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OCTOBER 17

DPS CRIME LOG

Anthony J. Kimble, an 18-year-old SIU student from Jerseyville, was arrested at Schneider Hall Tuesday for possession of drug paraphernalia. Kimble was issued a Carbondale City pay by mail citation and was released.

Michael J. Smith, an 18-year-old SIU student from Crystal Lake, was arrested at Schneider Hall Tuesday for possession of cannabis 30 grams and under. Smith was issued a Carbondale City pay by mail citation and released.

Lamar M. Meakens, a 19-year-old SIU student from Willowbrook, was arrested at South Wall at East Stoker Street Saturday for resisting and obstructing a police officer, possession of cannabis 30 grams and under, and a failure to yield to a pedestrian. Meakens was transported to the Jackson County Jail.

Amanda E. Banks, a 23-year-old SIU student from Harrisburg, was arrested at North Wall at East Grand for driving under the influence of alcohol, a disobeyed traffic control device offense, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and a motor vehicle accident. Banks posted a \$300.00 cash bond and was released.

A Samsung Galaxy S3 cellular telephone and \$350.00 were stolen from Neely Hall in a residential burglary Friday. No suspects have been identified.

Delvon M. Anderson, a 19-year-old SIU student from Clayton, MO, was arrested at

Neely Hall Friday for assault. Anderson was issued a Carbondale City notice to appear for threatening an 18-year-old SIU student.

Criminal defacement of state supported property occurred at Schneider Hall's third and tenth floors Friday. No suspects have been identified.

CARBONDALE POLICE

Police responded to a report of a motor vehicle burglary in the 300 block of South Oakland Avenue Tuesday. Officers learned an unknown suspect entered the unlocked vehicle and stole property sometime between 9:00 p.m. on Sunday and 3:00 p.m. Monday. Investigation is continuing.

Police responded to a residential burglary report in the 700 block of East Park Street Monday. Officers learned an unknown suspect entered the locked residence and stole property sometime between 12:00 p.m. on Friday and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Investigation is continuing.

Police responded to a burglary of motor vehicle report in the 100 block of South Forest Street Monday. Officers learned an unknown suspect entered the unlocked vehicle and stole property between 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. Investigation is continuing.

Police responded to a burglary of a motor vehicle report in the 700 block of West Walnut. Officers learned an

unknown suspect entered the unlocked vehicle stole property between 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Investigation is continuing.

Curtis J. Ramey, a 27-year-old, was arrested during an investigation of a residential burglary report in the 400 block of West College Street Monday for possession of cannabis and possession with intent distribute cannabis 30-500 grams, and possession of cannabis paraphernalia. Ramey was incarcerated in the Jackson County Jail.

Joseph W. Johnson, a 19-year-old, was arrested when police responded to a residential burglary report in the 1200 block of East Grand Avenue Saturday for the possession of stolen property. Officers learned a suspect entered the locked residence and stole property sometime between 8:00 p.m. Thursday and 7:30 a.m. Friday. During the course of the investigation, officers identified Johnson as the suspect. Johnson was incarcerated at the Jackson County Jail.

Tyler S. Ferguson, a 19-year-old, was arrested when police responded to a residential burglary report in the 500 block of South University Avenue Saturday for residential burglary, possession of burglary tools, theft over \$500, theft under \$500, and criminal damage to property. Officers observed an unknown suspect forcibly enter a locked residence at 12:30 a.m. Officers were able to apprehend the subject who was identified as Ferguson. Ferguson was incarcerated at Jackson County Jail.

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Appropriations, fundamentals among factors holding college students back

KARSTEN BURGSTAHLER
The Weekender

The rising cost of college has given new urgency to questions about the purpose of higher education and whether students are being priced out of their ticket to future financial security.

With four years at a public university costing an average of \$72,000 and expected to rise to \$97,000 by 2025, according to Time magazine, students are left to wonder whether the thousands they have invested will result in a bright future.

But Time’s statistics also show half of employers surveyed stated they had trouble finding qualified college graduates to hire, bringing up the question of whether college should be designed strictly to train students for the workforce or should be more about making them cultured through classes in the humanities and history.

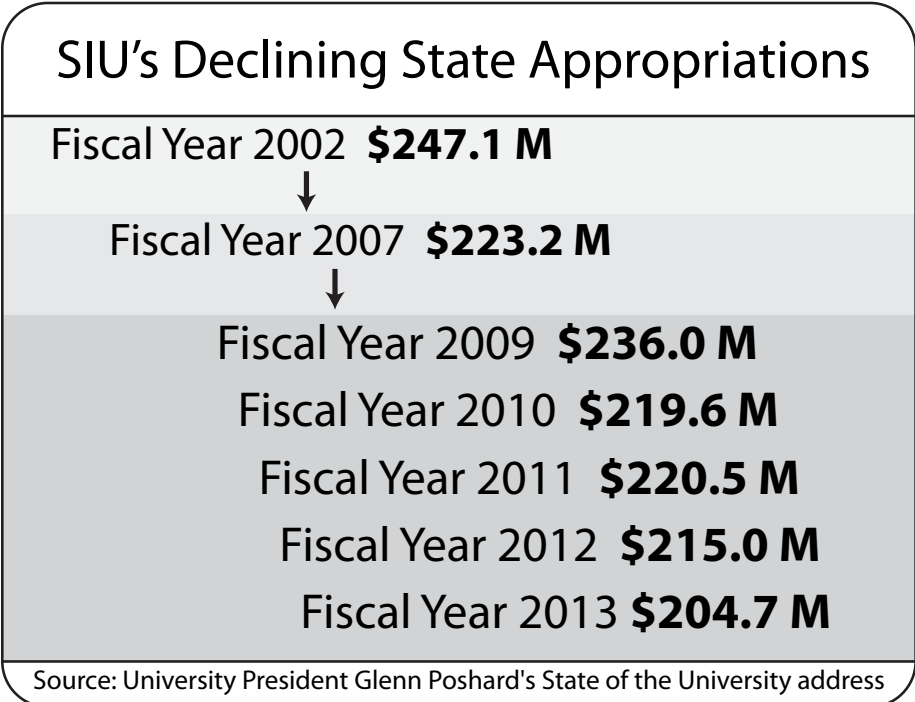
As states across the country cut back on their support for public higher education, tuition rises and the pressure to make the investment pay off increases.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said he is worried that only the wealthy will be able to afford a college education.

“It’s easy to see that the future of higher of education is, the way it’s going now, it’s going to end up pricing out the middle and low-income families, and their ability to afford an education, a college education,” he said.

The university’s state appropriation, the money Illinois budgets for SIU, has decreased \$42.4 million since fiscal year 2002, when the state budgeted \$247.1 million for the university. Although fiscal year 2014 appropriations are expected to hold steady rather than decline again, increased tuition because of these lower appropriations could make college, the ticket into a middle class lifestyle for students, less attainable for their lower and middle class families, Poshard said.

“We don’t want to privatize higher education,” he said. “We want to make it remain open and public, as it always has been. That was the intent of higher education. It just seems like we’re taking that



away. I worry about it.”

Poshard said workers in the lowest income percentile in Illinois, specified as earning up to \$19,000, give 77 percent of their family’s take-home pay in order to send one child to college. These pricing problems have contributed to the privatization of higher education — a process Poshard said is already in motion.

“If you’re going to force the middle class to contract rather than expand, where’s your tax base going to come from?” he said. “What’s the country going to build an education system on if there’s no middle class left?”

Former Chancellor and present architecture professor Walter Wendler said even though appropriations may remain the same, operational costs could continue to rise.

“Even if (appropriations) do remain stable, everything else is going up,” he said. “Healthcare costs, a gallon of milk, energy, everything increases, so even if our income stream remains flat, the cost of doing business goes up.”

Wendler said state appropriations are not likely to reach the heights they were years ago again. Tuition was flat at about 20 percent of the cost of education for many years, but it

began to creep up in the late ‘90s and early 2000s to the range of 25 percent to 30 percent at colleges across the country, he said.

“Auxiliary costs grew — fancier dormitories, that sort of thing — and I’m not talking about SIU, I’m talking about general trends,” he said. “The costs of those things grew, which grew the cost of the total budget but tuition didn’t grow, so it remained about 20 percent for a long time.”

To make up for these rising costs, colleges nationwide are feeling a push to admit more students, but those students should be careful about their decisions concerning their college career, Wendler said.

“The college-ready demographic is growing, the college-prepared demographic is shrinking and university expenses are increasing,” he said. “One way to meet the increasing expenses is to bring in more students, and I think students should ask very hard questions and I think that it’s incumbent upon program leaders and so on at universities to be honest with the students.”

But for those students who can afford the costs and are admitted, there is also the question of whether they are fully prepared for the rigors of a college education.

During the Sept. 12 Board of Trustees press conference, Chancellor Rita Cheng said the university is tightening its standards to ensure it is not admitting students who may not have a good chance at being retained.

“We could’ve had a larger freshman class,” Cheng said at the press conference. “We chose to not admit students that had a profile consistent with students who, in the past we admitted that we couldn’t retain because they weren’t academically successful. We no longer are going to try to build enrollment with students who are underprepared.”

The SIU 2012-2013 factbook shows that, of students who started their college career in the fall of 2006, 26.4 percent graduated within four years. However, Wendler said colleges are often judged on a six-year graduation rate. According to the factbook, 47.5 percent graduated within that time frame.

Poshard said while recruitment is important to the university, even students who come to SIU with good records of attendance and ACT scores will need help with the transition.

“Retention is even more important, because those students that come to us and have some need that needs to be rectified in that freshman year, we’ve got to pay special attention (to them),” he said. “That’s why you’ve got the university college, that’s why you’ve got the mentoring program and other things in place to try to help those students get through the first year especially.”

Jerry Becker, professor of curriculum and instruction, said new college students’ foundational knowledge and skills are lacking, leading to problems as they begin college courses and causing some students to take remedial classes.

“I think there’s no question that the background that students have in education, the knowledge that they have, knowledge and skills, when they come in is weak for a lot of students,” he said. “Of course what they encounter right away is higher expectations for reading, for writing, and doing arithmetic and math, and so on, and they can’t handle it.”

