santulan said he is working hard to get the grant back in the spring for the students and hopes to receive a decision from the Department of Veteran Affairs within the next couple of weeks.

Veterans involved in the program said the grant's absence has affected several students.

"I used to be able to go to counseling for free to deal with issues from when I was overseas, but I cannot afford it anymore," said Ryan McKennedy, a senior from Rochester studying psychology and an Army veteran.

Mark Trumbull, a senior from Rockford studying history and a Navy veteran, said this semester's grant loss has caused even more financial stress on the veterans.

"Illinois veterans are often receiving inaccurate information on their benefits, which can cause them to lose out on significant financial resources, depending on what degree path and GI Bill option they choose," Trumbull said.

make sure landlords keep up with city cleanliness and safety regulations.

If the inspector finds the property to needs repairs, Baity said it is the landlord's responsibility to make sure they are made.

Generally, he said, issues that present immediate health or well-being problems for the renters such as a broken window or a leaky roof should be fixed immediately, but smaller problems can take longer to alleviate.

Baity said the city regularly receives complaints about landlords who haven't made the proper repairs within a reasonable time frame.

Brock Strader, a student renter with Paper Rentals, said his back door lock was broken when he lived in a Home Rentals house two years ago, and it took the company 10 months to fix the issue despite requesting a repair. Curtis Harmon, a sophomore from Quincy IL studying pre -nursing, looks at the holes in his door that he said were supposed to be fixed before he and his roommates moved into their home. Harmon said if they nag their landlord, Home Rentals, then it will come by. "They promised everything would be cleaned and fixed when we moved in here and it was a disaster," Harmon said. He said some of the issues were taken care of but not all. " When we vacuum downstairs, staples come out of the carpet, "Harmon said

The repairs were too little too late, Strader said.

"The back door didn't lock, and they never fixed it," Strader said. "That's how we got robbed. Somebody came in through the (unlocked) back door."

Strader said one reason he has stayed with Paper Rentals for two years is because of how quickly repairs are made. David Kilburn, a Home Rentals renter, said there were more than 20 problems with his house when he and his roommates moved in during the summer. He said none of them have been fixed yet.

peeling paint and various small mechanical problems, he said. Despite filing a repair report, Kilburn said the company has still failed to fix any of the issues.

"They've done nothing," Kilburn said. "Any upkeep that's been done has been done by us. The only thing I've seen them do is mow our yard."

Patrick Selzer, a renter with D and G rentals, said one problem he had with rental agencies in the past is how they treated him.

The GI Bill is a law that provided a range of benefits for returning World War II veterans, commonly known as GIs' Benefits. The benefits include lowcost mortgages, loans to start a business or farm, cash payments of tuition and living expenses for college, high school or vocational education and one year of unemployment compensation.

The bill was available to every veteran who was on active duty during war years for at least 90 days and was not dishonorably discharged. Since its original 1944 conditions, the term has come to include other veteran benefit programs created to assist veterans of subsequent wars as well.

Peter Gitau, associate vice chancellor of student life and intercultural relations, said the grant has always been helpful to provide money for veteran services and their families.

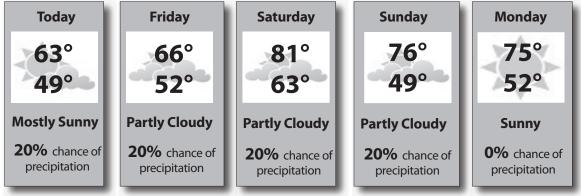
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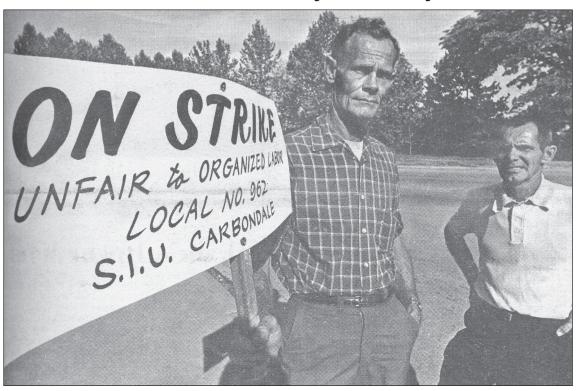
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JAY NEEDLEMAN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

directions for making Molotov

cocktails, a list of 48 local churches

and an outline of a plan to plant

bail, has applied for a court-

Weiler, who is being held without

His cousin, Johnny Meyers, has

said that Weiler has struggled with

mental illness but is fine when he

takes his medication. Meyers said

relatives believe Weiler may have

stopped taking his medication before

Miami said they were surprised by the

arrest and didn't know why he focused

Ministers and others at churches in

"The only thing I can think

of is this is the Bible belt," said

Carrol Thompson, the secretary at

Immanuel Baptist Church, referring

to the region's reputation for having

bombs at the churches.

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# Motel workers discuss church bomb plot arrest in Oklahoma

#### Associated Press

MIAMI, Okla. — A bright green duffel bag caught maintenance worker Ralph Smith's eye as he emptied trash in a bin at motel just off a major interstate in northeast Oklahoma.

Curious, he unzipped it. Inside were a pile of brown bottles with cloth wicks attached by duct tape. Then he noticed an empty gas can in the bin, and a co-worker remembered seeing a motel guest with it two days earlier.

