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Quinn to make appearance in Marion

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Daily Egyptian

Gov. Pat Quinn will be in Marion Wednesday morning to sign a bill that will bring massive development to the city's north side.

State Rep.rika. Post confirmed Quinn would be at the event at 11 a.m. in the Operating Engineers Union Local 318 Hall in Marion to sign the bill.

The bill, Senate Bill 2033, would allow for the use of TIF funds, which uses a portion of sales tax revenue to pay off bonds used for development and construction of the real area.

Supporters of the bill say the project could bring thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars into the community and southern Illinois.

Bost, who supported the bill, said there were still some controversy regarding issues.

"For that area, it will be a very large tax base, and they have a developer that is willing to work," he said. "However, they don't have any major businesses yet.

The project is expected to cost $378 million.

Associate director’s family begins recovery

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Family members of Matt Baughman, the associate director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, underwent surgery Sunday and Monday in recovery from injuries sustained in a head-on car collision Saturday.

Baughman said his wife and 6-year-old son Joshua Baughman were headed to Children's Medical Center in St. Louis, while Angela Baughman cut her left wrist and fractured her right hand, and a 6-month-old son Joshua Baughman was taken to Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, according to a State Police report. He was cited with driving with a revoked license.

Alexander Baughman suffered a broken right arm, fractured bones above his left wrist and cut on his head, said Gwaltney. The accident was 10 a.m. and 10 a.m. respectively.

The driver of the other car, Mario Marquez, also received minor injuries and were released Saturday night, said Gwaltney. He said Baughman was in a child safety seat, which protected him in the accident.

Matt Baughman said the doctors have been pleased with how well the injuries have gone, but it would still take months of rehabilitation for his wife and son to recover from the accident. He said there was no timetable for recovery.

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Greek Row construction to occur before demolition

Architecture students provide design suggestions

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

Although Greek Row’s demolition date had been set for May 2012 three years ago, Julie Payne, Kirkmeier said construction would begin before demolition.

Kirkmeier, director of university housing, said there is a three-phase plan in the process of renovating Greek Row. Phase one would begin by constructing three to five buildings to house the three sororities of Greek Row in unused space west of the campus lake.

The demolition of Greek Row started in 2004 when former Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the Fire Sprinkler Dormitory Act requiring dormitories at all Illinois colleges and universities to have fire sprinkler systems installed by Jan. 1, 2013.

The buildings on Greek Row that are used as administrative buildings could still be used after the dust settles, said Kirkmeier. She said they are not affected by the act since they are not residential buildings.

The buildings on Greek Row have more than 50 years old and have outlined their usefulness for installing fire sprinkler systems in the existing buildings. She said Kirkmeier. She said it would be easier to replace the buildings completely.

Norman Lach, assistant professor and architectural studies program director, has joined with University Housing for the last year, and asked students to design phase one of Greek Row as a class project.

Although it is unlikely the final design for the housing units will replicate a student idea, Lach’s class plans on following through with the winning idea, said Larry Pence, vice chancellor for student affairs.

From an architectural viewpoint, Lach has captured a three-phase project as big as Greek Row to progress more quickly.

See HOUSING on page 2.

A VIRTUAL VISIT

Over the last three years, the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation, gives a virtual ramp Tuesday at Evergreen Park, on local bird species using the bird, turkey culture, as an example. Shamar National Forest sponsored the event known as "Field Days" to help find local youth interested in the forest. "The reason the audience we did this for usually doesn’t get out to the forest, so we bring the forest to them," said Sue Hith, conservation education coordinator for Shamar National Forest.

Please see CAMPUS VISIT on page 6.
Models of Carbondale's new public safety center can be found online in the June 22 city council agenda. The center is expected to be completed by March 22.

Council approves construction contract

City council awards lowest bidder contract to Construction Company for the New Public Safety Center.

The city council approved Contega Construction Company, LLC of Edwardsville, and the lowest bidder of the construction contract, for the development of the new public safety center.