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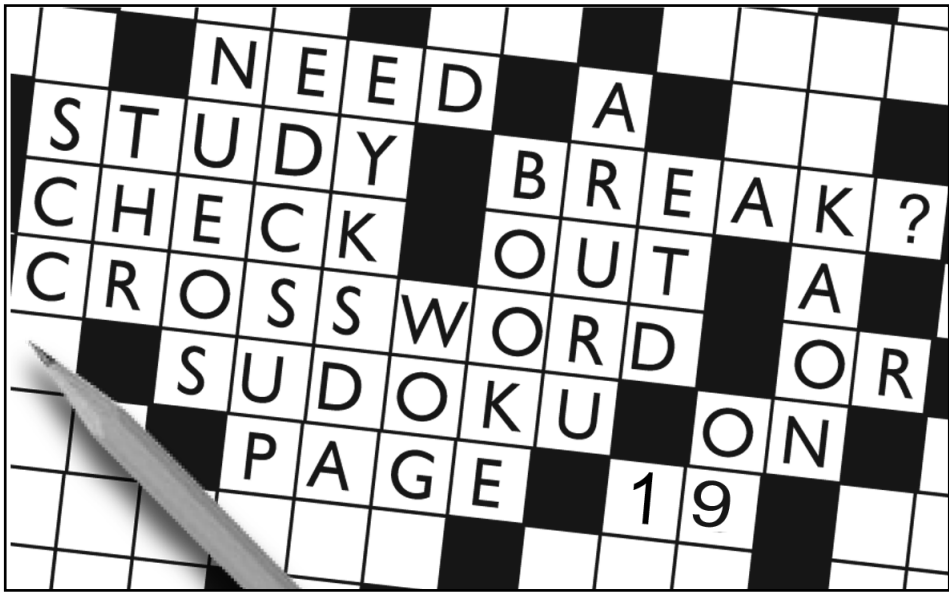
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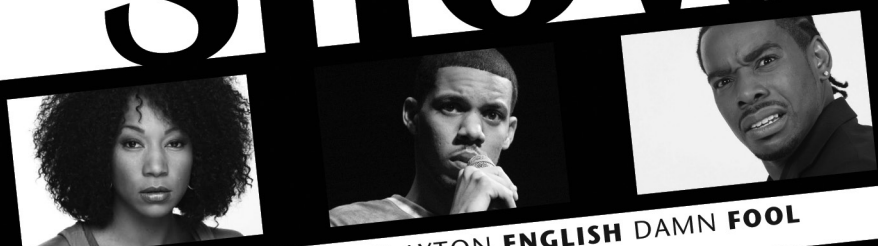
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Lebanese authorities tie attacks on mosques to pro-Assad political party

MITCHELL PROTHERO
McClatchy

BEIRUT — Lebanese military prosecutors this week charged seven men linked to a political party with strong ties to the Syrian government’s intelligence services in a double car bombing in August that killed scores of worshippers as they left two mosques known for supporting the Syrian rebellion.

In issuing the arrest warrants, a military court judge also linked the men, all residents of a pro-Syrian neighborhood in the northern city of Tripoli, to a mysterious Syrian intelligence official who’s said to have directed the attack.

Judge Saqr Saqr charged the men with organizing and directing the Aug. 23 car bombing of two Tripoli mosques just as the best-attended prayer service was ending. At least 57 people were killed.

All seven men have personal or family ties to a pro-Syrian political party, the Arab Democratic Party, authorities said. The party dominates life in the central Tripoli neighborhood of Jabal Mohsen, whose residents are predominantly Alawites, the branch of Islam followed by Syrian President Bashar Assad and much of the Syrian regime’s military and political elite.

Although Jabal Mohsen and the nearby Bab al-Tabbneh neighborhood, which is dominated by Sunni Muslims, are the scene of sectarian militia clashes, many Lebanese saw the mosque bombings as a response to two earlier car bombings in Hezbollah-dominated neighborhoods of southern Beirut, where

support for the Syrian regime is strong. The Aug. 15 bombings, which killed more than 20 people and wounded hundreds, shocked much of Lebanon for having penetrated the militant Islamist group’s legendary security apparatus.

Only three of the men charged are in custody. The arrest of one suspect last Friday sparked a confrontation between the Lebanese military and gunmen suspected of belonging to the Arab Democratic Party. Two soldiers were wounded.

Rifat Eid, the party’s head, did not respond to requests for comment from McClatchy, but in an interview Tuesday night with the Beirut Daily Star newspaper, he denied that the accused men were guilty and said that only one of them belonged to his party. He warned Lebanese authorities not to try to arrest any more suspects.

“Today, I advise the (Police) Intelligence Branch not to enter Jabal Mohsen because the second time will not be as easy as the first,” he told The Daily Star.

A Lebanese security official, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity because he wasn’t authorized to speak to the media, told McClatchy the men were involved either directly with the Arab Democratic Party or had family members in important positions in the party.

“They’re all Jabal Mohsen guys,” he said, using a pejorative Arabic term for underemployed young men common to militia activity. “It’s not a big place up there.”

Local news outlets identified the Syrian military intelligence officer reportedly involved as Capt. Mohammed Ali. It was not clear whether he’d been detained.

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But for those students who complete that first year and make it to their college degree, the question of what they have really learned in their time at the university remains. According to a 2011 study, sourced in Time’s report, 36 percent of college graduates who were tested did not show significant cognitive gains during their four years of higher education. So should colleges focus on helping create a well-rounded individual through what is often called the common core, or focus solely on preparing students for their chosen field? Poshard said these two schools of thought can co-exist, but the common core of humanities courses is still an important part to the college degree.

“We can teach students to be an engineer, teach them math, teach them science,” he said. “But if we fail to teach them art and poetry and history and dance, the kinds of things that have acted as the glue for cultures to stand together and to understand each other and accept different lifestyles and different belief systems and so on, if we can make them better citizens that is an equal job.”

The common core can provide students the skills needed to get a job as well as the ability to function as a citizen who can deal with more complex ideas, Poshard said.

“A university education should be giving you both (types of skills),” he said. “It should be teaching you how to live as a citizen in a democracy while at the same time giving you skills to get a job.”

Becker said while the sciences and humanities are important, students must master the basics before they try to move forward in college.

“The other thing that’s really fundamental (to the sciences and humanities) is the basics,” he said. “Reading and writing, and basic math and science.”

Wendler said there is a connection between critical thinking skills and skills that have an immediate application in the workplace, but some colleges are failing to strike a balance.

“What you have there is a bad compromise,” he said. “I think the magic is to find that place in the middle of the road where you can do both with some level of accomplishment.”

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Graduation rates for students entering SIU between 2005-08

	Graduated within 4 Yrs	Graduated within 6 Yrs
2005	20.5%	44.5%
2006	26.4%	47.5%
2007	23.4%	-----
2008	24.4%	-----

*6-year percentages for 07-08 have not yet been released

Concealed carry questions answered

SARAH SCHNEIDER
The Weekender

Proponents of Illinois’ concealed carry law say there are still gray areas that need to be addressed before applications for a concealed carry license become available Jan. 5.

Those gray areas were brought up Tuesday night during a packed concealed carry seminar at the Carbondale Civic Center. State Representative Mike Bost (R-Marion), a sponsor of the bill, organized the question and answer event in response to the numerous questions his office has received about the licenses.

The Firearm Concealed Carry Act became a state law July 9, making Illinois the last state in the country to legalize concealed carry.

Dave Kemp, founder of Tombstone Gun Range and Training Center in Marion, said while the restrictions in the law are similar to other states, because it is a new law it is important for those carrying firearms to understand the law and know where and how they can carry a firearm.

“One of the complaints I get is you can’t carry anywhere under this law, and I would agree, there are a lot of areas prohibited,” Kemp said.

Public schools, childcare facilities, government facilities, colleges and universities, casinos, stadiums, museums and zoos are just a few of the areas a licensed carrier will not be allowed to bring a firearm. Those areas are required to post “no guns allowed,” signage, the Illinois State Police released Friday. The sign is available to be downloaded from the state police website. In addition to the areas specifically off limits in the law, private businesses that choose to can also ban firearms from their establishment.

Members of the audience Tuesday voiced their concerns about that topic and possible gray area. One audience member asked what would happen if a licensed carrier entered an establishment with a firearm, but did not see the “no guns allowed” signage.

Kemp, who has been a police officer for 19 years, said the officer would assess the situation and determine the carrier of the firearm’s intent. The carrier could face a class B misdemeanor, he said.

Valinda Rowe, a spokesperson for IllinoisCarry.com, an advocacy group for the right to carry in Illinois, said some Illinois congressmen are trying to heighten the sentence for unknowingly entering a banned area.

“We’re not done yet,” she said. “This is an ongoing process and things are still changing.”

Rowe said state police are adding additional regulations that are not in the law licensed

Concealed Carry

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Information provided by Illinois State Police

carriers still need to educate themselves on.

In accordance with the law, if a licensed carrier is pulled over by a police officer and is asked if they are carrying a weapon, the carrier has a duty to disclose that information.

“I would lean toward the side of still offering that information up even if you aren’t asked,” Rowe said.

Concealed Carry training classes teach the best ways to lawfully and respectfully interact with an officer while carrying a

firearm. Under the law, those who apply for a license must have had 16 hours of training.

Kemp said how much training and what qualifies as training is also a question many people have.

Military veterans or those in active duty can apply eight hours of their military training to the 16 required, but still need to take eight prior to applying for a license. Up to eight hours of other forms of training, such as National Rifle Association

and a hunter’s safety course, may also be recognized, but with proof of training.

Bost will hold another seminar at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Municipal West Building in Mt. Vernon. Frequently asked questions about the law can also be found at the Illinois State Police website, isp.state.il.us.

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Poll indicactes Americans’ want for third party; Snapchat hands snaps over to police



New poll indicates want for third party

A new Gallup poll says a majority of Americans want a third party to compete with Republicans and Democrats.

The poll shows 60 percent of Americans thought a third party was needed to represent them, the highest ever in the ten-year history of the poll.

Republicans and Democrats almost equally supported the option of a third party with 52 percent of Republicans and 49 percent of Democrats in favor. In addition, 71 percent of Independents saw the need for a third party.