They quickly reported their observations to police, leading to the arrest of a 23-year-old Illinois man who authorities say planned to attack dozens of churches with Molotov cocktails. Gregory Arthur Weiler II, 23, of Elk Grove Village, Ill., has been charged with threatening to use an explosive or incendiary device and violating the Oklahoma Antiterrorism Act.

"I don't feel like I'm a hero or

anything like that," Smith told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "We were doing it because we want the public to know people can stay here and this is not a bad place."

Maintenance worker Steve Ballenger said he saw Weiler with the gas can two days earlier and Weiler explained that he had run out of gas in his car.

After Smith discovered the gas can and bag in the trash bin on Thursday, the two pretended to be cleaning and went into Weiler's room. There, they found more duct tape, nylon and other items.

Motel owner Ishver Patel said he considers it "lucky" that Weiler was caught.

"He might have blown up here and innocent people get hurt," Patel said.

Police said in an affidavit that along with bomb-making materials, they found pieces of paper in Weiler's room that when assembled, contained

## RENTALS

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He said when he rented from Home Rentals he believed the company didn't treat him genuinely. Selzer said he thought the business was more concerned with money than service quality.

"They have so many properties, you feel insignificant," Selzer said. "A lot of the times you're just filling out a piece of paper, or you're just leaving a voicemail and hoping a job will get done."

Selzer said when he looks back on the situation, though, he realizes Home Rentals probably has a hard time keeping up with maintenance because of how many properties it owns.

D. Gorton, a property investor in the Arbor District, said he is usually able to fix a problem within a few days, when his tenants call him with one depending on the situation. He said repairs are important to not only the residen'ts safety but also the service quality he hopes to provide.

Gorton said none of his properties

have ever been broken into because of a series of anti-burglary measures he puts on all of his properties.

Fences prevent burglars from easy access to back doors on his properties, Gorton said, and motion sensor lights are installed as a separate safety precaution.

Gorton said although it hasn't been proven to deter burglars, he plants flowers and bushes on his properties to keep burglars at bay.

"It sounds strange, but plantings and flowers indicate a certain kind of involvement in the house that I believe will scare off potential burglars," he said.

He said he also allows pets because he believes a barking dog will just be

another deterrent to possible criminals. Renters should consider all of these

rental agency qualities before they sign a lease, Gorton said. Home Rentals, Alpha Rentals and Paper Rentals all declined comment.

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#### PROGRAM

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"The main reason we did not receive the grant is because when we requested the funds, we did not have a coordinator, and they decided we needed to have a coordinator in place before they would approve the request," Gitau said.

Veterans Services did not have a coordinator for about seven months before Santulan was hired in July, Gitau said. He said Rita VanPelt, assistant director for Disability Support Services, sent the request for the fall semester grant during the spring and it was denied in July.

Gitau said the program should be in good shape to receive money for the spring semester.

"The granting procedures are very clear," Gitau said. "We've never had a problem receiving the grant before. We met the conditions they required of us and we're fortunate we could resubmit an application." Santulan said he is requesting

\$99,000 for the spring semester.

# US checks on Syria

#### **Associated Press**

BRUSSELS — The United States has sent troops to Jordan to bolster its military capabilities in the event Syria's civil war escalates, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Wednesday, reflecting U.S. concerns about the conflict spilling over allies' borders and about the security of Syria's chemical weapons arsenal.

Speaking at a NATO conference of defense ministers, Panetta said the U.S. has been working with Jordan to monitor chemical and biological weapons sites in Syria and also to help Jordan deal with refugees pouring over the border from Syria.

About 150 U.S. troops, largely Army special operations forces, are working out of a military center near Amman, two senior defense officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the mission. The troops have moved back and forth to the Syrian border as part of their work, which is joint planning and intelligence gathering, one official said.

The revelation of U.S. military personnel so close to the 19-month-old Syrian conflict suggests an escalation in the U.S. involvement in the conflict, even as the Obama administration pushes back on any suggestion of a direct intervention in Syria.

News of the U.S. mission to Jordan also follows several days of shelling between Turkey and Syria, an indication that the civil war could become a regional conflict. One of the U.S. defense officials said the extra planning is aimed at avoiding those kinds of clashes between Jordan and Syria.

The development comes with the U.S. presidential election less than a month away, as Republican nominee Mitt Romney criticizes President Barack Obama for weak leadership in foreign policy. Romney has said he would send U.S. troops into Syria if needed to prevent the spread of chemical weapons, while Obama has said that movement or use of chemical weapons would have "enormous consequences."

Panetta has said that while the U.S. believes the weapons are still secure, intelligence suggests the regime might have moved some to protect them.

Syria is believed to have one of the world's largest chemical weapons programs, and the Assad regime has said it might use the weapons against external threats, though not against Syrians. The U.S. and Jordan share the same concern about Syria's chemical and biological weapons - that they could fall into the wrong hands should the regime in Syria collapse and lose control of them.

Jordan's King Abdullah II fears such weapons could go to the al-Qaida terror network or other militants, primarily the Iranian-allied Lebanese Hezbollah — a vocal critic of Jordan's longstanding alliance with the United States.

The Calif.-Monterey, based James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies provided a map purporting to show four Syrian production sites for chemical weapons, three for storage, one for research and development, and two with dual use infrastructure.

