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SLADE MOORE

Wading through the waters of a lush wetland on a site once ravaged by surface mining, a student notices a small bird perched near the edge of a reed. The student, Slade Moore, is a graduate research assistant with the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory, and he is surveying a wetland for the presence of a rare bird species, the least bittern.

The least bittern is a small bird that inhabits wetlands, particularly marshes and swamps. It is known for its distinctive call and its ability to adapt to a wide range of habitats. Moore is studying the bird's population dynamics, behavior, and distribution in Southern Illinois.

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Southern Illinois

CARBONDALE
Career Services offers practice LSAT Jan. 17
The University Career Services and Testing Services will give a practice Law School Admission Test at 9 a.m. on Jan. 17 in Lawson Hall 171. Students interested in taking the test should contact Testing Services at 536-3303.
The fee for taking the test is $10.
— Sara Dan

Baltimore

NTSB head complains of FAA's slow inspection pace
The head of the National Transportation Safety Board says he's frustrated by the follow-up to the crash of TWA Flight 800.
At a public hearing in Baltimore, Jim Hall complained about the slow pace of investigation programs for fuel tanks on Boeing 747s. In the current test, a flight 747 is inspected once a day, he said.
Hall says he's also bothered with the FAA's slow follow-up to the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 last year.

Washington

Police may get immunity from car chase deaths
The Supreme Court has heard arguments on what legal standard should be used to determine liability for high-speed police chases that end in death.
In a case from California, the high court considered whether police officers should get partial immunity from lawsuits seeking damages. The justices also looked at the legal reasons to allow such suits.

Geneva

Schools nix affirmative action quota system
Talks have begun in Geneva aimed at bringing about a formal end to the Korean War.
The United States and China joined the two Koreas for today's bargaining session, the delegations expressed optimism, but their work could take months or even years.
— D 위하여 Egyprian news service

Cafeterias get a makeover

PUT TO A VOTE:
Grinnell, Trueblood changes irritate some students, rest don't care.

J. Michael Rodriguez
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Natasha Fulcher-Green walks to Grinnell Hall in Brush Towers every Saturday and Sunday morning with her friends to have breakfast.

But beginning next semester, she and her friends will have to walk to Trueblood Hall in University Park.

The shifting of Grinnell's breakfast schedule is part of the meal plan changes being implemented by University Housing in the spring. The other changes include new hours of operation for Trueblood and Grinnell halls, new menu items in Grinnell, the elimination of the Saluki Grill and the additions of a coffee house in Trueblood and a pizza place in Grinnell.

Some of the changes are making some SIUC students unhappy.

"It's inconvenient. I don't want to walk to Trueblood to get breakfast over the weekends," said Natasha Fulcher-Green, a freshman in Mass Communications.

Fulcher-Green was unhappy.

"There were just too many students using the Grill," Schwoenover said. "We wanted to make sure that everyone had the same options with a few new features.

The Saluki Grill is located in the basement of Trueblood Hall with a grab-and-go style of menu. The grill is open from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. The coffeehouse will be located in the same place.

The coffee house will begin operation Jan. 10, and will serve espresso coffees, lattes and assorted pastries from noon to 11 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and noon to 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Students will be able to use cash or their declining balance account at the pizza place, coffeehouse or fast food venue in the Saluki Grill.

Grinnell Hall
• Monday - Friday: 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Regular menu
• Monday - Thursday: 3 p.m.-midnight
• Sunday: 6:30 p.m.-midnight

Grinnell Grill
• Monday - Thursday: 4:30-6 p.m.
• Friday: 4:30-10 p.m.

Downstairs Grinnell
• Monday - Sunday: 6 a.m.-midnight

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Downstairs Trueblood (Open Jan. 20)
• Thursday - Sunday: Noon-11 a.m.
• Noon-7 p.m.

SOURCE: University Housing

Greenville College fire kills one, injures seven students

CAMPUS TRAGEDY:
Authorities are trying to determine cause of dormitory fire.

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

GREENVILLE — A pre-dawn fire swept a men's dormitory at Greenville College, killing one student and injuring seven others.

The injured students were treated for minor injuries at University Memorial Hospital and released. The dead student was identified as Joel Pierce, a 22-year-old junior from Warren, N.H.

"There were cuts and some suffocating smoke inhalation," said college spokesperson Dave Dish. "One student escaped through a broken window." Dish says a preliminary investigation by the State Fire Marshal's office indicates the fire began in a common area on the second floor of the five-story Kinney Hall.