The poll comes on the heels of the government shutdown, which has led to historic disapproval ratings for both parties.

However, the poll is likely to have little effect on the political landscape according to David Yepsen, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

“This country is hardwired for two political parties,” he said. “Throughout our history we have had various political movements crop up and try to become the third party. I think the last time it succeeded was in the 1850s when

you saw emergence of the Republican Party. So it took a civil war to change the lineup of political parties.”

Yepsen said it was more likely that one of the major parties would simply steal the popular positions of a third party, similar to how the Democrats absorbed Social Security policy from the Socialist Party. He said the poll was more indicative of Americans’ desire for choice.

“If you did a poll that asked, ‘Should Baskin Robbins Ice Cream have more choices?’ Americans would say ‘Yes, of course,’” he said. “Americans like choices, we like options.”

Snapchat admits giving ‘snaps’ to law enforcement

Snapchat has admitted to handing over unopened picture messages to law enforcement.

Snapchat, the popular picture messaging app that automatically deletes the pictures – known as snaps – after a short amount of time, said they complied with around a dozen warrants in which they gave unopened snaps to law enforcement.

“Since May 2013, about a dozen of the search warrants we’ve received have resulted in us producing unopened Snaps to law enforcement,” Director of Operations Micah Schaffer said in a blog post Oct. 14. “That’s out of 350 million snaps sent every day.”

Schaffer assured users that snaps were only handed over in the case of warrants as opposed to storing large amounts of pictures and handing them over, as is the case with some companies and the National Security Agency.

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Ten significant surprises in Big 12 football at midseason

JIMMY BURCH
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

At the midpoint of the Big 12 football season, we can safely say the pundits and prognosticators seem to have accurately forecast the fate of a Kansas team working its way to the bottom of the league standings.

But beyond making the easy call on the Jayhawks (2-3, 0-2 Big 12), who will drag a 23-game losing streak in league play into Saturday's game against No. 18 Oklahoma (5-1, 2-1), there has been little about the Big 12 race that has followed the preseason form chart.

Among the midseason reality checks that few saw coming in August:

No. 12 Baylor (5-0, 2-0) is the top-ranked Big 12 team in the weekly college polls for the first time in the conference's 18-year history.

No. 16 Texas Tech (6-0, 3-0), roundly targeted for a seventh- or eighth-place finish, is the only school already bowl-eligible.

Texas (4-2, 3-0) is a factor in the Big 12 race because Mack Brown and his coordinators outcoached Bob Stoops and his Oklahoma counterparts in the Red River Rivalry.

West Virginia (3-3, 1-2) is leaning more on defense than offense in efforts to secure a bowl berth.

Oklahoma and No. 21 Oklahoma State (4-1, 1-1) are facing quarterback quandaries, after several years of stability at that position.

The savvy sideline strategists who wear purple at TCU (3-3, 1-2) and Kansas State (2-4, 0-3) oversee teams on the verge of early elimination from the conference race.

And so it goes in the Big 12, where league teams are at least backing up one popular preseason projection: Expect the unexpected, because there is no clear-cut favorite in this race.

At the halfway point, the favorite's role

probably falls to Baylor by default. But coach Art Briles is not rushing to declare his Bears the team to beat down the stretch.

"It's a wide-open race, the same way it was when you looked at it in August," Briles said earlier this week. "Nothing has changed that, now that that we're in October. Anybody can beat anybody."

Briles' point about parity has been driven home by several August unknowns who have turned the race in unexpected directions. Here are 10 significant surprises in the first half of the Big 12 season:

QB Bryce Petty, Baylor: A junior with zero starts and 14 career passes until Aug. 31, Petty looms as the landslide leader in the race for all-conference quarterback. He leads the Big 12 in total offense (347 yards per game) and leads the nation in passing efficiency (230.6 rating) with a 70.2 completion rate, 13 touchdown passes and one interception.

QB Baker Mayfield and Davis Webb, Texas Tech: Both of the Red Raiders' freshman quarterbacks rank among the league's top seven players in total offense. Mayfield (321.4 average), a walk-on, is 5-0 as a starter. Webb (193.8 average) is 1-0.

Greg Robinson, Texas: A staff consultant living in Los Angeles until Sept. 8, Robinson has brought meaningful change _ mentally and schematically _ in five weeks as the Longhorns' defensive coordinator. He replaced the fired Manny Diaz after Texas surrendered 550 rushing yards in a 40-21 loss to Brigham Young. Last week, the Longhorns held OU to 263 yards and one offensive touchdown in a 36-20 upset.

Kliff Kingsbury, Texas Tech: The former Tech quarterback, 34, has transitioned smoothly in his first season as a head football coach. His calm-but-confident sideline demeanor has benefited the Red Raiders' young quarterbacks.

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WASHINGTON — By an overwhelming vote, the Senate passed a budget compromise Wednesday night that would temporarily reopen federal agencies and allow the Treasury to continue borrowing to pay the nation's bills, averting the possibility of a default that could have seriously damaged the economy.

The legislation now goes to the House, which was expected to follow suit later Wednesday night. Federal agencies could begin reopening Thursday morning, although full operation in some cases could take longer.

The vote, 81-18, approved an agreement negotiated by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. It ends a political standoff that shut down federal programs for 16 days and led to the furlough of hundreds of thousands of federal workers.

The deal makes no significant changes in President Barack Obama's health care law, which Republicans had previously demanded.

Earlier, Speaker John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, said his Republican majority in the House would not block the bill and would, for now, end its campaign to extract concessions on the health care law and other federal spending.

“The House has fought with everything it has to convince the president of the United States to engage in bipartisan negotiations aimed at addressing our country’s debt and providing fairness for the American people under Obamacare,” Boehner said in a statement.

“That fight will continue. But blocking the bipartisan agreement reached today by the members of the Senate will not be a tactic for us.”

Under the deal, furloughed federal workers would receive back pay. The deal also includes a provision, previously approved by the Senate, that would allow officials in flood-damaged Colorado to tap federal emergency highway money to repair roads.

One change in the health care law was included in the legislation, requiring the government to verify the income of those Americans who receive financial help in buying insurance on the new health care exchanges the law established. Democrats said they had no objections to the provision because it largely repeated language already in the law.

The temporary nature of the agreement all but ensures another budget battle this winter, unless Congress drafts a new agreement at that time.

Under the legislation, the nation's \$16.7 trillion debt limit would be suspended until Feb. 7 to allow continued borrowing. The Treasury Department would be able to use "extraordinary measures" to temporarily pay bills after that date, meaning that the next debt ceiling crunch would probably not occur until some point in the spring.

The deal also calls for Congress to establish a conference committee made up of members of both houses to try to work out a spending plan by Dec. 13. The goal would be to avert another round of automatic “sequester” cuts that many in both parties want to avoid. Congress did not give federal agencies flexibility that some lawmakers had sought for handling that next round of cuts.

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Homecoming king and queen to be crowned

CHARINDER THOMPSON
The Weekender

This weekend a new Homecoming king and queen will be crowned, and chances are they will both be Greek.

In the earlier years of the Homecoming tradition, it was a requirement for those who wished to be on the Homecoming court to part of a Greek organization. Despite that no longer being a requirement to be qualified, for the past several years the titles of king and queen have been given to those who are associated with Greek life on the SIU campus. But those who do not have Greek connections might have to work harder to promote themselves.

Alyssa Oros, a senior from Aurora studying Radio and Television and Homecoming Queen nominee, said even though elections are open to anyone qualified, Greek individuals are usually the ones who actually run for court.

During this year's Homecoming election, there was a 9:1 ratio between Greeks and non-Greeks. Marvin Dixon, a senior from Rockford studying Speech Communication, is the only candidate on 2013 Homecoming court that is not linked to a Greek organization.

"I wanted to be an example for the student body and let them know that you do not need to be part of Greek letter organization to be a positive representation of the school," Dixon said. "I want to encourage other students to get out and do something but remain themselves while doing so."

Promotional and marketing efforts have been the major source of exposure for all candidates. Nominees pass out flyers and chalk the sidewalks on campus.

"Marketing wise, a lot of my sorority has supported me and have chalked for me and even put my name on the windows of their cars," Oros said.

Without a solid support system, it may not be possible for many of the Homecoming candidates to suitably promote and market themselves. Brittany Greathouse, a senior

“We pride ourselves on ensuring the Homecoming court application process is open to all SIU students who meet our requirements and are interested in running.”

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from Bolingbrook studying Finance and Homecoming Queen nominee, said she set up a campaign team beginning with her sorority; the support is always there for those in Greek life, she said.

"If you're not Greek you have to work a little harder to get yourself out there, because when you're Greek you automatically know more people," she said.

Eli Roberts, a senior from Peoria studying Economics and Homecoming King nominee, said being associated with a Greek organization put everyone else at an advantage over the sole non-Greek nominee.

"Being in a Greek organization you have those connections already, and you already have that support system," he said. "I really feel like you do not stand a chance if you are not involved in a big organization, such as the Greek life."

Even though a majority of candidates are Greek, new and returning students at the university who are qualified are encouraged to take a chance and apply for a spot on the Homecoming court.

"We pride ourselves on ensuring the Homecoming court application process is open to all SIU students who meet our requirements and are interested in running," Sara Vicente, graduate assistant for the University Programming Office, said.