Steven Bucci, an expert in chemical weapons at the Heritage Foundation, has told Congress there might be as many as 50 chemical weapons sites. He said in an interview Wednesday that Syria's stockpile is potentially "like a gift from God" for militants since they don't have the knowhow to assemble such weapons, while some of Syria's chemical agents are believed to have already been fitted into missile warheads.

Pentagon press secretary George Little, traveling with Panetta, said the U.S. and Jordan agreed that "increased cooperation and more detailed planning are necessary in order to respond to the severe consequences of the Assad regime's brutality."

He said the U.S. has provided medical kits, water tanks and other forms of humanitarian aid to help Jordanians assist Syrian refugees fleeing into their country.







# 2012 Election Section This week's issue: Jobs and Employment

## **OBAMA**

Though Obama created 4.5 million jobs, that number only refers to the jobs created after the economy bottomed out in January 2010, a year after Obama took office. There are around 400,000 fewer people working now than in January 2009 around the height of the recession. He is also responsible for bailing out the auto industry, though, which

**Expert Weigh-In** 



saved American industry jobs. Obama said he believes in creating more government jobs to get Americans back to work, according to an article published in Forbes. He has also said he believes small businesses should receive more government support. Obama has shown support of equal pay for workers instead of incentive-based pay. When it comes to job unions, he supports freedom to create and join unions. He also wants to give striking workers protection.

Is it important for workers to be able to create and join unions?

"It is very important to be able to form unions," said Tabitha Stone, chief

academic advisor in the department of business. "Unions have served

"We are a society that has a government job market that must function effectively," Stone said. "We are a society that has a free market that

Are government jobs or free enterprise jobs more important?

as an important part for workforce history in America."

must function effectively. All positions are critical."

## ROMNEY

Republican candidate Mitt Romney has direct business experience from his time as leader of Bain Capital and a member of the Boston Consulting Group. Romney has said he plans to create 12 million new jobs, according to the Columbus Dispatch article. While Romney was governor of Massachusetts from 2003 to 2007, though, the state's job growth was at 0.9 percent compared to the national average of more than 5 percent.



Romney also boasted about his record for creating private-sector jobs, but state employment grew twice as fast as the private sector during his governorship. He believes in having more free enterprise jobs available for Americans instead of offering government jobs, and he wants small businesses to receive less government help, which would allow them to act more independently, according to the Forbes article. Romney is in favor of having incentive-based pay for workers, which he said would allow people who work harder to receive more. When it comes to unions, he is in favor of having secret ballot elections, which would give workers more choices and ban the use of union dues for political causes.

### Student Insight

Is it more important to increase government jobs instead of free enterprise jobs?

"I believe it's important to increase both types of jobs because they are important to society and their livelihoods," said Brian Harrison, a graduate student in rehab service councelinf from Palatine.

#### Should workers have the freedom to create and join labor unions?

"(Workers) need to have that voice in (their) time of need at their jobs," said Janese Christian, a non-declared graduate student from Chicago.

**Poll:** Is it more important to increase government jobs instead of free enterprise jobs? Yes: 23 No: 30 Maybe: 12

> **Should small businesses receive more support from the government?** Yes: 57 No: 7 Maybe: 1

**Should workers have the freedom to create and join labor unions?** Yes: 59 No: 5 Maybe: 1 Total polled anonymously: 65

# Plans underway for first statewide bike path

**ELIZABETH ZINCHUK** Daily Egyptian

The biggest problem is that there is no continuous network of bike trails connecting

as Murphysboro, Marion and Anna as well as one that leads from the Amtrak train station to

The Illinois Department of Transportation plans to improve sustainability and livability through a new statewide bike path plan.

Josh Kauffman, IDOT's public relations representative, said this will be Illinois' first statewide bikeway. The goals of the path are to establish a new and interconnecting bike trail network and provide cyclists with more options and benefits, Kauffman said. IDOT accepted contractor bids for the project until Tuesday, and Kauffman said there will be some time between reviewing them and actually establishing the paths.

"For those who use bikes, especially in both urban and country areas, it is very feasible," he said. Kauffman said the effort could also cause state and local legislatures to create bike lanes when they improve roads and provide bike paths that interconnect in communities across the state.

"This is a step in the right direction for sustainable and environmentally-friendly transportation options for all Illinoisans," Kauffman said.

A part of IDOT and the governor's mission is to focus on options to make environmentally efficient transportation methods in the state, Kauffman said.

Kauffman said this plan is a part of IDOT's sustainability

and green efforts to make cycling a more viable and alternative option for those who use different transportation forms than mass transit and personal vehicles.

Evan Truesdale, a senior from Chicago studying political science as well as a sales associate and mechanic for Carbodale's Bike Surgeon said such a plan would help Carbondale cyclists with the several problems they face on the road.

"The biggest problem is that there is no continuous network of bike trails connecting north, east, west, and south Carbondale," he said.

Truesdale also said students who live in The Reserve apartments, which are south of campus, have a

— Evan Truesdale Senior from Chicago studying political science

hard time cycling to school.

"There are no bike paths and poor lighting, as well a lot of glass and debris on the shoulder of the road,"he said. "Driving from the Reserve to campus is practically impossible." Another issue is that the city cleans bike paths poorly, Truesdale said. The Beautify Carbondale organization employs volunteers to help clean up these paths, Truesdale said, but it is still a problem.