Smoke and flames forced more than 30 people to flee in freezing temperatures about 5:15 a.m. "We're shocked," Dish said. It's the first time anything like this has ever happened here.

Dish said the dorm had some working smoke detectors that were inspected Nov. 28.

Authorities are trying to determine the cause of the fire at the small Christian college about 50 miles of St. Louis. Greenville College is affiliated with the Free Methodist Church and has an enrollment of about 1,000 students, including 500 residents on campus.

Greenville College is located in a residential area. The vace was open to all students. Three meal plans were open to a student vote.

Chris Schoenover, housing commissioner for the USC, said the Saluki Grill will be replaced by a coffeehouse because too many students fill up the Saluki Grill after hours, creating a safety hazard.

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Anew feature in Grinnell Hall will be a pizza place, which will be open from 6 p.m. to midnight Tuesday night into this morning. The department, which is responsible for the conditions of the roads, sidewalks and wheelchair ramps, estimates that it will take about eight to 10 hours to salt the entire campus.

LARGEST SELECTION OF SIU APPAREL IN CARBONDALE!
Reason for season marr ed by tree shopping, shopping

As this past weekend's Lights Fantastic Parade showed, it is officially Christmas time in Carbondale. The pretty, shiny lights are lining pretty, pillowy, block town, chiming a popular Christmas hymn until, obviously, the ACLUs step in to protect all the anti-Christian citizens who are having their civil liberties revoked by being forced to look at it, and the horn are offering up their Christmas specials — an abnormally blasphemy-heavy to be sure. As a college newspaper columnist, it is sort of my job to be a cynical smart ass. But at this time, this time, I'm not going to be cynical about Christmas, the topic of today's column. Despite what our contemporary society has done with the holiday, Christmas is pure. And regardless of what religion you might adhere to you cannot argue that fundamentally Christmas provides a reason to celebrate. The Creator of the universe sends his son to Earth to save humanity from itself. Whether you believe this or not is up to you. Regardless, it is a lovely idea. So it isn't cynical about Christmas itself, because the concept behind it is beyond cynicism. However, I do have some reservations some of our modern-day interpretations of Christmas — gift shopping and the Christmas tree.

The thing about Christmas gift shopping is that, you have two sets of people for whom you are buying gifts. You have those you actually want to spend money on, and you have those you buy a gift for because you don't want your butt kicked. Spending money on people you genuinely like is fairly simple. Spending money on people you wouldn't visit in the hospital is a strange but easily possible, to be certain. There are not as many, surrounded by 125,000 people with screaming children attached to each leg, and you're trying to remember Chef's waist. You don't care for Chef. Chef makes a pass at your girlfriend every time he comes over, and he always eat your cheese. But you're going to buy a gift for him. Why? Because you don't want your butt kicked. Not a literal, physical whipping. But certainly an emotional, guilt-induced assault. Because there is nothing worse than receiving a gift from somebody when you know they're nothing in the mail from you heading to his house.

And they will make you feel guilty. It will be spring break and you're on the beach, surrounded by attractive mariners of the opposite sex — and the person you didn't get a Christmas gift. The person will start looking at you like this.

"Man, that ocean is huge. Sure holds a lot of water. Kind of like last pyramid I built for Christmas!"

And you can never wear something that you gave away, because...


"You have those you actually want to spend money on, and you have those you buy a gift for because you don't want your butt kicked."

This was all well and good, except the commercial ended with the promise, "Finally, the way Christmas was intended." The way Christmas was intended. As if every Christmas for the last 2,000 years had one fundamental flaw, and this tree lighting device is finally fixing this flaw. The Commercial made me speechless. For all of it, there were no fir trees in Bethlehem.

Second, the idea of the Christmas tree came centuries later when church leaders tried to convince pagans to celebrate the holiday.

Bishop One: "The devil won't celebrate Christmas. What should we do?"

Bishop Two: "We need to make them feel comfortable about it. Perhaps we should implement their zest for future worship?"

Bishop One: "How about a fir tree with popcorn around it?"

Bishop Two: "Whatever.

All right, I'll admit the popcorn came much later — but you get the idea. The Christmas tree standing device is not 2,000 years too old. In fact, the commercial was only about three months too early. But, I suppose you have to plan ahead.

So in conclusion, Christmas is good — some modern implications of Christmas are borderline foolish. Until next year (providing I get retirees), have a safe and pleasant holiday season.