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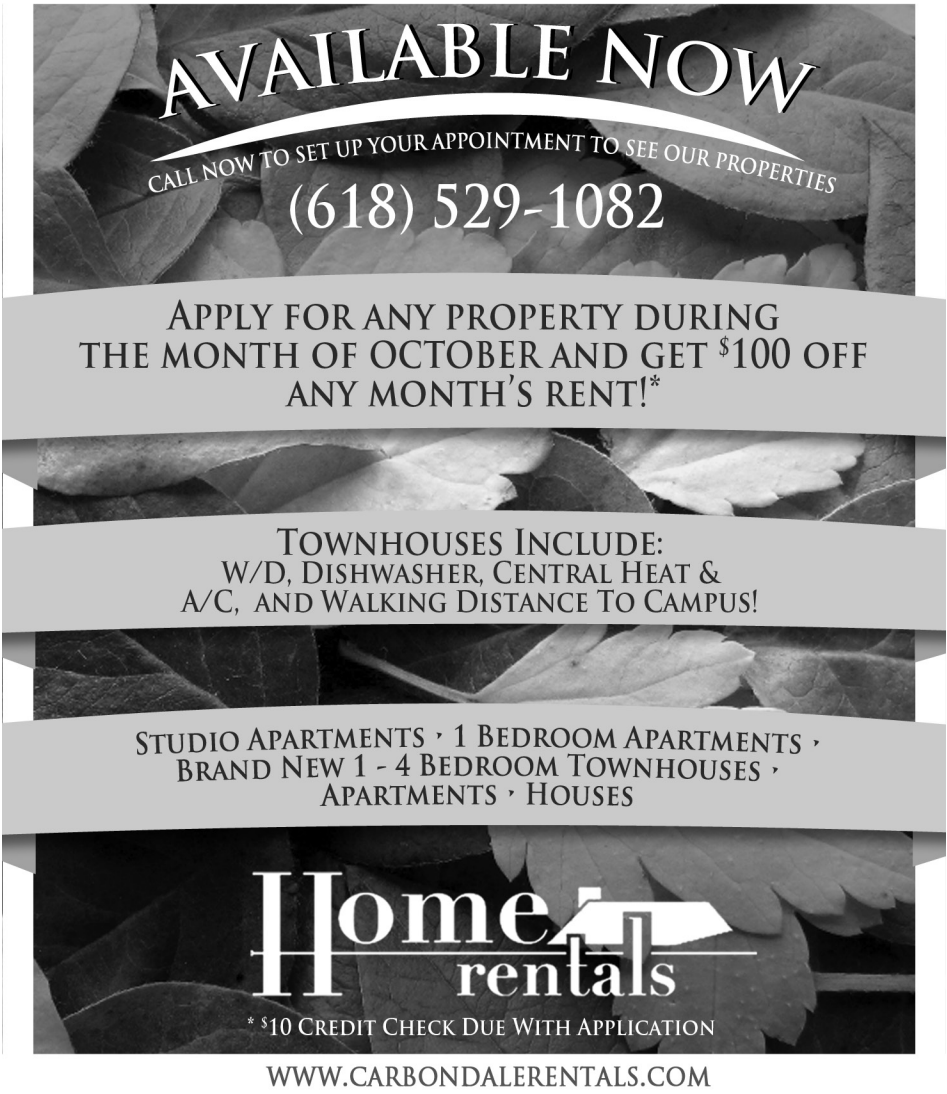
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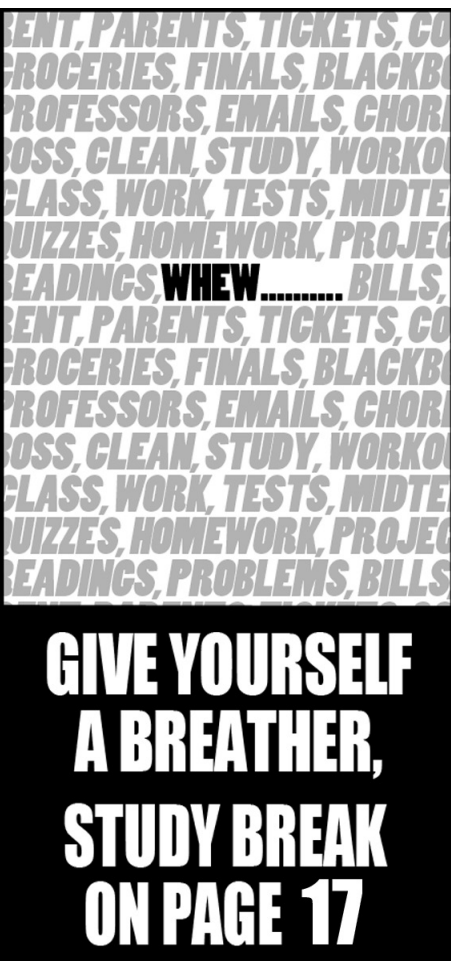
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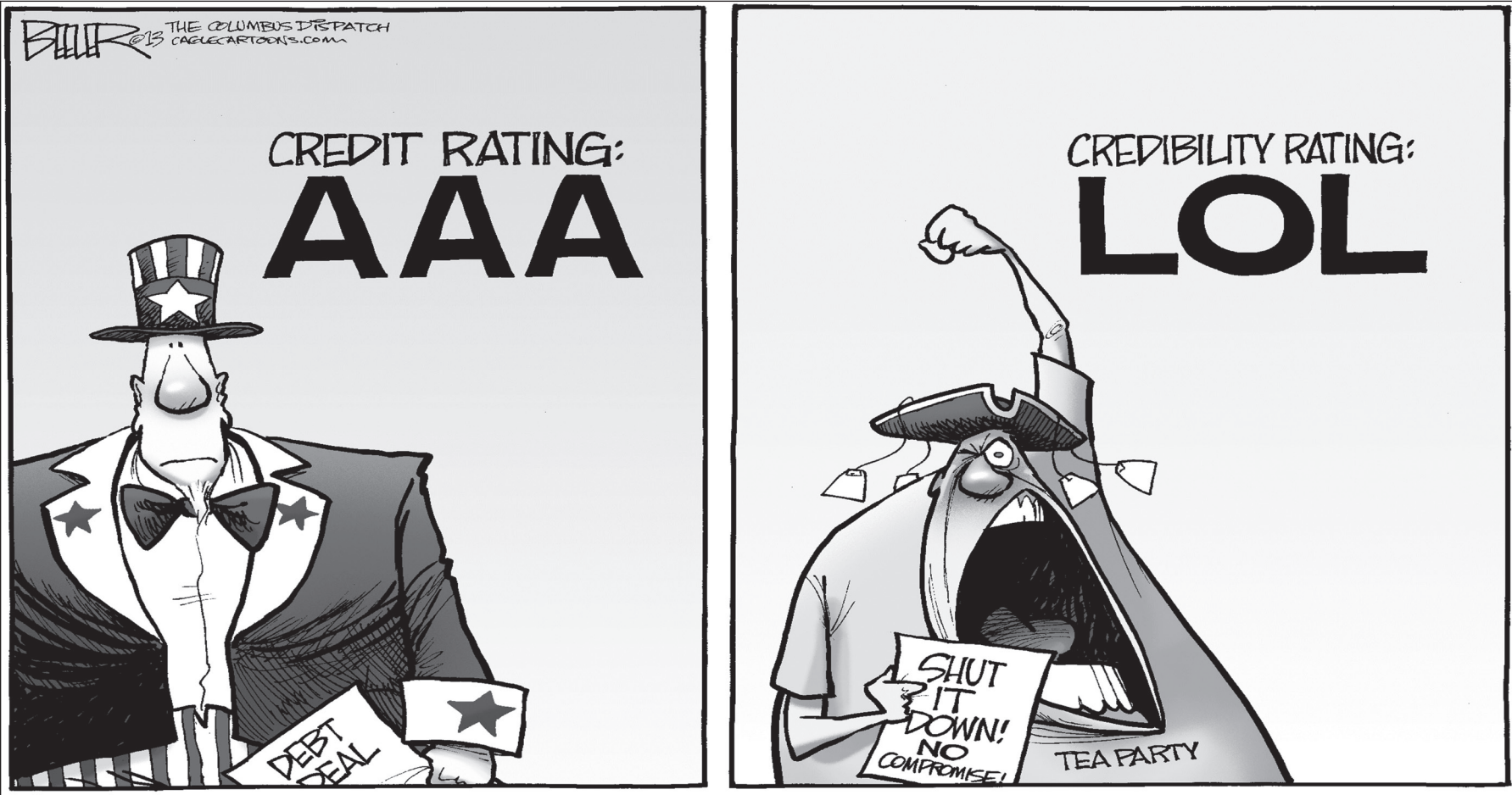
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THEIR WORD

The ban of racial preferences at state universities

LOS ANGELES TIMES

In 2006, Michigan voters banned affirmative action at the state’s public universities. On Tuesday, the Supreme Court heard arguments challenging that ban.

If you support affirmative action, you must hope that the court will strike it down, right?

Alas, it’s not that simple. This case isn’t about whether state universities may provide preferential treatment in their admissions policies. Rather, the question is whether the voters of Michigan violated the U.S. Constitution when they amended the state Constitution to say that universities “shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin.” That is a much harder question.

We support affirmative action and opposed Proposition 209, the California ban on racial preferences on which the Michigan amendment was modeled.

Racial preferences at highly selective public universities ensure a modicum of racial diversity at those institutions, and

they make it possible for students from groups that historically have been victims of discrimination to move into leadership positions in society.

The value of such policies is demonstrated by California’s experience after the adoption of Proposition 209 in 1996. As the Los Angeles Times reported this year, African-American freshmen at UCLA dropped from 7.1 percent of the class in 1995 to 3.6 percent in 2012. At UC Berkeley, African-Americans made up 6.3 percent of freshmen in 1995 and 3.4 percent last fall.

Affirmative action policies also have passed muster at the Supreme Court. In June, in a case involving the University of Texas, the court made it clear that judges must scrutinize affirmative action programs to ensure that “no workable race-neutral alternatives would produce the educational benefits of diversity.” But if a university can meet that stringent test, racial preferences are permissible.

They are not, however, constitutionally required. So how can Michigan’s ban on racial preferences violate the Constitution, as affirmative action proponents argue — a conclusion accepted by the U.S. 6th Circuit

Court of Appeals?

Can it possibly be the case that the people of the state don’t have the option of banning affirmative action?

The problem with the Michigan amendment, the 6th Circuit ruled, was that it “reorders the political process in Michigan” in a way that discriminates against racial minorities.

The appeals court noted that although a student seeking preference in admissions based on family connections had only to lobby university officials, an African-American student hoping to benefit from a race-conscious admissions policy would have to try to amend the state Constitution, “a lengthy, expensive and arduous process.”

This is an ingenious argument, and it didn’t come from thin air.

Twice the Supreme Court has struck down measures that made it harder for minorities to achieve their goals by placing an onerous political burden on them that doesn’t apply to others.