"Glass, for example, is a noticeable problem," he said. "I have many customers who come in with a flat tire."

Truesdale said he would like to see a network of bike trails connect the small area towns such more city destinations.

"This way, people coming in from the train station could have the businesses of Carbondale more accessible," Truesdale said.

Although a statewide plan is in the works, a new bike path in Carbondale that will go from the Student Center to the Town Square was also approved by the City Council last May.

Meghan Cole, executive director for Carbondale Main Street, said she is really excited about the path. She said it was a cooperative effort the city and SIU made to make downtown Carbondale more accessible to students.

"The Main Street path will provide a new useful functionality as well as beautify the area the path will be implemented at," Cole said.

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### **EDITORIAL CARTOON**



# **THEIR WORD** Women's issues are more than gender

#### **KATHLEEN PARKER** Washington Post

How many years of the woman have we had? Let me count.

To the extent that women's votes count more than men's, it's been the year of the woman since at least 1964 — when women began outvoting men.

In 2008, 10 million more women than men voted, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

The operative assumption, obviously, is that women pick winners and losers as a voting bloc. Nothing could be further from the truth.

on women."

It is not helpful when people such as Rush Limbaugh call Sandra Fluke a "slut" for her position that insurance should cover contraception.

Then there was Todd Akin's strange intelligence that victims of "legitimate rape" don't get pregnant, a flourish of rare ignorance.

Check the birthrates in countries where rape is employed as a weapon. Finally, some Republican-led states have waved one too many ultrasound wands at women.

While these incidents and anecdotes provide handy faces for dart practice, they constitute a war on women only if all women find these positions reprehensible.

deficit. It is a year that the number of unemployed Americans is still too high and economic recovery too slow.

It is also the year that al-Qaeda caught its breath and began gaining traction again, and when terrorists murdered one of our ambassadors.

It is another year when America's standing as the world's brightest light continues to dim, and that the Arab Spring descended into an extremist winter.

These are things that women care about, too.

Women, in other words, recognize the gravity of the problems this nation faces and are likely to pick a candidate based on these issues rather than on a party's platform on abortion and contraception.

top election-year issues. On access to birth control and abortion, attitudes tend to reflect party affiliation rather than gender.

A USA Today-Gallup poll this year found that women split on abortion in numbers comparable to the country as a whole, which is 49 percent to 45 percent favoring abortion rights.

Topping women's concerns are the same things that are men's highest concerns: the economy and jobs. The smartest candidate will recognize this sooner rather than later.

In Virginia's Senate race between former governors Tim Kaine and George Allen, Kaine, the Democrat, has tried to merge the issues.

he thought about the gender gap, Romney said he wished that his wife, Ann, were there to answer the question. Romney benefits greatly from his better half, as he would put it, but he errs in thinking a woman would do a better job answering the question than would a man.

Women do not require special handling because, for the most part, they do not think of themselves first or primarily as women. (This is big news for those men who failed to take note.)

Women think of themselves as breadwinners and job-seekers. They think of themselves as parents who want good schools and enough money to send their kids to college. They think of themselves as Americans who worry about national security and the nation's image abroad. These are the issues that matter to women, the vast majority of whom will cast their votes accordingly. How about we ditch the gender nonsense and declare this the year of the American?

It is true that more women are trending toward Barack Obama than Mitt Romney. But this owes only partly to the usual "women's issues." And it is, potentially, temporary.

Thanks to certain outspoken members/supporters of the GOP, the Democratic Party has been able to capitalize on a fiction created by the Obama campaign - the alleged "war

And only if all women care more about contraception and reproductive rights above all other issues, which is not the case.

This also happens to be the year of the fiscal cliff, when automatic spending cuts take effect at the same time Bush-era tax breaks expire. It's the fourth year of a \$1 trillion budget

In fact, women, who are not a monolithic group any more than men are, don't really rank reproductive issues at the top of their concerns.

A recent Kaiser Family Foundation survey found that fewer than 1 percent of respondents mentioned women's health or birth control as

Abortion and birth control are fundamentally economic issues, he says. Few seem to recall that, in one of the early Republican primary debates, Romney responded to a question about contraception as follows: "It's working just fine. Just leave it alone." This doesn't sound like a call to arms against women.

When subsequently asked what

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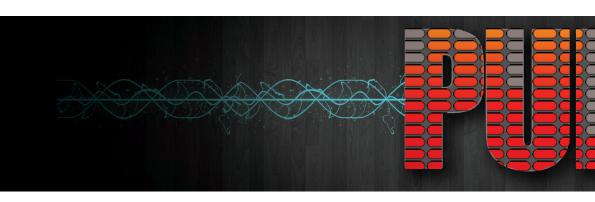
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- Four Next Door (8 p.m.) Nasty Nate (11 p.m.) Tres Hombres
- Logan Mize (9 p.m.) Matt Poss (9 p.m.) Hangar 9 40th Anniversary Party with Mike and Joe (9 p.m.) - Copper Dragon
- "God of Carnage" (7:30 p.m.) Varsity Center for the Arts
- DJ Duggy (10 p.m.) Premiere Lounge
- Dan Barron (7 p.m.) Walker's Bluff Winery
- "Aida" (7 p.m.) John A. Logan O'Neil Auditorium
- Chris Jones and the Night Drivers (8 p.m.) Old Feed Store
  - Dave Simmons (8 p.m.) Trail's End Lodge "Prison X" (7 p.m.) - Wolf Creek Hollows Scream Park
  - "Octoburlesque" (8 p.m.) Liberty Theater
  - "The Haunting of Chittyville School" (7 p.m.) -Chittyville School
  - "Cell Block 666" (7 p.m.) Wakefield Prison

