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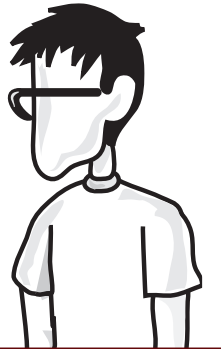


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FLU SHOT FEVER



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Leif Faber, left, a Touch of Nature employee from Makanda, and his wife Junko, center, hold their 9-month-old son Kai as he gets his first flu vaccination Tuesday at the SIUC Health Center. The Jackson County Health Department provided flu shots to SIUC staff members and their families. Linda Akins, a Jackson County Health Department nursing secretary, said by 3:30 p.m. almost 750 people received the vaccina-

tion, and the clinic expected to run out before the day's end.

Angie Bailey, director of health education at the Jackson County Health Department, said the department has seen a number of flu cases, but are instructed to treat any flu symptoms as H1N1.

Because the only tests confirming the H1N1 strain are done after hospitalization and the symptoms of both H1N1 and the seasonal flu are so similar, she could not say

how many people in the area have been sick with each string of the flu.

According to the Associated Press, states have ordered almost 6 million doses of swine flu vaccine in the campaign that started last week. The Associated Press also reported the World Health Organization hopes to ship 60 million doses of swine flu vaccine to developing countries in November in an effort to protect their fragile health systems from the pandemic.

Chancellor search down to six candidates

On-campus interviews
scheduled for November

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The search for SIUC's next chancellor is down to the final stages.

The search committee for Chancellor Sam Goldman's replacement has narrowed the field down to six candidates.

Philip Howze, Faculty Senate president and member of the committee, said at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting he is pleased with the final candidates.

"Rarely do you see such a gender balance and ethnic diversity in a pool of high-quality candidates," Howze said.

Peggy Stockdale, co-chairwoman of the committee, said it came up with a field of about 35 candidates while high-ranking administrators at other universities suggested 20 more, giving an initial pool of about 55 candidates.

From that list of 55, Stockdale said she contacted the potential candidates to gauge their interest in the position.

After the committee was able to find out who was interested in the position, Stockdale said it was able to shorten the list until it was cut to six.

Stockdale said the chancellor search committee has worked hard to bring the field down to the final six.

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Panel receives input on gerrymandering problem

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One of SIUC's political arms presented two proposals to state officials Tuesday in an effort to squelch gerrymandering, a district-drawing tactic that has caught fire in Illinois for decades.

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute hosted the open Senate Redistricting Committee meeting at the John C. Guyon Auditorium to hear the latest commentary on reform for Illinois' district mapping process, which former Gov. Jim Edgar once called "the most politically ugly and partisan thing that takes place" in Illinois.

The current redistricting format,

which takes place every 10 years after the U.S. Census, allows one party to have complete control in drawing the lines around the areas senators and representatives serve.

Minorities end up being misrepresented, said committee chair and state Sen. Kwame Raoul, D-Chicago.

Elected officials also have the power to control which voters they'll represent and hopefully be re-elected by, said Justin Levitt, counsel for the Brennan Center of Justice and speaker for the institute via videoconference.

"The problem is the conflict of having to draw (your own) districts. The public assumes you're trying to 'rig the game,'" Levitt said.

The problem also stems from a misguided decision made by legisla-

tors and voters in 1970, according to a report by former institute director Mike Lawrence available at the meeting.

Former delegates fashioned the constitution assuming bipartisan committees would ultimately compromise on district-drawing issues, making a lottery for sole party control a last resort, he said.

"Neither party, they reasoned, would want to play Russian roulette in a matter this vital," Lawrence wrote.

Yet the plan backfired, with Republicans and Democrats gambling to decide who redraws the districts each time for the last 30 years.

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Senate Redistricting Committee Chairman Kwame Raoul, D-Chicago, expresses his concern for the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute's proposal.

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"This is one of the best committees I've ever served on," Stockdale said. "Every person on that committee reviewed at least two or three candidates."

Stockdale said of the six candidates, three came from the committee's initial field of 35, while the other three came from the group of 20 suggested by other universities' administrators.

Stockdale said off-campus interviews would take place in the coming weeks, while on-site interviews would occur in November.

Stockdale said the entire SIUC campus would be invited to the on-site interviews, and an option to submit an anonymous online evaluation of the candidates would be available as well.

Howze said the university must show the candidates that SIUC is a good option for them.