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Vingerin's column, "Decrease Debt Dave's Way," suggests a student should acquire a student loan and invest in a money market fund. By doing this, the column states that a student can pay off the debt after graduation and keep the interest.

This is a good idea for money legitimately obtained from something other than student loans. But, the purpose of a student loan is to help those who cannot afford college costs. Students should not apply for loans simply to invest and accrue interest.

Vingerin equated investing the student loan to investing money already possessed by a student. If the student had as much money as the loan would give, why is it necessary to apply for a loan? The only conceivable reason is to abuse the privilege.

Vingerin also overlooked the possible penalties for being caught engaging in these illegal actions. Fines of up to $10,000 or a possible prison term can result from a student loan.

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But money spent on caps and gowns, or attempts to reschedule plans are well worth the effort of participation.

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Mailbox

Dear Editor,

I couldn't agree more with your recent column, "Bring in-usable food and receive one week of FREE on-line classified advertising." This initiative not only helps those in need but also encourages community involvement.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dear Editor,

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and peace. Thank you for providing a platform for us to share our thoughts and ideas.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Alexis Cusumano, a 9-month-old from Mt. Vernon, does not enjoy her first visit with Santa.

SANTA CLAUS SHARES SOME SECRETS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Kayla Blatter

Sitting in a green velvet chair at the University Mall, a man in a red suit, big black boots, snowy white beard and jolly laugh is surrounded by children declaring what they want for Christmas.

Santa Claus takes time out from making and wrapping gifts to open his lap to the children. In preparation for the upcoming Christmas season, Santa takes to harnessing up his reindeer and packing up his sleigh.

Claus said he relies on the assistance of the elves to fill his sleigh with presents. “It takes a lot of time and work to get everything ready,” Claus said. “I have to make sure that the packaging is right and the present gets to the right person.”

Claus tackles the job of delivering presents to everyone in the world through the assistance of the reindeer. “The reindeer know where to go,” he said. “All I have to do is flick the reins and they are off.”

In the off season, Claus takes his elves and wife to a sunny destination. “I pay for all of us to go to a nice hot spot and relax,” he said. “We take time out to relax and recuperate from the end of the holiday season.”

Claus enjoys getting all the food that is left for him when he arrives at his many stops. “I usually eat one cookie at each stop,” he said. “But I take the rest home and eat them throughout the year or share them with my elves.”

When Claus is not vacationing or delivering presents, he takes care of the children. “We get ideas from watching the children,” he said. “We are able to look into their hearts and see what they really want.”

Claus said that for this Christmas, he and the elves created a new department in the gift factory. “We have a new interpersonal department,” Claus said. “It still is being worked out. It is an experiment dealing with people’s feelings.”

Claus becomes very busy during the holiday season, but he said just like his wife, very understanding. “Mrs. Claus has been very busy during the holiday season, but she said just like his wife, very understanding.”

The reindeer keep their own records. “The reindeer know where to go,” he said. “They all have to do is flick the reins and they are off.”

When Claus is not at his residence, he is surrounded by the controversy that questions his reality because of his magic ways. “I have Santa magic for a lot of things that I do,” he said. “I use it to get all the presents to everybody and to not be seen by people.”

However, Snellen had an encounter with Claus, as he had his first Santa sighting when he was 6. “I saw him running across my grandpa’s yard,” he said. “And then I went back to the living room, and the floor was covered with presents.”

Although Bracey said he did not believe in Claus, he once felt as if he heard Claus with his reindeer. “It was Christmas Eve,” he said. “I thought that I could hear sleigh bells and reindeer on my roof.”

Claus said he cannot change the way people feel about his existence, but he wants to give them advice. “If you don’t believe and you think that I’m fake that is OK, but isn’t it fun to believe?” he asked.

Although many question the motives of Claus over the holiday season, he said that he loves giving. “Christmas is for the children,” he said. “Giving gifts makes everybody happy.”

Dave Mellen clockwise from bottom left, a senior in history from New Milford, Conn.; Brian Jack, a senior in cinema from Villa Park; Nathan Rockholm, a senior in political science from Alton; and Jim Buczynski, a senior in marketing from Darien, shoot the breeze with Ole’ Saint Nick.
READ IT: Community comes together to help out Book in Every Home program.

KAREN BLATTER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Beverly Sanders saw the reward of hard work when a young boy approached her after her presentation of books for the Book in Every Home program.

"He was showing me the book, and he asked me to read the title to him," Sanders said. "He said that the book sounded good and then said, 'I can take it home, too.'"