Paul Garlock, senior associate of planning and architecture at Arcturus architectural firm; suggested Contega would accept Contega Construction Company's bid of $7.62 million.

Arcturus received nine bids ranging from $7.5 million to $7.8 million. Contega Construction Company offered the lowest bid.

Jody O'Guinn, Carbondale chief of police said they hoped city council would approve the bid and award it to the low bidder that was recommended by the architect.

"It will be a centerpiece for the citizens and allow us to perform our jobs much easier so I'm hopeful that we can get this accomplished," O'Guinn said.

According to the project's description, the new center will be a 32,000 square foot, 2-story brick structure on the site of the former Lincoln Middle School on Washington Street.

Architectural fees have been paid from the city's local improvement fund. Further funding for construction, contingencies, furniture and fixtures will be accommodated by a bond issuance of nearly $8 million, said Allen Gill, city manager.

The recent building housed the police department for the last 30 years, but the new building would be beneficial for each more specific needs, said O'Guinn. The building will have more security features — security cameras, and those are for accountability; not only for citizen safety.

Construction has a 260 days timeline, which is set to be complete no later than March 2011, concluding normal weather patterns, Gill said.

In other news, the city council approved the Comprehensive Plan, which addresses efforts to better Carbondale community organizing, land use, character and community growth, economic development, community mobility, housing and implementation.

The plan was initiated November 2008 and further implemented January 2009. Community events such as the city symposium were held since March 2009 to get the perspectives interests of city resident.

Robert Harper, chairman of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, led the planning committee to gather holistic perspectives of the community.

"We need to change Carbondale into a real university community that students and parents can look to as a pleasant place," said Harper. "Housing is a horrendous problem. This plan is a nice tool kit, but this vision is needed for our future."

The council stressed the importance of the plan, but also took account of future residents. The plan is considered a blueprint rather than a mandate.

"We are a university community. We have to know what students want in order for more progress in economic growth for this city," said Wissmann, Carbondale councilman. "I think it's a wonderful plan."

Other future projects such as the reconstruction of the city's fire department for the last 10 years will be discussed at a later date.

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Local talent shoots for ‘Top’

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Shooting cans as a child in southern Illinois has paved way for Danny Chapman.

Chapman is one of 16 contestants competing in the History Channel’s “Top Shot.” The reality show split the contestants into two teams, competing in various shooting challenges. The grand prize is $100,000.

Chapman grew up in Carbondale and attended high school in Carterville. He obtained his associate’s degree from John A. Logan and graduated with two semesters at SIU before finishing school at Murray State in 1991.

Chapman belongs to numerous shooting organizations including the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association. Mounted shooting is chuck shooting targets while navigating through obstacle courses on horseback.

“The mental discipline it takes to negotiate a course that fast is immense,” said Brady Carr, executive vice president of the CMSA. “You have no time to think about it. You have to train your mind to react.”

Carr said Chapman has experience in many areas of shooting including mounted shooting. He said his knowledge of mounted shooting should help him deal with pressure situations on “Top Shot.”

“It’s pressure all the time,” Carr said. “Winning and losing is separated on “Top Shot.”

Chapman said he grew up hunting and fishing like many children in southern Illinois. He said he learned to shoot from his grandfather and, and has a natural ability to shoot from an early age.

Chapman, now a professional shooter, said he used all his different skills to compete on “Top Shot.”

“I feel confident going into the show,” he said. “I have a nice wide variety of shooting experiences.”

He said his best attribute was his ability to adapt. Each challenge featured a different weapon or skill set required to complete the task.

“T hey (the producers) told us day to day we would be handling so many different types of weapons that we would encounter something we never had before,” Chapman said. “I made it a habit to stay as calm and collected as possible, when I encountered something I hadn’t encountered before.”

Chapman found out about the show through coincidence on a website. The 16 contestants were narrowed down from a group of more than 5,000 applicants, he said.