"We have as much to demonstrate to the candidates that we are worthy for them as they do that they are worthy for us," Howze said.

Stockdale agreed with Howze and said it is important no candidate drops from the running.

"I think we need to do our job both in getting to know the candidates well and selling (the university)," Stockdale said.

At Tuesday's meeting, Howze also stressed the importance of trying to restore the Monetary Awards Program grant.

Howze said the university is not in a situation where it can afford to lose mass amounts of students.

"We're at a point now where even if we lose 1,000 of the 5,000 students (receiving MAP funding), it will have devastating effects not only on the

"Rarely do you see such a gender balance and ethnic diversity in a pool of high-quality candidates."

— Philip Howze
Faculty Senate president

make sure their voice is heard.

"We've been getting the short end of the stick for the last 10 years," Karnes said. "It's time to get the long end of the stick."

Stile Smith can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 259.

university, but the remaining students as well," Howze said.

Allan Karnes, a professor of accounting, said he is not optimistic the grant would be reinstated, so students and faculty need to

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Each party used the lottery as the deciding factor in 1981, 1991 and 2001. The power has simultaneously flip-flopped — from Democrats to Republicans and back.

Each of the institute's proposals calls for a bipartisan commission of eight, with each party electing four of the members. One proposal links two House districts for every Senate district, while the other sets up a system for each to separately focus on redistricting proposals relevant to their chambers, Lawrence wrote.

Time is ticking, Institute Director David Yepsen stressed. If a proposed amendment doesn't receive bipartisan support before November 2010, it won't make it on the ballot, and the current process will remain.

"If we don't do something now, it goes away for the next 10 years," he said.

Ruth Moon and Evan Davis contributed to this report.

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Calendar

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• 6-9 p.m. today at Student Center Ballroom A

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
• Speaker Patrick Langan
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Author discusses the naked truth about college

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Harlan Cohen introduced himself to SIUC students through his song about his nudist ex-roommate, Stu.

Cohen, author of "The Naked Roommate: And 107 Other Issues You Might Run Into in College," said he was uncomfortable with his roommate at first, but was more accepting after Stu's nudist sister visited.

The song, "My Roommate Stu," isn't a true story, but Cohen related it to the audience of more than 450 students about shaky college beginnings Tuesday in the Student Center ballrooms.

The unsure times at the start of college, Cohen said, are just positives in disguise.

"College is about getting comfortable with the uncomfortable," he said.

That motto was the basis for Cohen's book about college issues — the hilarious and the serious.

"For some people, it's easy for them to get out and experience college," Cohen said. "For many people it's hard to get around and even stay here."

In Cohen's song, he described the positives of the visit of Stu's sister, but emphasized the agreement he and his roommate made. If Stu didn't cover up, then Cohen would cover his eyes.

Living with someone can be

very uncomfortable, Cohen said.

"But that's great," he said. "It's like we're so afraid of being uncomfortable, and we try to stay in our comfort zone."

Cohen said students, especially freshmen in college, should get out and get uncomfortable in order to create opportunities for themselves that would not normally be there.

"When you live in a world of options, everything can happen," he said. "College is a place to create a world of options."

Cohen also talked to students about dating and relationships.

"Without dating and relationships, we wouldn't take any risks," he said. "And not ev-

eryone that you want will always want you."

Rejection can cause students to withdraw, he said, but students must be comfortable with themselves before they can be comfortable with others.

"Picture yourself wearing a thong and embracing what hangs out — mentally and physically," Cohen said.

He said he embraced his large ears and decided he had the advantage when compared to "other guys with flat ears" and encouraged students to do the same with their perceived flaws.

Cohen ended his presentation answering anonymous questions from students about sex, room-

Picture yourself wearing a thong and embracing what hangs out — mentally and physically.

— Harlan Cohen
author of "The Naked Roommate"



LELA NOREM | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Author Harlan Cohen plays a song he wrote about his college roommates to open his book discussion with SIUC students Tuesday at the Student Center ballrooms. In his presentation, as well as his book, Cohen makes light of subjects such as unexpected nudity, sexual encounters, relationships and other college behaviors that could surprise freshmen and new college students.

mates and math equations.

Julie Payne-Kirchmeier, director of Saluki First Year, said all incoming freshmen received a free copy of Cohen's book if they moved on campus this semester.

She said because Cohen is engaging and has talked to students at more than 300 campuses, his presentation was the perfect compliment to his book.