Sanders is sponsoring the program for all SIU campuses. The Book in Every Home program ended its third annual book drive Nov. 21. The drive collects books to be distributed to the children in Head Start schools. Head Start Schools focus on meeting the social, educational and physical needs of preschool children in low-income families.

One-fourth of women missed pill

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

ANN ARBOR, MICH. — A study of U.S. women who use birth control pills finds that more than one-fifth failed to take the pill on two or more consecutive days, significantly increasing the risk of pregnancy.

Researchers blame "a lack of routine in daily life" for erratic pill-taking among the 105 women in Michigan and North Carolina monitored over a three-month period. But they note that women who missed two pills in a row had not been warned to do so.

Referring to the first group, lead researcher and University of Michigan Nursing Professor Deborah Oakley says, "The combination of two missed pills and more frequent intercourse elevated their risk considerably." The 52 percent who took a pill every day had intercourse an average of 12 days in the 90 days studied. But women who missed had intercourse an average of 22 days. The researchers say demographics and "psychosocial characteristics" did not affect the habits among the study group who were a small sample of the 18 million American women who regularly use the pill.

Of the women studied, 27 percent missed two or more days in a row and continued to have sex without any other birth control method. Eighteen percent abstained from sex when they missed the pill for two or more days.

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United Press International

WASHINGTON - A study of 105 women in Michigan and North Carolina who were monitored over a three-month period found that one-fourth of them missed birth control pills.

The study, conducted by University of Michigan Nursing Professor Deborah Oakley, found that women who missed two pills in a row had an average of 22 days of intercourse, significantly increasing the risk of pregnancy.

Researchers noted that women who missed the pill on two or more consecutive days were at a higher risk of conception. The study also found that demographic and psychosocial characteristics did not affect the habits of the study group.

The study group consisted of 105 women who used birth control pills. They were divided into two groups: those who missed two pills in a row and those who did not. The study found that women who missed the pill on two or more consecutive days were at a higher risk of conception.

The researchers recommended that women who miss birth control pills should consider using other methods of contraception or abstaining from sex until they have taken the pill for two or more days.
Foreign students flock to New York

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

NEW YORK — Most foreign students who want to study abroad head to New York City for college.

The Institute of International Education reports that the Big Apple is the world capital for foreign students with nearly 20,000 studying in the city’s five boroughs.

There were an estimated 458,000 foreign enrollees nationwide. According to the organization’s annual report, the number of international students attending American colleges and universities increased 9 percent, continuing a seven-year trend of minimal growth.

However, the number of Americans studying overseas is up 6 percent.

The study finds that most foreign students come from Asia, particularly Japan, which sent more than 46,000 students. Europe also produced many America-bound scholars, most from Germany, Latin America was third.

LEAST BITTERN

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implementation of man-made wetlands.

The reclamation program has helped area mines such as the Burning Star No. 5 mine in Desoto restore their reclaimed lands into more than 60 acres of wetlands. The Burning Star mine, owned by Consolidated Coal, was one of 43 potential sites where Moore detected the presence of the least bittern.

It was in these scattered wetlands where Nawrot and Moore found an opportunity to examine the occurrence of a rare bird.

"Seals hasn’t actually determined any specific number of birds in the area," Nawrot said. "The least bittern is on the endangered species list, but it may not be endangered because it is so difficult to actually find the bird."

Because the least bittern is a secretive, small bird, Moore conducted a standard call survey. By playing a recording of the bird’s call, or song, during nesting season in May, Moore was able to detect one of which all least bittern populations. The bird was recorded at 7,300 acres where the least bittern was present.

Nawrot said an index of population was generally accepted in counting least bittern populations. For every one bird that calls back to the recording, there are an estimated two more birds present, and for every one wetland where the bird is present, two more wetlands contain the birds.

"There really is no feasible way to do a normal census of the least bittern populations because they hide well," Nawrot said.

The site of the wetlands where least bitterns live is not as much of an issue as the protection. Moore said, because the wetlands where least bitterns live is necessary, he has not been able to find any land that could sustain the species. The least bittern is a good indicator that an ecosystem can sustain healthy and diverse.

Lee Drickamer, professor of zoology, has spent hundreds of hours bird watching and has only come across the least bittern a few times.

"The least bittern is a good indicator that an ecosystem can sustain a fairly number of marsh birds," Drickamer said. "The least bittern is more restricted in what habitat it will use so if you find the least bittern living in an area, then birds with less strict (living) requirements are likely to be there too."