Chapman said he had to undergo a physical and mental examination as well as compete in a preliminary event to qualify in the final 16.

Chapman said cameras constantly rolled during the competitions.

“Throughout the show, we were set up in a reality format Chapman said he live by a cowboy code that he — like the American Roy Rogers — would always help everyone and do the right thing in every situation.

“I take the old fashioned idea of what a cowboy is to heart,” Chapman said. “Cowboys have what we call a code of the west.”

Hele said old cowboys would always do the right things whether or not it was convenient.

Carr said it was great to see a friend compete on the national level as well as competitive shooting on the national stage.

“Danny is one of the finest people I have known,” he said. “He is in the real deal, he doesn’t just walk the walk but can talk the talk as well.”

Near end of new episodes of show are scheduled to air at 9 p.m. Sundays on the History Channel.

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BAUGHMAN

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“Now it's not going to be anything short term: it will definitely be in the long term,” Baughman said. “It's going to be a long road for each of them.”

Baughman said the support he has received so far from the community has been incredible.

“All the support from friends, family, church members, even people I have never met, it’s been tremendous,” he said.

Baughman said the Institute would help the Baughman family in every way it could.

Baughman said he continues to wait for things to return to the way they used to be for his family.

“We just ask for continued support and support in the coming weeks and we’re hopeful that we can be back together home soon,” he said.

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Afghanistan-exit deadline causes trouble

I was one of those "oh my Goodness" moments.

Gen. David Petraeus was testifying June 15 before the Senate Armed Services Committee. Sen. John McCain was pressing him for his opinion on the feasibility of President Obama's July 2011 deadline to begin troop withdrawals from Afghanistan. Suddenly, the general slammed onto the table.

Fortunately, it was only a case of dehydration. "After leaving the hearing room and drinking some fluids, Petraeus returned and quipped, "I wasn't Sen. McCain's question,"" he said, "more interested in hearing than in answering."" I don't usually agree with John McCain, but this time he is right.

I understand why Obama set the deadline, in a speech at West Point on Dec. 1. At a time of economic recession, he wanted to avoid an open-ended commitment in a Vietnam. He also wanted to convey to President Hamid Karzai that, despite a temporary "surge" of 30,000 U.S. troops, Afghans urgently needed to assume more of the security burden.

However, setting such a deadline in public has the perverse effect of undermining the prospects for a deal with top Taliban, which would make sense if he believes our commitment is fleeting. Of course, he stands scant chance of achieving such a deal, if the top Taliban leaders think U.S. troops are leaving, they don't need to compromise with him—or us.

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Their Word

Obama isn't heading for the exits — he should make his own position clear soon.

American's push back against Taliban fighters if they think U.S. troops would be gone soon.

Another example: Reports are rife that Karzai is angling for a deal with top Taliban, which would make sense if he believes our commitment is fleeting. Of course, he stands scant chance of achieving such a deal, if the top Taliban leaders think U.S. troops are leaving, they don't need to compromise with him—or us.

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**Crossword**

**Clue**
46. Out-of-towners, perhaps. (9)
45. A man’s name. (9)
44. Professional nitwit. (9)
43. Atmosphere (9)
42. Telegraph part. (9)
41. Refurbishment. (9)
40. A bird, perhaps. (9)
39. One of the few longest puzzle answers in this test of them. (9)
38. Eyes. (9)
37. 1, 1, in London. (9)
36. It’s bought. (9)
35. Under the bed. (9)
34. Master of arts. (9)
33. Embarrass. (9)
32. Onward. (9)
31. Dealing, perhaps. (9)
30. A peak. (9)
29. It’s at the back. (9)
28. Common catch. (9)
27. Tailfeather. (9)
26. One of the letters that can be found in a Sudoku puzzle. (9)
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Witness: Blagojevich mulled value of Senate seat

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The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Rod Blagojevich was excited about what he might get in exchange for Barack Obama's Senate seat — from campaign donations to a post in the new administration or just sending himself to Washington — according to the ousted governor's former top aide and witness, Mark Kirkland, who testified Thursday.