"Students get pretty much

whatever they want from this presentation," she said. "They walk away here feeling comfortable."

Morgan Echols, a freshman from Murphysboro studying physiology, said she didn't receive a copy of the book because she lives off campus, but came to the presentation because it seemed interesting.

"I actually came here for an assignment for one of my classes," Echols said. "But I'm definitely go-

ing to go buy the book now."

Cohen said even if students feel comfortable after reading his book or attending the presentation, they should still ask questions about anything in their life.

"Don't be afraid," he said. "Questions are just people exposing what's hanging out of their thong."

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Health care bill clears hurdle, gains GOP backer

David Espo

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Historic legislation to expand U.S. health care and control costs won its first Republican supporter Tuesday and cleared a key Senate hurdle, a double-barreled triumph that propelled President Barack Obama's signature issue toward votes this fall in both houses of Congress.

"When history calls, history calls," said Maine Republican Olympia Snowe, whose declaration of support ended weeks of suspense and provided the only drama of a 14-9 vote in the Senate Finance Committee. With her decision, the 62-year-old lawmaker bucked her own leadership on the most high-profile issue of the year in Congress, and gave the drive to remake health care at least a hint of the bipartisanship that Obama seeks.

At the White House, Obama called the events "a critical milestone" toward remaking the nation's health care system. He praised Snowe as well as Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the committee, and declared, "We are going to get this done."

There were fresh challenges. Within minutes of the vote, labor unions and large business organizations both demanded changes in the bill, which was an attempt at a middle-of-the-road measure fashioned by the committee under Baucus' leadership.

Still, nearly nine months after the president pledged in his Inaugural Address to tackle health care, legislation to expand coverage to millions who lack it has now advanced further than President Bill Clinton's ill-fated effort more than a decade ago — or any other attempt

in more than a generation.

The next move in the Senate is up to Majority Leader Harry Reid, whose office said the full Senate would begin debate on the issue the week of Oct. 26.

Nominally, Reid must first blend the bill that cleared during the day with a version that passed earlier in the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. But in reality, the majority leader — with the participation of the White House — has a virtual free hand in fashioning a measure to wind up gaining the 60 votes needed to overcome a threatened Republican filibuster.

"The bottom line here is we need a final bill, a merged bill, that gets 60 votes," Baucus said. "Our goal is to pass health care reform not just talk about it."

Reid's most politically sensitive decision revolves around proposals for the federal government to sell insurance in competition with private industry. The Senate bill approved in committee during the day omits the provision, while the one passed earlier includes it and many House Democrats support it as well.

In general, bills moving toward floor votes in both houses would require most Americans to purchase insurance, provide federal subsidies to help those of lower incomes afford coverage and give small businesses help in defraying the cost of coverage for their workers.

The measures would bar insurance companies from denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions, and for the first time limit their ability to charge higher premiums on the basis of age or family size. Expanded coverage would be



And now there are three

Highlights of health care legislation that has been passed by congressional committees and now heads to the Senate and House floors:

	Senate		House
	Finance committee*	HELP committee**	House bill
Cost (10-year estimates)	• \$829 billion	• \$645 billion	• \$1.04 trillion
How it's paid for	• Cuts to Medicare, Medicaid; taxes on high-cost insurance; fees from drug companies, insurers; noncompliance penalties	• Another committee responsible for financing	• Cuts to Medicare, Medicaid; sliding surcharge on those with incomes above \$350,000; noncompliance penalties
Requirements for individuals	• U.S. citizens, legal residents must have coverage; phased-in \$750 per person penalty for noncompliance; hardship waivers	• All must have coverage; \$750 per person penalty for noncompliance; hardship waivers	• All must have coverage; penalty of 2.5 percent of modified adjusted gross income for noncompliance; hardship waivers
Requirements for employers	• Employers with 50 or more workers that do not offer insurance must pay a fee for each employee who gets a tax credit	• Must offer insurance, pay 60 percent of premium or face penalty; those with 25 or fewer workers exempt	• Must provide insurance, pay up to 72.5 percent of premium or face penalty; small businesses exempt
Subsidies to buy coverage	• Up to 400 percent of poverty level	• Up to 400 percent of poverty level	• Up to 400 percent of poverty level
Benefit package	• Sets four benefit categories; insurers required to offer coverage in at least two; no denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions and no lifetime caps	• Must include essential benefits recommended by a new independent commission; no denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions and no lifetime caps	• Must include essential benefits (hospitalization, doctor visits, drugs, other services) proposed by a committee; no denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions
Government-sponsored plan (public option)	• No; provides \$6 billion for formation of nonprofit, member-owned co-ops	• Yes; would reimburse healthcare providers at rates comparable to private rates	• Yes; would use Medicare reimbursement rates
Expansion of Medicaid (program for the poor)	• Expanded to include all those with incomes up to 133 percent of poverty level; now eligibility varies by state *Baucus plan	• Available to those with incomes up to 150 percent of poverty level **Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee	• Expanded to include all those with incomes up to 133 percent of poverty level