Ducks, geese and great blue herons, are other waterfowl that reside in wetland areas.

The Mined Land Reclamation Program initially began working with mined land restoration in the 1970s, even before the 1977 Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act required all surface mining activities be restored to original condition.

Although surface mining has been opposed by environmentalist for years, Moore, is optimistic about the future.

"About reclaimed lands," Moore said, "it’s hard to find areas in negative places where they make new habitats for bitterns."
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Café’s hours will change to 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 3 p.m. to midnight Mondays through Thursdays, serving a regular menu. From 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Grinnell will feature a grab-and-go style menu, serving deli-style sandwiches, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chicken strips, fritos and a specialty sandwich of the day.

In Trueblood, the cafeteria will be open from 7 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Seally, coordinator of marketing for University Housing, said students have until Jan. 23 to change their meal plans to adapt to the new changes.

Students can eat for 12 meals a week and for every meal they do not use, they receive $1.50 back. The money is refunded at the end of each semester. Another meal plan will allow students to get 15 meals per week with a $52 credit for the pizza place, fast food venues in the Student Center and the coffeeshop. A student can also purchase 19 meals per week with no added bonus.

“The meal plan will stay the same. If students want to change plan, they can,” Scally said. “The changes are to meet customer satisfaction and demand. Students desired late-night options and a wider variety of menu items. We feel that these changes will meet their needs.”

Bill Connors, head chef for Residence Hall, said the 160 students employed at the cafeteria do not have to worry about losing their jobs when this new plan is implemented.

“We are hoping that the students (working in the Saluki Grill) will be willing to move to the regular cafeterias to adjust to the change,” he said. “We are not counting on any addition to our student labor budget.”

Connors also said that the new changes will not cost the cafeteria any money, and the pizza place and the coffeeshop should pay for themselves.

Rob Murphy, a junior in history education from Chatham, said that although he did not vote, he is remaining in a second position to give the new plan a chance.

“I walk to the Grill, so it won’t kill me to do it on Saturday and Sunday for breakfast,” he said. “I also figure that I already have a declining balance, and I’ll be more prone to use it next semester (at the pizza place). This change was needed for what the students wanted now.”

One change, he said, “We’ve had indications from faculty members for a number of years and student groups that they’d like the library to be more available in the hours past midnight and make the hours as extensive as possible.

“All-night study space accomplishes both goals and not incongruously gets a much-needed facility on the first floor, which we’ve never had.”

Last year, the Undergraduate Student Government requested that the Big Muddy room be open for 24 hours so that academic-minded students could have a place to study. The request was granted, but in November, the 24-hour room came under fire by administrators who claimed that it received little use in the pre-dawn hours and that it was not cost-effective.

A proposal to close the room at 3 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and earlier on Friday and Saturday came before the Student Center board on Nov. 14. Jackie Smith, USG chief of staff, moved to table the motion until meeting with USG.

Smith presented the proposal to USG on Dec. 3, and USG responded by passing unanimous resolution to support the 24-hour operation of the study room.

The consensus was overwhelming,” she said. “We felt it was a waste of money because this had never even been offered to students before, and patrons like that just aren’t going to change over one semester.”

Although USG passed the resolution supporting the Big Muddy room, she said the library is a superior option.

“Lighting is a lot better there, and there are computers there with the same as well as encyclopedias and resource materials,” she said.

Carolyn Snyder, dean of Library Affairs, said it is still too early to estimate the cost of staffing the first floor with library personnel and security between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7:45 a.m.

Snyder also is uncertain of what services will be available in the library; she said the full plan, including costs, will be ready in the next few months.

“We will definitely provide for checking out books, and using computers,” she said. “But beyond that we’re not really sure, we just don’t have a full plan yet.”
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Fun of the local area poppock music scene will have something for everyone, dance and mosh about Thursday night at Hangar 9 with a style-halldowing showcase featuring Poor King, Blue Lava and the Waxdolls.

Poor King guitarist/ vocalis Dan Jones said the mix of music at the show will defy any genre labels or classification because of each band’s musical sentiment and those who formulate it.

“Ska, hair metal, disco— it’s all here— done to death. It’s time to define music in terms of subGenres,” he said. “Let’s just call it all ‘beats’.”

Rector Thursday’s show will be reminiscent of the Waxdolls played to earlier Carbondale crowds a few years back that were involved and interested in the local music scene.