One was an Akron, Ohio, city charter amendment requiring that fair housing legislation be approved by a referendum. The other was a Washington state referendum

that prevented school busing for racial integration but allowed school districts to order it for other purposes.

But the state of Michigan argues persuasively that neither of those precedents undermines its ban on racial preferences.

The Akron amendment thwarted laws designed to provide equal access, not to provide preferential treatment. And though the busing programs targeted by Washington state were designed to integrate classrooms, they did not involve racial preferences. Finally, it’s questionable whether admissions decisions at Michigan universities are really part of a “political” process.

Beyond these specific legal arguments, the opponents of Michigan’s ban are seeking to set aside a state constitutional amendment that was approved by the voters. We don’t believe that ballot initiatives are sacrosanct. If they violate constitutional rights — as we believe Proposition 8’s ban on same-sex marriage did — they should be struck down. But bans on racial preferences at state universities, in Michigan or in California — while bad policy — don’t violate the Constitution. They should be undone at the ballot box, not by the courts.

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Mother and daughter strengthen their relationship on the court

SYMONE WOOLRIDGE
The Weekender

Most college athletes are not lucky enough to see their parents in the stands for every game, let alone on the sideline yelling plays.

But women's Associate Head Coach Andrea Gorski and freshman shooting guard Kiley Gorski get the chance to have both.

Andrea Gorski is the mother of freshman Saluki guard Kiley Gorski. Although the two new additions are first-time members of Saluki basketball, this is not the only time they have worked together.

Andrea has coached Kiley twice before and has a substantial amount of coaching experience. Andrea coached at the Livonia Young Man's Christian Association in Michigan, the St. Michaels Catholic School's youth organization team and the Michigan Celtics Amateur Athletics Association team. She also spent 12 years coaching at Ladywood High School in Michigan. At Ladywood, Andrea was a three-time Catholic League High School Coach of the Year, Michigan High School Coach of the Year, Detroit Free Press High School Coach of the Year and Associated Press High School Coach of the Year.

As Kiley was on her way to becoming a Ladywood basketball player, Andrea took a job as a collegiate head coach. Andrea took her first steps as a college coach when she began her coaching career as a graduate assistant at Bradley University where she was a former guard and is a part of the Bradley Hall of Fame.

After Bradley, Andrea began coaching at Concordia University, where she transformed the Cardinals into a national tournament team.

During Andrea's first season as head coach, the Cardinals went 8-22; a few years later the team ended with an overall record of 29-6 and were ranked No. 4 in Division II National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. As the Cardinals' coach, Andrea was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

"I enjoyed being a part of the teams and teach so many life lessons through basketball and through sports," she said. "That is definitely the best part."

Andrea accepted the associate head coach position at SIU in April. Andrea and Head Coach Cindy Stein were familiar with each other before coming to SIU — Stein was the assistant coach when Andrea played at Bradley.

Stein brought in her own staff to the women's basketball team this year and said Andrea has been a huge addition for the Saluki roster.

"It's a big plus," Stein said. "I know her, her coaching style and her as an individual, so it makes her so much better as a part of the team this year."

Andrea has been anticipating her daughter's time as a Saluki this year. Coming off of a severe knee injury, Kiley has been preparing herself for her first year. She tore both her anterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament in the same knee in the first game of her senior year of high school.

Before the setback, Kiley suffered an ankle injury, which caused her to miss time on the court. Kiley said she is excited to play on the Saluki team, and is even more excited to have her mom right beside her.

Kiley was on her way to becoming a Concordia University athlete to become a



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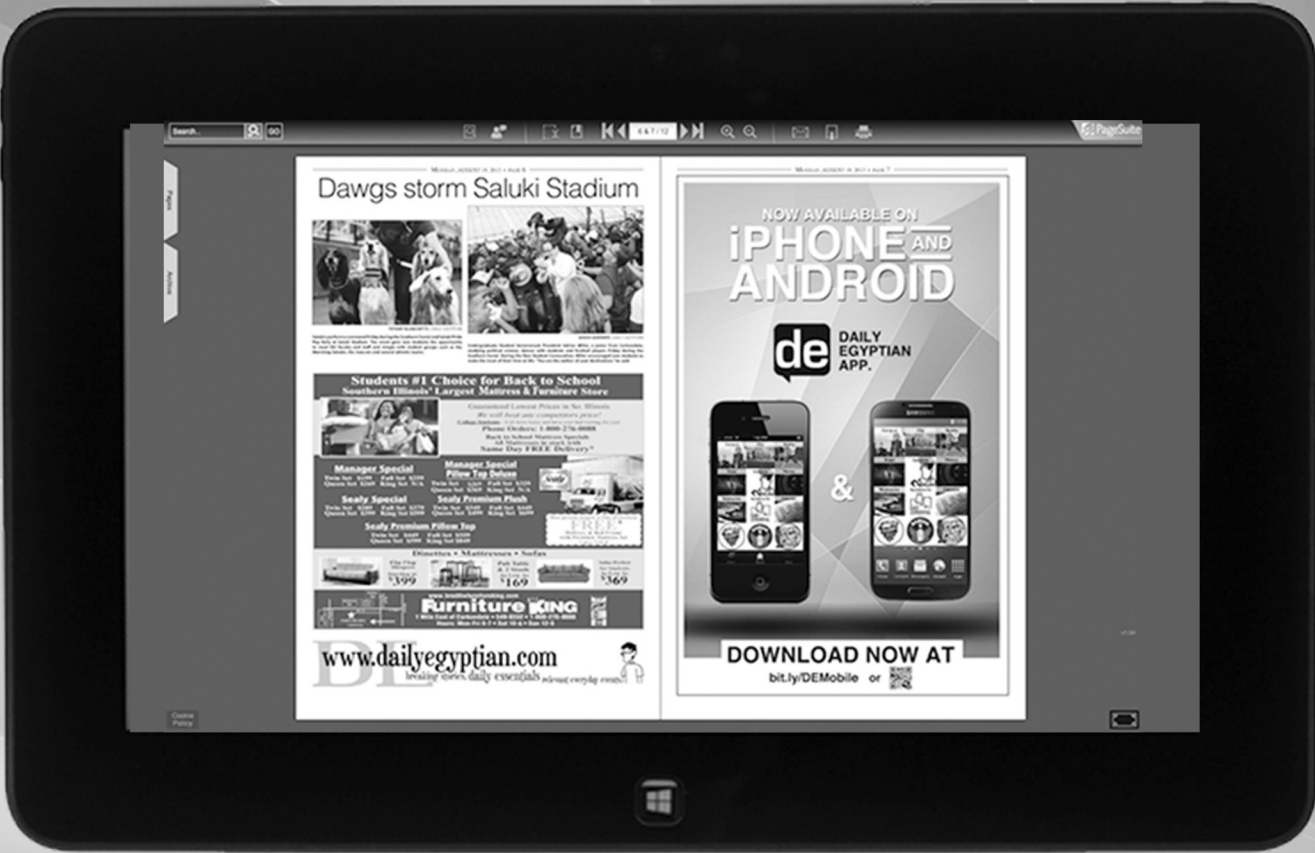
Freshman guard Kiley Gorski, right, goes after a loose ball Wednesday during practice at SIU Arena. Gorski is the daughter of Associate Head Coach Andrea Gorski, who says she looks forward to the opportunity to coach her daughter in her college career. "Kiley has always been easy to coach because she is so competitive," Andrea said. "If you're going to coach your kids, you hope that winning is something they love to do."

part of the staff with her mother, until Stein called Andrea for the associate head-coaching job. Andrea missed the opportunity to coach Kiley during her high school basketball career

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GOLF

Salukis break record in final fall match

AARON GRAFF
The Weekender

The Saluki men’s golf team broke the school record for lowest team score at its final tournament of the fall season.

The team spent fall break in Hopkinsville, Ky. competing in the Austin Peay F&M Bank Intercollegiate. The Salukis captured fifth place of 14 teams and finished the tournament even par, which set the new Saluki record for lowest team score of 273.

After the first round, the Salukis were in ninth place as a team, but after three Salukis recored scores in the 60’s and a score of 70 from sophomore Ben Patton, the Salukis found themselves in the record books and in to fourth place.

Sophomore Drew Novara, who led the team in scoring and finished in eighth place in individuals at three stokes under par, said it was an awesome feeling to set the record as a team.

“Nobody was mad that somebody beat them or anything,” Novara said. “We were all just happy for each other giving high fives. Someone had mentioned they thought it might have been the school record.”

Behind Novara was Junior Steve Soucek who finished at even par. Soucek said grinding out a round is the most important thing in golf, and that was the main thing he learned this fall.

His second round score that contributed to the team record was a 67, and that gave

him motivation heading into the off-season.

“It showed myself that I can still go low,” Soucek said. “I haven’t really had a really low score, other than a 70 at Illinois State. It just kind of boosts my confidence and shows that I can shoot really good scores.”

Coach Leroy Newton said this off-season he expects strength and conditioning to prepare for the spring season. He said right now the team members are probably sick of golf and are going to take a little break, but he expects them to come back even better in the spring.

“It’s going to be a good winter for us,” Newton said. “The kids are tired of golf, they’ve been playing all summer and fall, but they know when spring comes they’ll be ready and fresh to play.”

Novara said he plans to visit with his swing coach almost every other weekend, because that really helped lower his average last winter. He said he wants to go to the golf course as much as he can to get the spring season going where the fall season left off.

“I’ll try to get out to the course whenever I can,” Novara said. “Even if it is too cold, 20 to 30 minutes of chipping and putting will be something to keep getting better and hopefully take the fall season into the spring.”

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“Once coach Stein called I knew I couldn’t leave Kiley again,” Andrea said. “Every time she was ready to come, I was leaving, but coach Stein was awesome enough to take the both of us in.”

Although Kiley was not always a fan of having her mother as a coach, now she would not have it any other way.

“When I was younger I used to get mad when she yelled at my friends on the court,”

Kiley said. “But as I got older I started realizing that it was okay.”

The Gorskis’ basketball relationship has also made them stronger as a family.

“Sunday nights I’ll usually go to my mom’s house for dinner,” Kiley said. “It’s really nice just going into her office whenever I need to talk to her.”