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paid for by cutting hundreds of billions of dollars from future Medicare payments to health care providers. Each house also envisions higher taxes — an income tax surcharge on million-dollar wage-earners in the case of the House, and a new excise levy on insurance companies selling high-cost policies in the case of the Senate Finance Committee bill.

Apart from Snowe, Republicans on the committee cited higher taxes, a greater federal role in the insurance

industry and other concerns as they lined up to oppose the bill.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said the legislation would place the nation on a "slippery slope to more and more government control of health care."

Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, elicited testimony earlier from the head of the Congressional Budget Committee that a substantial portion of the bill's tax increases would fall on groups Obama has vowed would be protected: individuals making \$200,000 or less

and couples below \$250,000.

Snowe, too, said there were problems with the bill, but on balance, the risks of doing nothing were too great.

"We should also contemplate the decades of inaction that have brought us to this crossroads," she said. "The status quo approach has produced one glaring common denominator, that is that we have a problem that is growing worse, not better."

Unsafe abortions kill 70,000 annually

David Cray

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Increased contraceptive use has led to fewer abortions worldwide, but deaths from unsafe abortion remain a severe problem, killing 70,000 women a year, a research institute reported Tuesday in a major global survey.

More than half the deaths, about 38,000, are in sub-Saharan Africa, which was singled out as the region with by far the lowest rates of contraceptive use and the highest rates of unintended pregnancies.

The report, three years in the making, was compiled by the New York-based Guttmacher Institute, which supports abortion rights and is a leading source of data on abortion-related trends. Researchers examined data from individual countries and multinational organizations.

The institute's president, Sharon Camp, said she was heartened by the overall trends since Guttmacher conducted a similar survey in 1999, yet expressed concern about

the gap revealed in the new report.

"In almost all developed countries, abortion is safe and legal," she said. "But in much of the developing world, abortion remains highly restricted, and unsafe abortion is common and continues to damage women's health and threaten their survival."

The report calls for further easing of developing nations' abortion laws, a move criticized by Deirdre McQuade, a policy director with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities.

"We need to be much more creative in assisting women with supportive services so they don't need to resort to the unnatural act of abortion," she said.

Guttmacher estimated previously that the number of abortions worldwide fell from 45.5 million in 1995 to 41.6 million in 2003 — the latest year for which global figures were available.

A key reason for that drop, the new report said, was that the portion of married women using contraception increased from 54 percent in 1990 to 63 percent in 2003 as availability increased and social mores changed. Guttmacher's researchers said contraceptive use had increased in every

In almost all developed countries, abortion is safe and legal.

— Sharon Camp
president of the
Guttmacher Institute

major region, but still lagged badly in Africa — used by only 28 percent of married women there, compared with at least 68 percent in other major regions. The report notes that abortions worldwide are declining even as more countries liberalize their abortion laws. Since 1997, it said, only three countries — Poland, Nicaragua and El Salvador — substantially increased restrictions on abortion, while laws were eased significantly in 19 countries and regions, including Cambodia, Nepal and Mexico City.

Irish parliament chief makes defiant speech

Shawn Pogatchnik

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBLIN — The speaker of Ireland's parliament resigned Tuesday after his years of lavish expenses and foreign travel were exposed.

John O'Donoghue delivered a defiant, bitter parting speech that accused his fellow lawmakers of hypocrisy. He became the first speaker in the 87-year history of the parliament to be ousted.

"I will accept the verdict of informed judgment, but not the verdict of the disingenuous," said O'Donoghue, a widely liked lawmaker who became parliament's moderator in 2007 after five years as Ireland's minister of the arts, sports and tourism. Both are considered among the cushiest jobs in government.

O'Donoghue's ouster was inspired both by Ireland's sudden nosedive into recession and debt — fueling public anger at lawmakers still living large at taxpayer expense — and by the lawmaker's expenses

and couples below \$250,000. Irish broadcasters RTE, unusually, showed O'Donoghue's parting shots live.