“Concerts used to be more like this one. It used to be us and two local bands at the Hangar all the time,” he said. “Back when people would come and come back when there were enough good bands around here, you could throw a showcase like this together.”

Jones said showcases like Thursday’s are a rarity around town because they are not the local venues are looking to book.

He also said fans are more thoughtful about where and how they spend their money for entertainment.

“A lot of place around here just won’t really give area bands a chance,” he said. “And it seems like the fan bases for area bands want to stay in the ‘90s for a party atmosphere’.”

Jones added that the purpose of the showcase is to return the music scene to where it is meant to be.

“When you’re in college, you want to drink,” he said, “and that is why we’re doing this — to bring the scenes back to the bars.”

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Two more wins would give Redskins NFC East title

**SHOWDOWN:**
If Giants beat Redskins Saturday, New York would clinch division.

**WASHINGTON POST**

With their confidence restored and a resurgent defense, the Washington Redskins started preparing Monday for the biggest game of the season, a battle that will decide the NFC East.

Saturday's contest against the New York Giants will be the team's final home game of the season. The Redskins are 7-6-1, while the Giants are 8-5-1. A win by either team will clinch the NFC East title, with the Redskins holding the tiebreaker.

"This is it," said running back Terry Allen. "This is the game we've been waiting for." Head coach Steve Spurrier agreed, saying, "It's the game we've been working for." The Giants, led by quarterback Jeff Hostetler, have a chance to clinch the division as well.

"I think Jeff loves to play," General Manager Charley Casserly said. "He's a competitor." Hostetler, who is 50-31 as a starting quarterback, has been a key factor in the Giants' success this season.

"In this league," said Spurrier, "you've got to play every game like it's your last. That's what this game is." The Redskins, who have lost three of their last four games, will be relying on their defense to step up and perform.

"We're alive. Stranger things have happened," said safety Sean Taylor. "If the Giants win Saturday, they'll clinch the NFC East. But if they don't, we'll still be in the mix." The game is crucial for both teams, with the winner taking a huge step towards the playoffs.

"We own the Giants," said Redskins defensive coordinator Norv Turner. "They've been a problem for us in the past." The Redskins have won six of their last eight games against the Giants, but that hasn't stopped them from taking this game seriously.

"We want to win this one, we're very particular around here," said Turner. "We've got a lot to play for." The Redskins need a win to stay alive in the playoff race, while the Giants need a win to clinch the division.

The game is scheduled for 1:00 PM EST at Giants Stadium. The winner will have a significant advantage in the NFC East, setting the stage for a potential Super Bowl run.

"We're alive. Stranger things have happened," said Taylor. "We've got a chance to slay the giants," Turner added. "We've got to control the whole thing."
The Mets were not particularly concerned about it. They didn’t even want Isringhausen to have the show, marginally repaired after the 1996 season, examined by their doctors. Isringhausen is to pick Tuesday night in Ft. Ruiz with a general manager Steve Phillips in attendance.

Phillips’ trip — it begins Monday night — was the tentative deal wa
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starter who — as Phillips says — would “not be ahead of Bobby Jones.”

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Hudson moves to injured list as Stockton returns.

Utah Jazz All-Star guard John Hudson moved to the injured list Monday night because of a sprained right wrist, and guard Derick ROBY replaced him in the starting lineup.

Hudson, a Carbondale native, was placed on Utah's injured list with a strained right wrist to make room for Stockton. Hudson signed with the Jazz as a rookie free agent Oct. 2, but received little playing time behind point guards Howard Eisley and Jacque Vaughn.

Hudson, SIUC's all-time leading two-year scorer, has averaged 1.5 points per game and 2.9 minutes in eight appearances for the Jazz this season.

Bears' Carter arrested for child abandonment

Chicago Bears defensive back Marty Carter was arrested Monday night in his hometown of LaGrange, Ga., on a charge of child abandonment. Carter turned himself in at the Trapey County Jail, was arrested, then released on his own recognizance. He faces a Jan. 26 court date for arraignment.

Carter is being pursued by Felicia Strozier, a LaGrange woman who says she was a high school romance with Carter that resulted in the birth of a son, Dionne, now 10 years old. Strozier has been trying to get some kind of child support since October 1996, but has not received any.

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It was known as the old swimming hole — a narrow river channel of about 50 feet in length, and Edward Shea was only 7 years old as he stood looking at the banks on the other side of the river.

Shea, a student at Carbondale High School, was trying to reach a friend who had been played by his own strength...