#### Saturday, October 13

SIUC vs. Northern Iowa (2 p.m.) - Saluki Stadium "Ted" (7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.) - SIU Student Center Auditorium

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The Congress (10 p.m.) - Tres Hombres Clownvis; Country Graves (9 p.m.) - Hangar 9

- Homecoming Bash with Dr. Zhivegas (9 p.m.) Copper Dragon
- "God of Carnage" (7:30 p.m.) Varsity Center for the Arts
- DJ Dash (10 p.m.) Premiere Lounge

Eastwood Frisch ( 3 p.m.) - Walker's Bluff Fertile Soil; RRRR BBQ; Little Egypt Beer Grand ( 3

p.m.) - Bluff's Vineyard and Winery

"Aida" (7 p.m.) - John A. Logan O'Neil Auditorium Cobden Colorfest (10 a.m.) - Old Feed Store

"Prison X" (7 p.m.) - Wolf Creek Hollows Scream Park

"The Haunting of Chittyville School" (7 p.m.) -Chittyville School

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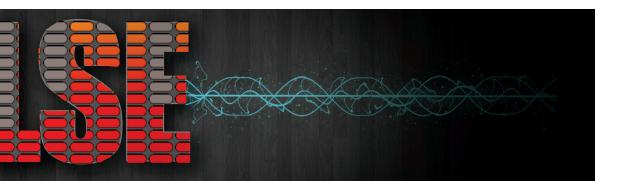
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# Fall television shows under network gun

#### **KARSTEN BURGSTAHLER** Daily Egyptian

The axe has been dropped. Networks fret each season over which show will hit the chopping block. According to Entertainment Weekly, this season's first cancelled show is CBS's "Made in Jersey."

But why do networks make these quick decisions? "Jersey"'s low viewership is the biggest factor for the show's cancellation, and only two episodes aired.

Nielsen, an entertainmentviewing pollster, uses two different methods to determine the amount of people watching any given show, according to Nielsen Media's website. Families receive either a Nielsen box to hook up to their TV or a journal to document their viewing for a given week.

Once the information is gathered, two different percentages are computed: the rating and the share.

Ratings are determined by dividing the number of households tuned into a certain program by the number of households with a television. For example, if 1,000,000 people in the country have a television and 50,000 tune into this evening's fascinating "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo," then the rating equals 50,000/1,000,000, or .05 percent.

Shares are determined the same way. The number of people watching a particular program is divided by the amount of televisions watching anything during the observed timeslot. For example, if 700,000 of those hypothetical 1,000,000 televisions are on and 50,000 televisions are tuned to "Honey Boo Boo," then the share is 50,000/700,000, or .07 percent.

Network heads often discuss ratings and shares by demographic, and the most coveted and ad friendly demographic of all is the 18-49 age group.

So how is your favorite show faring? Each ratings point in the weekly polls is equal to 1,142,000 homes watching any given program. Here is the outlook for the big four networks based on the second week of fall programming (Oct. 1-Oct. 7):

#### ABC

According to BusinessWeek, ABC's highest rated show was "Dancing with the Stars," with an 8.2 rating and a 12 share. Three ABC dramas ranked within the list's top 25: "Grey's Anatomy," "Castle" and "Once Upon a Time."

The drama "Last Resort" is performing OK, according to Entertainment Weekly, but the channel might look to jump ship with new dramas set to premiere in January.

#### NBC

NFL games are driving NBC right now, according to BusinessWeek. None of NBC's scripted shows managed to reach the top 25.

The only non-NFL event to place was the singing competition "The Voice" with a 7.4 rating and an 11 share.

Despite the lower ratings, NBC continues to do well the 18-49 demographic, according to a New York Times blog. The channel recently renewed well off, but not stellar, series "Revolution," "The New Normal" and "Go On" for full first seasons.

#### CBS

Beyond "Jersey"'s cancellation, CBS did well on BusinessWeek's list. Comedies "The Big Bang Theory" and "2 Broke Girls" placed fourth and 23rd on the list, respectively. The new drama "Elementary" and returning "Blue Bloods" drama also placed in the top 25 among others.

CBS took the week's top spot with a new "NCIS" episode, which earned an 11.6 rating and an 18 share.

#### FOX

FOX is in a situation similar to NBC. However, the channel doesn't have the luxury of broadcasting NBC's highly rated NFL games. The only FOX show to place was the singing competition, "The X Factor," with a 5.8 rating and a 9 share.

"The Mob Doctor," a new drama series on the network, went from a 1.3 rating in its first week to a 1.0 in its second. According to Entertainment Weekly, "The Mob Doctor" could be the next one to go.