"I never transgressed any procedure, guideline or regulation. I never committed any offense. I am not guilty of any corruption," said O'Donoghue, a 53-year-old former lawyer who has been a lawmaker since 1987. "I never took money or abused my office for my own enrichment. All these costs were paid to service providers. I did not receive a penny from such costs. These are the facts."

His fall from grace began three months ago, when Irish newspapers began publishing previously confidential details of his expenses and trips abroad since 2002 with total bills exceeding €700,000 (\$1 million).

The revelations proved politically fatal when documents demonstrated he continued to travel the world at taxpayer expense after swapping the travel-heavy tourism, sports and arts portfolio for the speaker's chair.

NORWAY

Nobel jury defends Obama's peace prize, calls critics patronizing

OSLO — One judge noted with surprise that President Barack Obama "didn't look particularly happy" at being named the Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Another marveled at how critics could be so patronizing. In a rare public defense of a process normally shrouded in secrecy, four of the Nobel jury's five judges spoke out Tuesday about a selection they said was both merited and unanimous.

To those who say a Nobel is too much too soon in Obama's young presidency, "We simply disagree ... He got the prize for what he has done," committee chairman Thorbjorn Jagland said.

RUSSIA

Russia pushes back on US bid to threaten more sanctions for Iran

MOSCOW — Russia publicly pushed back Tuesday against U.S. efforts to threaten tough new sanctions if Iran fails to prove its nuclear program is peaceful, dealing an apparent setback to President Barack Obama's hopes for Moscow's backing for fresh penalties against Tehran.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Moscow believed such threats were "counterproductive" and that only negotiations should be pursued now. Just last month, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev had said sanctions are rarely productive.

MAINE

Father of fallen Marine calls for change in war in Afghanistan

NEW PORTLAND — It was the last way John Bernard would have wanted his voice to gain prominence in the national debate over the war in Afghanistan. The retired Marine had been writing to lawmakers for weeks complaining of the new rules of engagement he believed put U.S. troops at unacceptable risk in the insurgency-wracked country. He got little response.

Then Bernard's only son, 21-year-old Lance Cpl. Joshua Bernard — a Marine like his dad — was killed in an insurgent ambush in Afghanistan's volatile Helmand province, the latest victim of a surge in U.S. combat deaths.

FLORIDA

Five charged with aggravated battery for setting Fla. teen on fire

DEERFIELD BEACH — Five teenagers were charged with aggravated battery Tuesday for dousing a 15-year-old with rubbing alcohol and setting him on fire because he stopped someone from stealing his father's bicycle, authorities said.

Michael Brewer was hospitalized with burns on more than three-quarters of his body after the attack at a Deerfield Beach apartment complex Monday.

The Broward County sheriff's office said in a news release that 15-year-olds Matthew Bent, Denver Jarvis, Steven Shelton and Jesus Mendez and 13-year-old Jeremy Jarvis were charged with aggravated battery.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Sometimes I did feel shame. But the feeling didn’t stay long. I would relax when I wanted to buy something.”

“SZE”

a Hong Kong teen who took part in a growing social phenomenon in China called compensated dating, where women agree to be paid for dates that include sex; the girls don’t consider it prostitution because the money is for shopping, not survival.

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INSIGHT



Not just a bunch of hot air

Edyta Blaszczyk
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When Mark Gindlesparger spits from 2,000 feet above ground, he hopes he doesn’t offend anyone. It is a simple tool he uses when piloting a hot air balloon.

Gindlesparger said he and his wife Sue gained a true appreciation for hot air balloons in 1995 after volunteering at Cascades of Colors, a balloon festival in Carbondale, with their children Emily and Matt.

“We crewed for the festival, pretty well got involved,” he said.

He said their first step to flying their own balloon was to become a pilot. The requirements to obtain a pilot’s license includes at least 10 hours of flying with an instructor, 10 hours of classroom work and a written exam.

“Then you qualify for an exam with the FAA, which is a written exam, an oral exam and then a flying exam,” he said. “By late August or so (in 1996), I had my full license.”

The Gindlespargers said they traveled to Statesville, N.C. for their custom balloon.

“We got to design the balloon; they sent us fabric swatches and coloring sheets,” his wife said.