Andrea said the mother and daughter relationship on and off the court has blossomed into a friendship. Since Kiley has been very easy to talk to and coach on the court, it has made their relationship

that much easier, she said.

“Kiley has always been easy to coach because she is so competitive,” Andrea said. “If you’re going to coach your kids you hope that winning is something they love to do.”

Andrea tries to keep her inner mom off the court. She said she does a good job treating everyone the same.

“On the court, I don’t look at her as being my daughter because it’s all about the team,” Andrea said. “The only time the mom comes out is when she falls because the vision of her tearing her ACL and MCL

is still playing in my head.”

Andrea hopes her legacy will pass down to her daughter. She would like Kiley to stick around as a collegiate athlete, and hopefully go on to do bigger things.

“It was nice that my kids grew up in the gym,” she said. “She’s been playing ever since she was a little girl and hopefully she’ll want to coach too one day.”

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Chipps represents Australia for Saluki diving



ALLISON LAMPE |THE WEEKENDER

Freshman diver Aiden Chipps practices Oct. 9 at the Edward J. Shea Natatorium. Chipps comes to SIU from Perth, Australia, where he won two gold medals and one silver medal at the 2010 Age Nationals, making him the male champion. Chipps said he is taking his diving more seriously now that his education is paid for. "I don't want to waste the money," Chipps said. "I'm going as hard as I can."

AARON GRAFF
The Weekender

Diving may not be the most well known sport, but freshman Aiden Chipps found out he could get an education halfway around the world from his home in Australia through the competition.

Chipps came to the university on a scholarship to compete in the sport he loves. Because scholarships in Australia exist for a select few sports, SIU was the most convenient way to him to dive while getting an education. Chipps stays in contact with a lot of people back home including his family, girlfriend and close friends, but said it is hard not seeing them every day.

"Home sickness hits you like a punch in the face," Chipps said. "I'm on the other side of the world and I didn't think I'd get homesick, but three weeks into it, it is heavy."

Chipps found early success in diving while living in Australia. In 2010 at Age Nationals, he won two gold medals and one silver medal, making him the male champion. Chipps said that was his top moment in Australia, but he takes American diving just as seriously because it is a key factor in his education.

"Now that I'm here and I'm getting my education paid for, I don't want to waste the money," Chipps said. "I'm going as hard as I can."

Chipps said there are a few differences from diving in Australia — in Australia, there is a beep that indicates when divers begin; in America, the judges just say the diver's name. His coaches at home had "pool booking" and had to reserve the pool for a period of time, a more laid back process compared to long practices that do not have a set finish time in America.

Diving Head Coach Joy Zhao said she is glad Chipps, an

athlete who listens to everything she says, is on the team. She simply expects freshmen to begin adapting to college diving, she said.

"For the freshman year I do not expect very much," Zhao said. "They transfer from different countries, they go from high school to college, which they are not used to."

Chipps said his personal expectations are the same as Zhao's — he just wants to figure out where he stands among the competition. He has looked up at junior teammate Kegan Skelton as someone who has found success at the college level.

Skelton said last year he was the only male diver on the team, so the addition of Chipps is a welcome one. Both push each other to get better as a team and compete well against other schools.

Skelton said Chipps is very dedicated and sees him going far in his tenure at SIU, but he also notices the weakest parts of Chipps' game and does his best to help him out.

"His form is very guy-like," Skelton said. "His knees are a little cramped and his toes aren't always pointed. He doesn't keep them together and locked on the entries. That's his weakness now, and if he can fix that he can be really good."

Chipps said his favorite thing about diving is the thrill of it.

"The fact that you can jump off a springboard and do a bunch of flips and twists, it just gets the blood flowing and gives an adrenaline rush," Chipps said. "That feeling to me is the best thing."

Chipps said he is not sure if he wants to live in America or go back home to Australia after graduation; his number one goal is to get his degree and figure it out from there.

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Movement in the Music

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Environmentalists, musicians rally in Cobden to protest fracking

DYLAN FROST
The Weekender

Enviornmentalists, musicians and concerned residents gathered at Cobden's Trails End Lodge Saturday on a beautiful and mostly clear 72-degree October evening.

Their message: Keep "fracking" out of southern Illinois.

"We do not need to have these oil wells all over our beautiful southern Illinois," one speaker shouted to a group of supporters on the moonlit stage.

The potential of hydraulic fracturing — or fracking — has been controversial in southern Illinois for several years because of its possible use in the Shawnee National Forest and surrounding areas. The process involves drilling a pipeline underground where fluids are pumped at high pressure until the shale rock deep beneath the surface cracks, causing natural gases to leak to the surface for use as energy sources.

Some lawmakers and business owners see it as a potential economic driver to an otherwise stifled Illinois economy, because it creates jobs and the oil and natural gases are valuable. But opponents have environmental and health concerns.

The fluid used is a combination of water, sand and various chemicals including methylamine, lead, mercury and formaldehyde. However, up to 600 chemicals can be used and many of them are difficult to get rid of after the fracking is completed.

Fracking opponents gathered inside and outside of the lodge to hear stories from people who had their lives directly impacted.

"One day I walked out onto my land and took a deep breath and I fainted," Susan Wallace-Babb, a western Colorado resident who performed a short puppet show protesting the mining, said.

"The next day I was really sick. I had a burning rash all over my body. It turns out that's because gas condensate from the production process, a tank of that had overflowed. It's been a long time now and I am still sick. My doctor says I was poisoned," she said.

Wallace-Babb connected her sickness to the oil spill after other area residents reported having similar symptoms.

While the speakers moved the crowd with stories about fracking and its effect, the folk and bluegrass bands gave the audience a pulse as people danced arm-in-arm on the damp grass under the mild, moonlit skies.

First up were the revamped County Graves. The folk quartet, led by guitarist/vocalist, Travis Newton, strummed and plucked their



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Earthdancer, of Hardin County, left, and Tabitha Tripp, of Union County, speak during Frack Free Fest Saturday at Trails End Lodge in Cobden. Southern Illinois residents and environmentalists gathered at the concert to raise awareness to proposed fracturing sites in the Shawnee National Forest. Woodbox Gang, Hobo Knife and County Graves all performed at the event.

instruments vigorously and with purpose. "There's a lot more people in southern Illinois with brains than there are who want fracking," Newton said.

In the song "Arkansas," Newton replaced some lyrics with others suited for the event.

"I'll be sitting in hell with my friends fighting fracking," he sang as the crowd hollered out in support.

Newton showed up to play despite being limited to walking with a cane because of a recent injury; he joked about it with mandolin player Ben West on stage:

"You'll have to excuse me if I waver and fall a bit, I'm in a wee bit of pain—I'll live," Newton said.

"Can you hold your cane and play guitar at the same time?" West asked.

"I tried. Prop me up against it," Newton said. "I can do that," West said.

Next was Hobo Knife, who came out playing with a bit more of a menacing sound. The dueling guitars screeched and howled while the mandolin danced around with the ukulele. The bass, keyboards and drum kept the pace high-tempo and upbeat.

"The only reason to live here is for the nature

— it ain't for the employment," guitarist/vocalist Mortimer Bustos said. "So we've got to do something about this. This is my hometown," Bustos said before the band of seven played a song about a man who comes back from the future after an apocalypse—The Tall Tale of John Teeter.

The Woodbox Gang opened the final set with "The Panther Song"—a fast-paced bluegrass tune with a prominent banjo lead. The bass sounded thick and is a bit funky; the drummer strummed the washboard and simultaneously played cymbals.

Their song, "Eat, Drink and Be Dead," is a toe-tapping jingle reminiscent of an old Bo Diddley tune and had the audience singing along with the lyrics, "Raise your glass above your head, eat, drink and be dead."

Other speakers brought their own talents to support the cause. A native to the Shawnee National Forest, Barney Bush was born on the land that is being threatened; his family has been indigenous to it for over two centuries, he said.

"How can you destroy the water? How can you destroy the air? How can you destroy our old graveyards and destroy our old village sites with the impunity and consent of government," Bush

said to a crowd outside of the lodge. Bush is a poet who tries to use his talent to make a connection with people who are in need. "I thought that I was writing poetry to direct it to the consciences of human beings," he said. "That's back when I assumed everyone had a conscience. We have to realize that the corporate heads are people basically without conscience. You cannot say that a person who is going to destroy the water that we drink has a conscience."

Bush said, according to historians, his ancestors crossed the Wabash River to Shawnee Town in 1809; however, his grandparents told him that his ancestors arrived after being pursued by colonial militia in 1810 when indigenous people set up a union to resist colonial invasion.

Another environmentalist said he has felt the effects of fracking despite there not being mines in his area. Robert Nehman helped found the Allamakee County Protectors after silica sand extraction began in his town in northeast Iowa.

"My neighbor stopped by my house one day and knocked on my door. He told me my day was going to get a whole lot worse," Nehman said.

Nehman said the pure silica particles are used because they hold up to the pressures of fracking. Millions of tons of sand are strip-mined from mountaintops and then shipped to fracking sights. He said that a million pounds of sand could be used for one fracking job and can be done in stages. Consequently, the lands from the sand extraction sights are left depleted and fruitless.

"A lot of the mining companies say they are going to reclaim the land," Nehman said. "We don't want to see it reclaimed, we want to see it restored back to the natural habitat in which it first was. What's happening is that you can't."

Nehman said the sand is so valuable in its natural habitat because it filters the drinking water. Without the sand, runoff and farm chemicals run into aquifers, which can contaminate the water, which is detrimental to the environment and human health.

Apart from the speakers and artists, a silent auction and raffle were held at the festival in which a 1920s "banjolin" (mandolin shaped as a banjo) was auctioned off. Other prizes included a trip to St. Noel Lodge at Camp Ondessonk, a poster signed by Iggy Pop and several gift certificates. The money raised went to SAFE —Southern Illinoisans Against Fracturing our Environment.

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University, community members debut work at Longbranch

JAKE SAUNDERS
The Weekender

Longbranch Coffeehouse, located on East Jackson Street, began a literary movement last fall and has been gaining momentum since.

For some time now, Longbranch has been in the process of defining a place in which individuals involved in literary acts could feel welcome and present their work in a unique and warm environment. Elaine Ramseyer, Longbranch's 15-year general manager, said the establishment wants to build a literary scene showcasing local writers.