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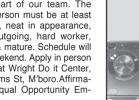
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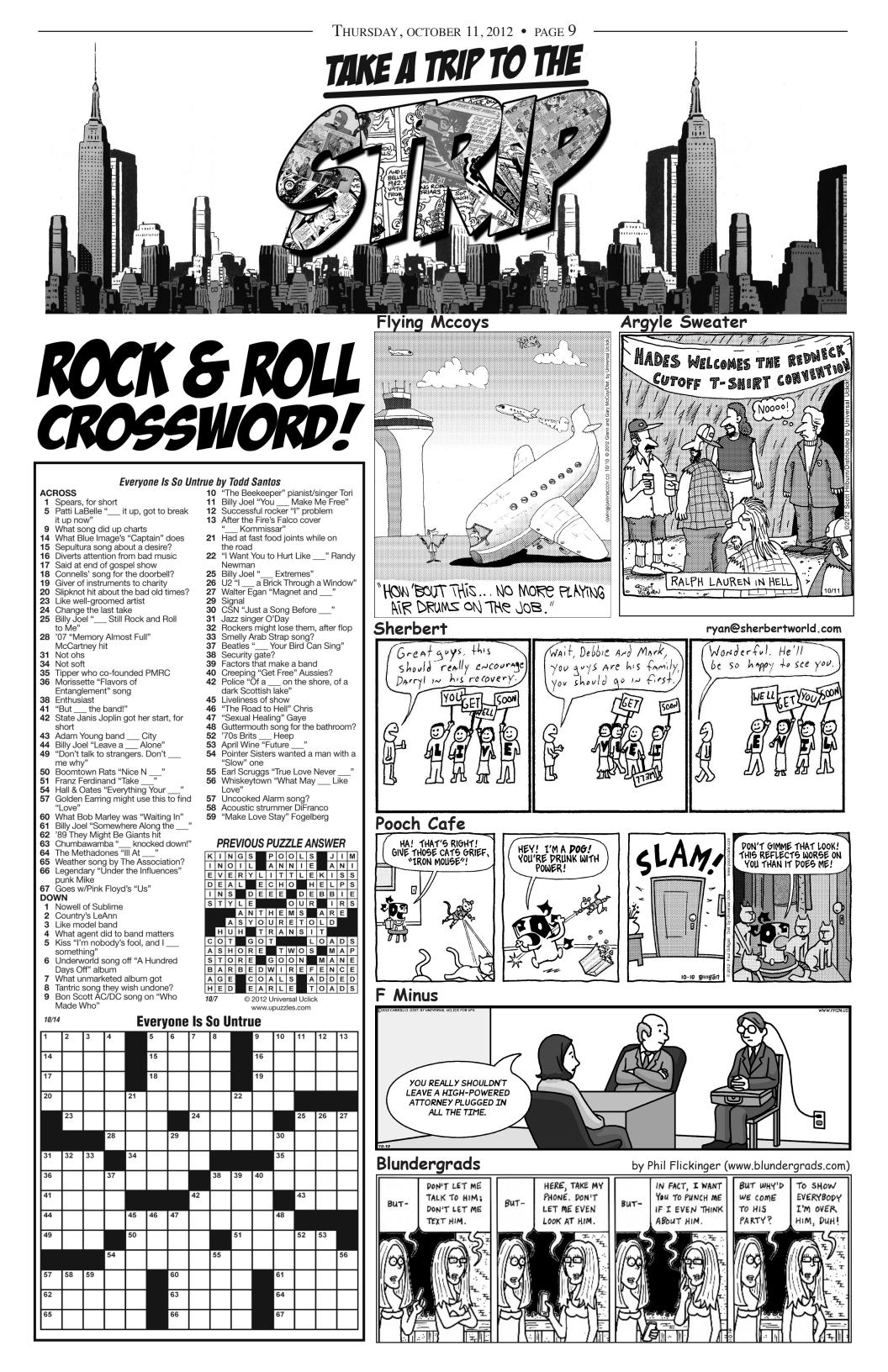
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# Equestrians toil at annual tournament

**DEMARIO PHIPPS-SMITH** Daily Egyptian

SIU equestrian team members started to set up a barn on Furlong Lane at 5 a.m. Saturday for its first fall tournament.

Not every team member competed in the tournament, but the whole team was responsible for its production. Members not only found and organized the teams involved such as Illinois State University, Northern Illinois and Western Illinois, but they also ensured the horses were both physically and mentally ready for a day full of riders and raised the necessary funds to cover costs and expenses.

Maureen Latona, equestrian team president, said the team doesn't usually get as much support to host events because it is a smaller club sport.

"For the past five years, we have done a fall show," she said. "As prices continue to increase, it gets harder to put on events. This year's show cost about \$5,000 ... We raised that through a lot of bake sales and fundraising."

Latona, a senior studying **E**very horse is really different from the next. They are a lot like people that way.

-Maureen Latona equestrian team president

stock shows.

said the tournament took about six to "In hunt shows, the rider wears eight months to organize. Ten midbreeches, tall boots, a dress shirt, a show western teams participated during coat, and a helmet," Latona said. "The the weekend, most of which were difference between hunt and stock is that in stock shows, riders wear a more fancy shirt and aren't allowed to practice on horses before the show. There is only divisions for the various levels of one coach for hunt shows, but there can be multiple for stock."