Gindlesparger said the estimated cost

for all of the necessary equipment is around \$23,000: \$21,000 for the balloon, fuel tanks and handmade basket; \$1,000 for two aircraft radios and \$1,000 for an inflation fan.

The typical process for getting up in the air consists of luck, preparation and a lot of manual labor, Gindlesparger said.

“You need to check the weather thoroughly before sunrise ... then you call the flight service, tell them where you’re flying. After you have determined whether you can fly, it’s just a matter of packing up the balloon into the truck and going to your launch site,” he said. “You also send up a helium pibal (pilot balloon) to calculate wind direction and speed.”

To have a successful launch, the ideal site should consist of flat land, short grass and a tree line that can break the wind, Gindlesparger said. Once the location is determined, the task of unfolding and filling up the balloon requires the meticulous attention of everyone involved.

Gindlesparger said a pilot and a three-man crew is the bare minimum, but a five-man crew is best. Having a chaser — a person

who drives in a car behind the balloon and is at the landing site — the passenger and any extra help makes for a smooth process.

“Once you’re in the air, you’re organizing your thoughts on what direction you’re going, what’s the wind doing and checking if your passengers are freaking out,” he said.

The series of ropes and cords found inside are used to open and close vents, allowing a certain amount of air into the balloon to cool it down, while the burner provides lift by heating it up. Pilots use the cooling and heating techniques to regulate the altitude during the flight and speed of descent upon landing.

When up in the air, luck becomes a big factor on which direction the wind takes the balloon because there is no steering involved.

Picking a landing spot is something that happens near the end of the flight, and the spot is almost never the same. This is when Gindlesparger spits over the side. It helps him calculate the direction of the wind below and how fast it’s moving.

In the end, the one thing that keeps the Gindlespargers flying is the peace and quiet nature offers 2,000 feet above ground.

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Fall movie preview



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Gearing up for Oscar season

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Good news, moviegoers: Fall has arrived.

This means studios will unleash the films they feel have a shot at a coveted Best Picture Oscar. No more suffering through 3D gerbils or lame horror remakes; it is time for real-deal films.

Two pictures, which have already received considerable Oscar buzz while traveling the film festival circuit, will be released nationwide Friday. In the last two months of 2009, a bevy of films worth getting excited about will battle for the critics' approval.

Here is a rundown of some of the big releases and a few under-the-radar films scheduled to hit theaters.

"An Education," directed by Lone Scherfig

Opens: Friday
The film is being billed as a coming-of-age tale about a woman in her late teens (Carey Mulligan) who begins a romance with an older man (Peter Sarsgaard). Films about growing up always have a good shot at getting some heat come Oscar time — if they are done well.

This one has a wonderful cast (Mulligan is being touted as Best Actress frontrunner) and a screenplay by witty novelist Nick Hornby, making it a can't-miss when it hits theaters.

"Where the Wild Things Are," directed by Spike Jonze

Opens: Friday
The film is adapted by the legendary children's book of the same name by Maurice Sendak.

Having Spike Jonze attached gives the film an air of mystery given his directorial output so far. Jonze's past films ("Being John Malkovich" and "Adaptation") were fragmented, interesting looks at the lives of regular people.

Judging by the footage and trailers from his newest film, this one will be just as dark and touching as his others.

"The Road," directed by John Hillcoat

Opens: Nov. 25
This film is another adaptation, taken from Cormac McCarthy's post-apocalyptic novel of the same name. McCarthy's book was a haunting and gut-wrenching affair.

Director John Hillcoat was given the reigns to this film after his debut, the wonderful Australian western "The Proposition." Hillcoat proved he could do gutsy, grim action sequences, which is what this film will need if it attempts to stay close to its magnificent source material.

"Up in the Air," directed by Jason Reitman

Opens: Dec. 4
Jason Reitman's latest has already grabbed a deal of Oscar talk, mostly pointed at the film's cast and its portrayal of corporate Americans.

George Clooney plays a man who travels the country terminating employees when companies do not want to. He excels at this, hopping from airport to airport. His view on his plane-hopping life changes when his company's needs for him changes and he meets a woman (Vera Farmiga).

Reitman is no stranger to Oscar land as his last feature, "Juno," was Hollywood's surprise hit in 2007. Unlike that film, Reitman wrote the majority of this screenplay (adapted from a novel) and by all accounts it is his best work yet. Plus, critics absolutely love Clooney.