Blagojevich talked about his access to a lifetime opportunity to appoint a new senator, considering several alternatives in an effort to get the best possible deal for himself — including feeding misinformation to the Obama camp and others, according to testimony by former Chief of Staff John Harris.

"This is a telltale and risky thing going on right now," Blagojevich says to Harris in one recording, referring to efforts to blackmail Obama and his aides as a way to gain leverage. As governor, Blagojevich was responsible for appointing someone to fill the empty Senate seat.

Harris told jurors that Blagojevich suggested leaking false reports that he was thinking about appointing state officials, including Attorney General Lisa Madigan, to convince Obama to appoint him as Secretary of Health and Human Services or maybe U.S. ambassador to China as an exchange for appointing Obama's choice for the seat, Valerie Jarrett.

Blagojevich said he and Kirkland also talked about getting then-state Sen. President Emil Jones to hand over any entire campaign cash he had to exchange for the appointing power. At the time, Jarrett was serving a term in office.

"Do they think that I would just appoint Valerie Jarrett for nothing at all? Just to make him (Obama) happy?" Blagojevich tells Harris on the tape.

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U.S. general in Afghan war at risk of losing his job

BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States, has replaced his top military commander in Afghanistan with General John McChrystal, The Associated Press has learned.

The White House summoned General McChrystal to Washington on Tuesday for a meeting, sources said. The meeting ended with McChrystal's resignation.

A senior U.S. military official in Afghanistan told The Associated Press that the general has been given an indication that he will be fired - but no assurance he won't be. The official spoke on condition of anonymity - to describe internal discussions between Washington and the general's office in Kabul.

A military official push to push the Taliban's heartland in southern Afghanistan gained momentum this week after McChrystal had planned, and - according to Pentagon officials, speaking on condition of anonymity - the White House has decided to allow the administration to tip the天平, a perilous time to the ally can say - 'I told you so' - commander of the war in Afghanistan told The Associated Press.

The eruption comes as the war in Afghanistan enters a critical juncture, a tipping point, a precarious time for the United States to charge military leadership.

A majority of Americans now say the war is probably not worth fighting, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates has said that public dissatisfaction for the U.S.-led international coalition must show progress this year.

In the article, McChrystal did not criticize Obama directly but called the president was on the verge of being called a "disastrous" commander. He asked that Obama be warned that he was heading to an "unraveling" position.

In an indirect challenge to Obama's policies, McChrystal said that McCrystal had planned, and - according to Pentagon officials, speaking on condition of anonymity - the White House has decided to allow the administration to tip the 天平, a perilous time to the ally can say - 'I told you so' - commander of the war in Afghanistan told The Associated Press.

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Humiliation now complete for France at World Cup

JOHN LEICESTER
The Associated Press

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa — The referee waved a red card at the French player, ejecting him from the game for a nasty elbow foul. His coach buried his head in his hands.

Soon after, South Africa put the French out of their misery with a 2-1 victory, and France's World Cup humiliation was complete.

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In November, France made it to the World Cup over Iceland when a referee failed to see Thierry Henry double-dip a ball before teammate William Gallas scored. With no video replay, soccer fans around the world complained that France had made it to the sport's biggest stage by cheating.

As 1998 World Cup champions and losing finalists in 2006, France churns out top-quality players who compete for Europe's biggest leagues and had reason to believe it would at least get beyond the first round.
Brandon Lachance
Daily Egyptian

The Daily Egyptian caught up with track and field star Jeneva McCall for 15 minutes.

McCall recently earned three All-Americans honors in discus, hammer throw and shot put and won her first national championship at the 2010 NCAA Outdoor Championships. She will compete at an under-23 international competition July 9-11 in Geneva, Switzerland, representing the United States.