Ashani Hamilton, a freshman from Brooklyn, N.Y., studying animal science, said he didn't expect to become so involved with the equestrian team but really enjoys spending time with his teammates.

"I grew up on farms in (rural) New York, so I have always been comfortable with animals like horses," Hamilton said. "Being on the team has been great in keeping me involved and it's a great way to meet people."

Latona said Hamilton is one of seven males on the team, which is a growing trend in a generally femalepopulated sport.

Margo Lyons, a junior from Naperville studying geography and environmental resources who won first place in her division, said the horses responded well given that this was their first event in some time.

"I think my horse really enjoyed being in the competitive atmosphere. We really had some good chemistry out there today," Lyons said. "I have really come to love the connection between rider and horse. Don't get me wrong though, some horses love you and some don't. That's what makes the shows so interesting."

Latona, said experience could be the determining factor for success.

"The more practice you get, the better your form will be and you will be able to ride different horses when they have different attitudes. Most importantly, you will be able to develop a bond with the horses and communicate better with them." she said.

Latona also said riders would usually want three or four practices a

week to stay sharp. She said she could only practice about once a week, which makes staying competitive in the sport difficult because she is a full-time student.

Daniel Schmidt, a sophomore from Crystal Lake studying animal sciences, said the team is very helpful with providing lessons for those interested in riding.

"Horse riding lessons can be pretty expensive, but our equestrian team and staff try to make it as affordable as possible," Schmidt said. "They even allow you to work off your lessons if money becomes an issue."

Latona, while petting her competition horse, said the horses are the most important part of equestrian team.

"Every horse is really different from the next," she said. "They are a lot like people that way. We often joke around here that the horses take on human personalities. One horse is the cool jock, another is like the old man with a shotgun and some are very flamboyant and showy," she said.

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# Rookie outshines Triple Crown Winner in baseball

## STAFF COLUMN

#### **DEMARIO PHIPPS-SMITH** Daily Egyptian

Most people already have Detroit Tigers' third baseman Miguel Cabrera penciled in to win the American League's most valuable player award.

He won the first triple crown - the player who leads the league in batting average, has the most homeruns and accumulates the most runs batted in - since Carl Yastrzemski did it as a member of the Boston Red Sox in 1967.

Cabrera was also able to lead his team past its division rival, the Chicago White Sox, and into the playoffs. The White Sox surprisingly led the division for most of the season, despite the fact that the Tigers had a much higher payroll and were picked by almost everyone to win the AL Central. Cabrera, or Miggy as he as become known as

recently, played some of his best baseball during the last few weeks of the regular season.

hospitality and tourism administration,

about five to seven hours away. More

than 50 riders were present, 24 horses

were used and there were 18 different

The 18 divisions are split into two

categories of competition: fences

where riders jump over obstacles and

flat where riders make the horses walk,

SIU took second place in Saturday's

Latona said the team will try to

participate in eight tournaments

during the season, three of which will

be hunt shows, and the others will be

trot (jog) or canter (sprint).

experience present.

competition.

During the season's last seven games, Cabrera powered the Tigers to a 6-1 record — performing as an MVP should.

But one other player had a more productive season and meant more to his team's success.

Rookie Los Angeles Angels center fielder Mike Trout dazzled and awed spectators with not only his batting skills but also his track-like speed and elite defensive capabilities.

This season, Trout compiled a .326 batting average, 30 homeruns, 49 stolen bases, 8 triples and a .993 fielding percentage at center field.

I'm aware there is a rookie-of-theyear award, and he should indeed win that award, too.

Being a rookie shouldn't detract from winning the accolades an athlete deserves. That's like being beaten out of employee-of-the-month just because of seniority.

Trout is in the MVP conversation after starting the season in the minors and having to deal with the completely new environment that is "the show."

Byron Taylor, a sophomore from Chicago studying art, said he was impressed with the rookie's ability to compartmentalize life and baseball.

"It must be tough being a rookie and having so much success. I can only imagine how much pressure he has from the media to succeed, and he is still very young," Taylor said. "I just hope he doesn't get into any trouble."

The chances of a rookie winning the MVP are rarer than someone winning the triple crown. There have been 16 instances of a player achieving the triple crown, and only two rookies have ever won the MVP.

Nate Stickel, a senior from Bourbonnais studying early childhood development, said Trout is the more talented player and will probably win multiple MVPs during his career, but Cabrera will be the MVP this year.

"Trout will only get better," Stickel said. "He still is young. Cabrera has been performing like this for years now and he got his team to the playoffs."

Playoff contention is usually an indicator for the MVP, but Trout's team won more games than Cabrera's Tigers. Can we fault Trout for playing in a stronger, tougher division? Or for the fact that the division leaders gain playoff spots and not the teams with the most wins?

MVP is an award for the player who dominates in all aspects of the game. Trout's offensive production seems to pale in comparison to Cabrera's, but his other skills do more than make up for that. Trout's plate awareness was better than Cabrera's last year, as Trout was able to draw 67 walks through 139 games. Trout's on-base percentage was 5 percentage points higher than Cabrera's and Trout had 20 more runs than Cabrera.

A.J Gaines, a senior from Chicago studying physical therapy, said Trout's

wide range of abilities separates him from most players in the league.