"We had a really strong previous fall, [from] fall 2012 to spring 2013 and now we're rolling through this one. So it's been for about a year that we've really been driving it," Ramseyer said.

Different university professors have performed at the coffeehouse; creative writing Professor Scott Blackwood has read from his new novel "See How Small" at Longbranch.

"It was my first time there. It was a huge turnout and the warmth was kind of stunning," he said. "In terms of book tours, you don't get people to turn

out, certainly not with that warmth. It made me realize that there is this whole community that's a combination of people who love books and reading. I had some of my students there and colleagues, it was terrific."

David Anthony, a professor of American literature, has also read excerpts from his novel at the coffeehouse.

"[The reading] went really well. It was especially nice that there was such a large turnout," Anthony said. "There were about 50 or 60 people. A lot of those were people from the English department, which was also really nice; both faculty and graduate students."

Blackwood, who was present for Anthony's reading, said he was happy with the audience's positive reaction.

"For whatever reason, sometimes it's not the right setting, or people are tired, or whatever - but this one, it went over so well, we were all kind of electrified a little bit by it," he said. "It was great. It was a really electric atmosphere."

The idea of words come out in as different a fashion as the unique threads that create the flesh of us as humans — each his and her own account of life



LEWIS MARIEN | THE WEEKENDER

The exterior of the Back Room is shown behind Longbranch Coffeehouse on East Jackson Street. The Back Room has hosted readings, film viewings and comedy nights.

varies by their lenses of perception, Ramseyer said. Longbranch is a place in which all forms of perceptions

may be introduced into the world for connection, she said.

"Words are our greatest tools as

human beings...we have a lot of tools, but words are just so specific to humans," Ramseyer said. "I mean, we invented language...We kind of take it for granted but if you think about it, it's so unique to the human experience... So I really try to honor and respect it and other people and provide a hospitable environment to share and celebrate that."

Ramseyer said she wants to encourage area artists to share their work with the community.

"I know a lot of things happen at the University, and that's great...but it's really important to ripple it out into the greater community and this space is really good for that...We try to anchor Friday nights from 7 – 9 p.m. for upcoming local authors who will be presenting," she said.

The Longbranch Coffeehouse is a unique place offering a safe habitation, filled with warm individuals, as well as electric performances. In time, its swell should reach the shores of every listener.

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Hanks a driving force as ‘Captain Phillips’

KARSTEN BURGSTAHLER
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2013 is quickly becoming the year of the singular performance. Last week Sandra Bullock fought for survival in “Gravity” and next week Robert Redford plays a man trapped on a fishing boat in “All is Lost.”

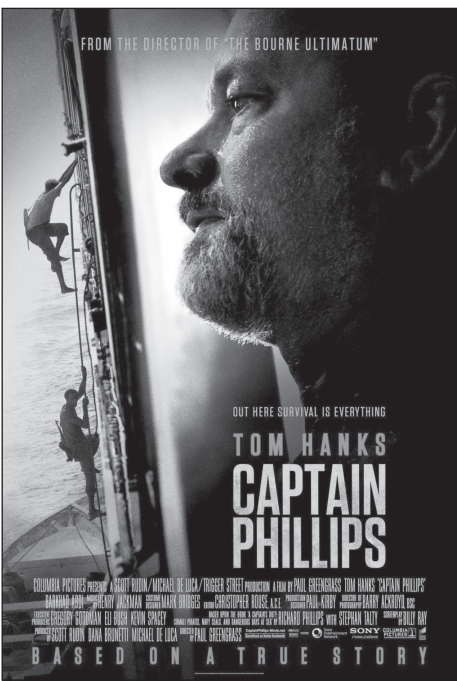
Both of these performances are on the Oscar radar, and so is this week’s entry into the survival genre — Tom Hanks as the title character “Captain Phillips” (Rated PG-13, 134 Min.). While Hanks is rarely alone, he is tasked with carrying the movie. Richard Phillips was the captain of the Maersk Alabama, a cargo ship that was hijacked off the coast of Somalia in early 2009. The movie spends very little time on Phillips as a developed character and more on him as survivalist, a move that strips the film bare. In fact, that seems to be the movie’s main problem — although director Paul Greengrass brings his impressive action pedigree to the project, he doesn’t present the human element to its fullest extent.

“Phillips” does boast an impressive performance from Hanks as the captain. His crew

does not get much screen time, so he is isolated with the pirates for at least half of the movie. The pirates, led by Muse (Barkhad Abdi), attack the ship in an attempt to ransom it to the American government. The 20 minutes in which the pirates come aboard and search the ship for the crew are among the tensest moments at the movies this year. Greengrass didn’t introduce Hanks and Abdi before they filmed this scene, a smart move that adds authenticity to Hanks’ actions.

We get one scene of Muse and his crew on land, enough to develop their desperation but not enough to really make the audience care. That’s unfortunate, because Billy Ray’s screenplay relies on the audience sympathizing with these hijackers during the film’s third act. The pirates take Phillips hostage in a lifeboat, forcing the U.S. Navy to negotiate. Phillips and the pirates get quite a bit of time to interact, during which Ray allows the pirates to meditate on their desperation. The words do not really stick, but their actions do. As the small group aboard the lifeboat argue over whether or not to let the Navy in, the characters become more and more crazy until the explosive climax.

In the same way Alfonso Cuarón brought his signature long shots to “Gravity,” Greengrass’ signature shaky camera works here to make the



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audience feel seasick. As the boat bobs up and down so does the camera, a technique that adds authenticity to the film. But because the camera is cooped up in the lifeboat for a good portion of

the movie, some of the scenes become repetitive. Greengrass could have cut about 10 minutes out of the movie to tighten it up a bit.

This is meant to be a star vehicle for Hanks, and in that respect the movie works perfectly. Although Phillips is not given much time to develop as a character beyond the opening scene where he says goodbye to his wife (Catherine Keener, in what amounts to a cameo), his struggle to survive feels authentic. As the tension builds we get to see him break down, and Hanks never goes over the top — he is always believable. He proves why he is still one of the greatest working actors, even if some of his movies are duds.

“Captain Phillips” is a strong adventure film, even if it does not reach the impressive heights of “Prisoners” and “Gravity.” If the script had provided more background into the characters, it would have been easier to connect with the action. Even so, it is a smart action film that doesn’t mess with the audience as it delivers powerhouse performances and writing all around. 4 out of 5 stars.

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Ingredients

- 1 1/4 pound of chop suey meat
- 1 1/2 tablespoons of olive or canola oil
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- 1 package of seasoning from the ramen noodles
- 4 cups water
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper

In a large skillet add olive or canola oil, and the chop suey meat. Brown over medium-high heat. As meat browns add four cups of water to a two-quart sauce pan and bring to a boil. Once the water comes to a boil add noodles and one seasoning packet. When noodles are done remove one cup of broth from the saucepan and reserve. When meat is done browning reduce heat to medium. Add ramen noodles to the pan without any broth and mix well with meat. In your reserved broth whisk in the honey, curry powder, black pepper, and crushed red pepper. Pour seasoned broth over noodles and meat; stir well. Take off of heat; let stand for a few minutes; juice will thicken as dish sits.

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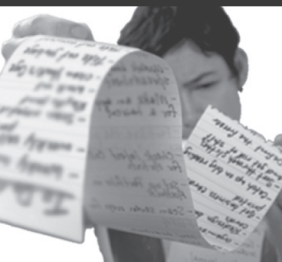
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ACROSS

1 Bid

6 Actor Garrett

10 Hamster's home

14 Monetary worth

15 Bridal veil material

16 Was obligated

17 In a vertical position

18 Mimicked

19 Pealed

20 Stop signal

22 Baseball official

24 Colored part of the eye

25 Child's vehicle

26 "Messiah" composer

29 Sacrificial table

30 Pull a fast on; hoodwink

31 Gladden

33 Cheese-topped tortilla chip

37 Make a tiny cut

39 TV's Soupy

41 back; relaxed

42 Eagle's claw

44 Speedy

46 Expert

47 Company trademarks

49 More thickly packed

51 Skilled craftsman

54 President's power to turn down a bill

55 Cafe server

56 Sleeping bags

60 Peak

61 Doing nothing

63 "Farewell, Pierre!"

64 over; faint

65 Bitter

66 Exact duplicate

67 Mary Baker

68 His and

69 Takes care of

DOWN

1 Above

2 Rider's fee

3 Ran away

4 Mathematician called "Father of Geometry"

5 Pensioner

6 Has the; is in a funk

7 Engrossed

8 Highest card

9 Subtract

10 Low-ranking NCO

11 Expect; look for

12 Literary class

13 Lawn trimmer

21 Breathing organs of a fish

23 Painful cry

25 Slumber

26 Party-giver

27 Ballerina

28 Young or Sedaka

29 Book of maps

32 Slugger Hank

34 Beans

35 Give a job to

36 Stench

38 In a mannerly way

40 with; backed

43 Runny; cold symptom

45 from; lessen the value of

48 Too flashy

50 Head, slangily

51 Not sleeping

52 Ran quickly

53 Clocked

54 Swerves

56 Make indistinct

57 Roaring beast

58 Give for a time

59 Takes to court

62 Fawn's mother

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9 8 3 7 1 2 4 5 6

2 1 5 6 4 3 8 9 7

3 5 7 2 6 8 9 4 1

6 2 1 9 3 4 7 8 5

8 9 4 5 7 1 6 2 3

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Taurus — Today is a 7 — You're entering a planning phase. Follow through on details today and tomorrow. Encourage creative thinking. Let the crew pay their own way. Don't spend what you don't have.

Gemini — Today is a 7 — Being polite's a practical virtue. Use information, not emotions, to persuade others. New challenges equal new risks. Move quickly. Spend time with friends.

Cancer — Today is an 8 — You're entering a two-day, profitable responsibility phase. Don't let loved ones dip into the piggy bank. Delegate to a perfectionist. Venture outside your safe zone.

Leo — Today is a 7 — Research thrives today and tomorrow. Wait for a better time to shop. A possible financial surprise could arise. New opportunities present themselves. Accept new team members.