The junior track and field athlete talked about her favorite sports to watch, and plays besides track as well as her interest in virology.

DE: What is your favorite sport to watch other than track?
JM: It would be tennis. My grandpa used to watch tennis, so it was like a family thing.

DE: What is your favorite food to eat when you travel?
JM: I like how the Williams sisters say, because I like the aggression they bring to the court, it’s a lot more interesting.

DE: Do you play any recreational sports besides track?
JM: No. If I did, it would be basketball to keep in shape, but there are so many (potential) injuries, so I stick to track.

DE: What are you studying in school?
JM: I am going into virology. My grandmother had brain surgery 25 years ago and she said she wouldn’t have been able to live past six months. It has been many years and she still survived and a lot of people are asking how.

DE: Do you have any hobbies?
JM: I like to write. Lately I’ve been thinking about life in general and how our government is structured. I go in a tangent and write down all my thoughts. When I take class – right now I’m in an anthropology class – I ask questions and figure out why.

DE: What’s your favorite movie?
JM: I was down in the morning and back at it right. It sounds odd, but I believe it’s because I have a lot of film knowledge and want to be healthier in the morning because you do a lot of stuff in the morning and back at it at night. If you eat breakfast, which is small, you won’t feel heavy in the morning.

Jeneva McCall
Track & Field

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On the indoor track, I would be much more confident if I knew the US team was not going to give up a goal in the first 15 minutes of the match, instead it was a game where they could play better. Instead, it would be heartbreaking to see such a talented team fall to someone we thought we could beat.

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Tiber’s 2010 class includes two junior college transfers. Rani Brandon and Charline Ngueli, Brandon comes from Parkland Community College in Champaign, where she averaged 15.6 points and 6.5 rebounds a game during her sophomore year. Ngueli is transferring from Northwest Shoals Community College in Muscle Shoals, Ala., where she averaged 11.2 points and 7.1 rebounds a game.

Sioux women’s basketball head coach Becky Lehman was a McDonald’s All-American nominee and ranked as one of the top 100 high school guards in 2010 by ESPN HoopGurlz.

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New scoreboards give students opportunities

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Women's Basketball

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SIU women's basketball coach Missy Tiber said she plans to get the Salukis back on the winning track with a strong recruiting class. Tiber, who walked into a tumultuous situation when she came to SIU in April 2009, struggled her first season as the Salukis finished with a 9-24 record. But Tiber said her new 10-player recruitment class should put SIU in a position to rebuild sooner rather than later.

"It's not something you want to do as a head coach — being in a recruiting class of 10 — but it was something that had to be," Tiber said. "It's 100 percent necessary for us to get this program turned around, turned around quickly." Tiber's large recruitment class is partially a result of the fallout she inherited from former head coach Dana Elsken. After Elsken led the team to an A MVC championship in 2006-07, the team struggled the following year to a 1-19 record. Complaints of her mistreating the team followed her and resulted in six players leaving SIU, including two recruited freshmen in Ellen Poling and Breeana Seller, which led to Elsken's resignation and Tiber's hiring.

Tiber's diverse class of recruits includes seven scholarship freshmen, two junior college transfers and one walk-on. Tiber's star recruit, sophomore Antatlia Wright, is a transfer from West Virginia University, which was selected in the Big East, one of the top conferences. She will have to sit out a year because of NCAA Division I rules, but will have three years of eligibility beginning with the 2011-12 season. Wright scored more than 2,000 points, grabbed more than 1,300 rebounds and shot over 50 percent from the floor. A 5-foot, 6-inch guard who is a natural for the Salukis up tempo style of play. Tiber said after a year of learning her teammates and developing a style of play, she will be vital in SIU winning games.

"One thing that will be good for her is she is going to play a year under a team where she is participating," Tiber said. "When you have the opportunity to get a player wanting to change from a big school, you are going to jump on that."

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