"Trout is a five-tool player, and is really good at all five things ... he can run as well as he can hit and play defense just as well as he can run," Gaines said. "Trout was better for his team than any trade could have been. I mean he came up and performed when Pujols was really struggling."

Trout even statistically meant more to his team. According to ESPN.com, Cabrera's wins above replacement, which takes a player's offensive and defensive performance and combines them to give an estimate of how many wins a player accounts for over a replacement (terrible) player, was only 6.9. Trout had a WAR of 10, which was the highest since Alex Rodriguez had 10 in 2002.

Cabrera had an incredible season, but Triple crown does not equal MVP.

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#### Willis McGahee, RB Denver Broncos

McGahee isn't having a year even close to the one he had last season, and things won't get any better with Peyton Manning grabbing more offense control. Start him if you must, as he will continue to see steady carries, but it appears that there are a few big games in McGahee's future.

#### **Mike Williams, WR Tampa Bay Buccaneers**

Williams has been an honest option for fantasy owners this season, with 11 catches and two touchdowns. This week, The Bucs face the Kansas City Chiefs, and with both teams struggling, don't expect a big week in either team's passing game.

#### **Tony Romo, QB Dallas Cowboys**

Following Romo's pathetic Monday Night Football performance and a bye week, Romo owners have had to replace him for the time being. Regardless of how well your substitute filled in, put Romo back in the lineup. Even with a couple picks, Romo will put up around 300 yards, and should be able to find a couple targets in the end zone.

#### Malcom Floyd, WR San Diego Chargers

Floyd has 20 catches on the year and should continue making grabs this week against Denver. The division matchup has all the makings of a shootout, and Floyd will see the ball plenty.

#### Shonn Greene, RB New York Jets

Greene is destined for a breakout game, and while he doesn't possess home run speed, he is the Jets best option at the goal line. Give Greene a chance against the Colts' defense.

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Junior horse rider Margo Lyons competes Saturday in the open fences event during the IHSA Hunt Show, hosted by SIUC at Le Cheval de Boskydell on Furlong Lane. Ten teams from the Zone 7 Region 5 conference traveled to Carbondale for the two-day competition. Lyons also participated in and won the intermediate flat event, which helped the SIUC Equestrian Club bring home second place overall. Maureen Latona, senior rider and equestrian club president, said every club member put in a lot of effort to make the competition happen. "It's just great to be competing again as a team," Latona said.

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# Football season: impossible to predict



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If I were a gambling man, I would have lost quite a bit on the Salukis this season.

Heading into Saturday's bout with Northern Iowa University, SIU has had a rollercoaster of a season that few could have possibly expected.

The team sits at 3-3 on the year, a record that fans and players may think is a little low, but the real shocker is the way the Salukis have arrived at .500 this season.

The team opened the year with a trip to Eastern Illinois Universiity, a team that had managed only two wins in 2011. EIU was

learning a new offense under a rookie head coach and had been historically inept against SIU, including a four game losing streak by at least 15 points.

Easy pick, right?

Wrong.

Eastern pummeled the Salukis 49-28 with a no-huddle offense that left the defense seemingly always a step behind.

The Salukis traveled to Miami University the following week. While no one expected an upset, there was hope SIU would put up a competitive game.

The Salukis kept the Redhawks on their toes throughout the contest, and the 30-14 score did not justify how close the game really was. Though the Salukis didn't win, the game went about as well as one can go for a Football Championship Subdivision playing a Football Bowl Subdivision team.

SIU opened its home season against Southeast Missouri State hungry for a win, and the Salukis got it in dominant fashion. In all honesty, it was completely expected. There wasn't much to take away from the game other than the victory and a competitive spirit for the Missouri Valley Football Conference season.

The Salukis then opened conference play with a road trip to Missouri State University. While the Bears were winless, they had played a brutal schedule, including contests with Kansas State and Louisville, which were both ranked on the national level.

Predictions varied on who was favored. The Salukis were yet to have proven themselves, as well as the Bears. Despite very limited offense, SIU got the 14-6 win.

Fans were beginning to get a grasp of confidence in the team.

Next up on the schedule came the Indiana State University Sycamores. Indiana State would undoubtedly be a tough opponent, but nothing the SIU defense couldn't handle.

Again, the Salukis took a downward turn just when things were looking up. Sycamore running back Shakir Bell ran all over the Saluki defense for 160 yards and Indiana State celebrated a 24-3 win on the Saluki Stadium turf.

To date, it was the low-point for the Salukis on the year.

SIU then traveled to Normal Saturday to take on the undefeated Illinois State Redbirds. To some, the game would be another nail in the SIU season coffin.

The Salukis thought differently.

A blocked punt was returned for a score. ISU quarterback Matt Brown was picked off four times, more than doubling his season total of three. When the final horn sounded, the Saluki's column on the scoreboard said 17, while the home team's remained unchanged from kickoff.

The Redbirds were no longer perfect, and SIU was still alive.

The Salukis have five games remaining on the year: two against ranked opponents (No. 1 North Dakota State and No. 9 Youngstown State), two more against teams receiving votes for the top 25 (South Dakota State and Northern Iowa on Saturday), and the team will conclude the year with a home matchup against Western Illinois University.

It is easy to look at the schedule and think the Salukis won't make it through October with playoff hopes still intact. Don't bet on it.

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