Virgo — Today is a 7 — There's a choice to make. Be prepared. A penny saved is one earned. Play to win! Ask for help. Accept stern coaching. Opposites attract even more so now. Get something you've longed for.

Libra — Today is an 8 — A brilliant insight propels your studies. You're on a roll with a fascinating thread. Relax and enjoy it. Your partner or mate may want to be more directive for the next few days.

Scorpio — Today is an 8 — It's a high productivity day. Keep costs low. It's not a good time to discuss finances. A surprise pops up, from a loved one or child, including a happy ending.

Sagittarius — Today is a 7 — Time out for recreation! You've been doing a good job, so celebrate. Make life easier. Schedule time to relax. Be respectful of possibly unstable conditions.

Capricorn — Today is a 7 — Play with long-range plans. Don't try out a new idea now. More practice is required. Do what it takes to finish a job on time. Postpone travel.

Aquarius — Today is a 7 — Turn your attention to practical matters. Investigate a fascinating possibility. Figure out what you need to learn, today and tomorrow. Steer clear of arguments.

Pisces — Today is an 8 — The pace slows for a few days. Be sensitive in a potential conflict. Follow through on what you said earlier. Take notes on ideas, and draw what you've seen in your mind.

The funny, the mildly funny and the not so funny TV comedies of fall

DYLAN FROST
The Weekender

Although the primetime dramas like “The Walking Dead” and “Breaking Bad” are nice to become entranced by, viewers sometimes need a break from such heavy stories. Comedy tends to be the best escapes and one of the better aesthetics of writing when done correctly. In fall of 2013, there are plenty of comedies that deserve attention and others that may not deserve as much.

The Really Funny

“Aqua TV Show Show”

After changing the show’s name from “Aqua Teen Hunger Force” to “Aqua Unit Patrol Squad 1” the creators have gone with the comically-meta option of changing the name again to “Aqua TV Show Show.”

As with the former, the quality and format hasn’t changed. It’s still the same show with a different name. “Aqua Teen” tends to be funnier when it has the perverted, low-life neighbor Carl prominently added to the plot, who very much is this season. In

one episode, Carl — who is wearing his standard attire of a white tank top, gold medallion, purple sweatpants and lime-green flip-flops — buys a shady storage unit, revealing a vast fantasyland of tiny green gnomes which he single-handedly destroys for selfish reasons by the end of the 11-minute episode.

“Aqua Teen” continues to be absurd; though that should be expected whenever the plot revolves around a box of fries, a milkshake and a meatball who are supposed to be crime fighters, though still have not fought any crime in the series’ entirety.

“Squidbillies”

Speaking of absurd, “Squidbillies” is about as bizarre as they come. The story of Early, a deep-south Georgian squid who wears ironic trucker hats (“Less pod-castin’ more rod-castin’”) who is trying to provide for his family in a run-down rural town. Indeed, there is a certain kind of humor required to dig the poorly drawn cartoon; but its exceedingly dramatic interpretation of Southern culture is amusing, especially through the dialogue.

There have been a few exceptional episodes so far this season. In one episode, the antagonist, Dan Halen, opens a gallery of fake cave drawings to bring in hipsters.

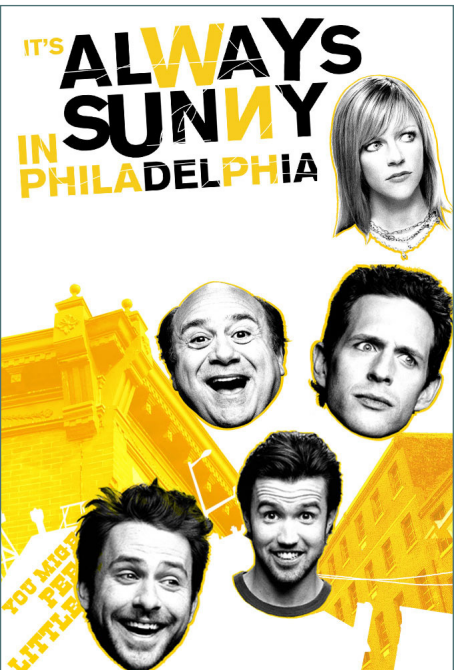
“You, wearing that t-shirt from the band that I like, you just pretended to like them or maybe you don’t like them, and you making fun of me for liking them. I like them! They gooder than hell. I seen them and they still good, too,” Early says to the group after Halen wishes for them to be killed.

“Comedy Bang! Bang!”

One of the newer gems in TV comedy, “Comedy Bang! Bang!” offers a fresh format that bridges the realms of the talk show and alternative comedy. It’s like a mix of “Pee Wee’s Playhouse,” “Conan O’ Brien” and a live action “Aqua Teen Hunger Force.”

The sweater-clad host Scott Aukerman and his bandleader Reggie Watts complement each other throughout their journeys of ridiculous skits and awkward celebrity interviews. Season two so far has featured Andy Samberg, Aziz Ansari, David Cross, Anna Kendrick and Sarah Silverman.

The jokes are offhand and clever with somewhat of a dark side and a hint of “Mr. Show” cynicism. Aukerman hosts the “Comedy Bang! Bang!” podcast that spawned the TV show, and it’s just as spontaneous and purposely immature as the show. “Comedy Bang! Bang!” returns Friday to IFC.



“It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia”

This isn’t about “Always Sunny” as a series only being mildly funny, because I love the show and it is one of my favorites. The show tends to have lulls though as of late, with one episode inserted in every so often that captures the show’s brilliance.

I’ve always considered “Sunny” to be a modern day “Three Stooges” (although in this case five stooges) — a few self-centered, borderline sociopathic schmucks who develop elaborate schemes to gain something trivial, only to have their plans backfire. That’s when the show is at it’s best, like in the episode where the group goes door-to-door selling oil as an attempt to solve the gas crisis.

When the jokes and situations are good and the gang is working cohesively “Always Sunny” can be hilarious; other times, the jokes are rehashed and promote mediocrity.

One of the greatest episodes this season so far was the one where Dee begins a career in standup comedy, only to have the rest of the gang sabotage her dreams by the end. There is also the episode where Mac and Dennis buy a time-share, while Charlie and Dee become involved in a pyramid scheme that appears to be copy-pasted from an earlier script, although Frank getting stuck in the swirly ladder at the children’s gymnasium was hilarious.

Despite the show’s moments of mediocrity, I will always love the five stooges.

The not so funny

“The League”

Although “The League” is not as hacky as the no-trick-pony Jeff Dunham, it is still as bad as Dane Cook, comparative to hack job comedians.

My friends keep insisting that “The League” is an omega of contemporary comedy. After all, it features two of the best things in the world: comedy and football. I just cannot buy into the humor on a deep level. Sure, Jeff Schaffer, who directed episodes of “Seinfeld” and “Curb Your Enthusiasm” created it, but “The League” is nowhere near as clever as either of those shows. “The League”’s joke arsenal is filled with sex jokes and not much else.

Friends have told me that I wouldn’t fully understand the jokes unless I played fantasy football — something I hadn’t done since cursing former Denver Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer into retirement after drafting him number one overall in 2007. Now as my team — Sassy French Fries Club 007 — reigns successfully under the regime of Peyton Manning, I know the system, the feelings and anguish that come with the game. Still, I find the jokes to be stale.

Here’s the thing: No one can tell me that I need to give it another try. I still watch the show just about every week as if there’s going to be that one joke that makes it that omega comedy. The dialogue is articulate; Mark Duplass, Paul Scheer and Nick Kroll are all pretty funny. However, the jokes and situations are sour.



“Parks and Recreation”

The George Carlin of TV comedy — the true omega of comedic entertainment — “Parks and Recreation” continues to be the best show right now with its clever writing, situations and cast. Leslie Knope (Amy Poehler) has come to the aide of the rival and much loftier Eagleton: Ron Swanson (Nick Offerman) — who has become a prime cult icon in pop culture — experiences an identity crisis as he attempts to erase all traces of his existence. Also, Swanson meets his doppelgänger. Garry Gergich “Jerry/Larry Gengurch” (Jim O’Heir) continues to be the pathetic force in the parks office, which never gets old.

One of the best moments from the season so far was Miami Heat basketball star Chris Bosh playing an Eagleton high school basketball player. “And I’m better at French horn too, Eric,” the 6’ 11”-Bosh says to a defenseless kid after he dunks the basketball.

“Parks and Recreation” continues to capture the essence of the mundane of living in the Midwest. Its small-town appeal draws big-time laughs — a reason why it continues to be adored.

The mildly funny

“South Park”

Again, “South Park” is another show I’ve adored since I secretly watched the “Pig Makes Love to an Elephant” episode at a friend’s house away from parental supervision. So far, I’m not fully invested in this year’s content, but there are still plenty of episodes and topics to cover. However, if there is not an episode mocking the enigmatic friendship between Dennis Rodman and Kim Jong un I will be extremely disappointed! After all, that friendship is already scripted for a brilliant “South Park” episode.

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‘Songs of Lifewater’

And when the rains come, it pours out truly here.
As if an earthly basinal to which the gods will reply
with heavenly water.

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forces an inward as much as
an outward self-reflection,
To which we respond
with abrasive cleanliness
to the vastness of our ugliness -
but it never was entirely ugly to begin with;
we have forced and been forced upon this dirt
that fills the cracks of our living skin,
to which we sing:

Wash me clean!

The basin is of our thoughts,
The land is of our skin - sand of our loveflesh
dirt ridded, weed encompassed;

We need cleaned.
We need washed by rain!

Rinse me down,
Rain over me,
Wash me clean
And dry the river thusly:

Where bodies and buildings are of one stoned mind
And this place needs a flood like Sodom and Gomorrah!

Bring me floods!
Feed me the sea!
Scars drenched in salt,
Healing swell returning -
The tempest is the sanctum.

And as quickly as the sudden tempestuousness had arisen,
The gods return it to the sky as its turn has been cast;

Full-bent, justly and heaven-sent,
Mad with swimming life of the sea

I am washed clean
And mad as the sea!

A downpour,
Breathing sonorously through the ocean washing over me.

Editor’s Note: This is the first in a series of poetry columns provided by Daily Egyptian Pulse writer Jake Saunders. Look for more in later Weekenders.