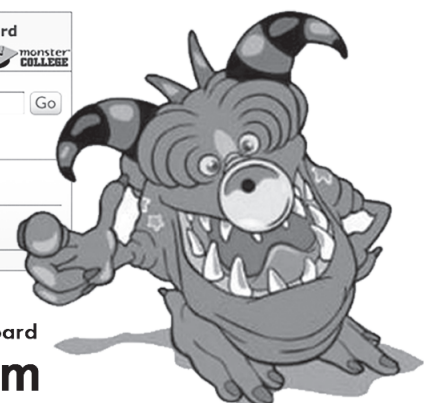
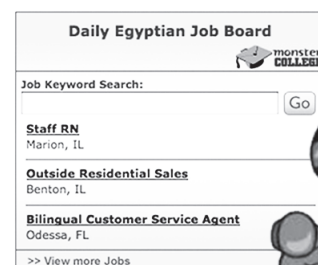
"Invictus," directed by Clint Eastwood

Opens: Dec. 11
Clint Eastwood's films always pop up around this time, making the last surge to get him another golden statue on his mantle.

This year he is bringing a biopic, which always do well with the Oscar judges. The film is about Nelson Mandela's life after his release from prison, set during the 1995 Rugby World Cup in South Africa.

Throw crowd and critic favorites Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon into the mix and it seems Eastwood may have another winner on his hands.

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Army agrees Kansas priest worthy of Medal of Honor

John Milburn
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOPEKA, Kan. — As his fellow prisoners of war returned home from the Korean War, they shared stories of self-sacrifice about Rev. Emil Kapaun, the humble priest from Kansas.

The prisoners of the 8th Cavalry Regiment spoke of how Kapaun, an Army chaplain, continued to look after his men even though he was wounded and sick himself. Risking his own life, Kapaun would sneak out after dark to scrounge food for those too weak to eat, fashion makeshift containers to collect water and wash their soiled clothes.

Kapaun died at the camp hospital seven months after he was first taken captive by the Chinese in

1950. More than a half-century later, the Army's top civilian leader has recommended that Kapaun, who is also a candidate for sainthood, receive the Medal of Honor.

Helen Kapaun, the chaplain's sister-in-law, said her husband Eugene, 85, has prayed that he would live to see his brother honored.

"We hoped it would have been sooner," Helen Kapaun said Monday. "I think there were a lot of circumstances that had to be finished in God's hands. Now, it proves that he was a saintly, holy man."

In one of his final acts as Army secretary, Pete Geren, wrote to Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R-Kan., saying he agreed that Kapaun was worthy of the honor. Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has also endorsed Kapaun's honor.

Seven chaplains have received the Medal of Honor, including Vincent Capodanno, a Navy chaplain from New York, killed in Vietnam in 1967. In 2006, Capodanno was declared a Servant of God by the Vatican, a step toward canonization.

Tiahrt began efforts to honor Kapaun in 2000 after reading about his life.

"It's hard to imagine living through something like that. He handled it like a saint," Tiahrt said Monday. "This is the kind of person that we ought to emulate."

Congress must approve legislation sending Kapaun's award to President Barack Obama, which Tiahrt hopes happens by year's end.

The Rev. John Hotze of the Wichita diocese said Kapaun's recognition has been a long time in the making.

"He saw it as a role of serving his men and laying down his life for his men," said Hotze, who has a Web site honoring Kapaun. "It's like Christ coming to the world to serve instead of being served. That's what Father Kapaun was all about."

Kapaun was born in 1916 near the central Kansas town of Pilsen, about 60 miles north of Wichita. Ordained in 1940, he was a parish priest and auxiliary chaplain at the Herrington Army Air Base near Pilsen.

He was later sent to Southeast Asia during World War II, driving thousands of miles to say Mass, often using his Jeep hood as an altar.

Kapaun returned to Kansas, but when the Korean War began he pleaded with his bishop to let him go back to the Army.

"They needed chaplains. He loved the service boys very much," said Helen Kapaun, whose marriage was one of the last civilian ceremonies performed before Kapaun left for Korea.

The Vatican, which is investigating Kapaun for sainthood, has sent an investigator to Kansas to visit with the family of Chase Kear, who was injured when he fell on his head during pole vault practice in 2008. He cracked his skull and had swelling of his brain, and his family prayed for Kapaun to intercede on Kear's behalf.

"I think they go hand in hand," said Hotze, adding medical records were being compiled and translated to bolster Kapaun's case. Kear, now 20, is attending Hutchinson Community College and driving again.

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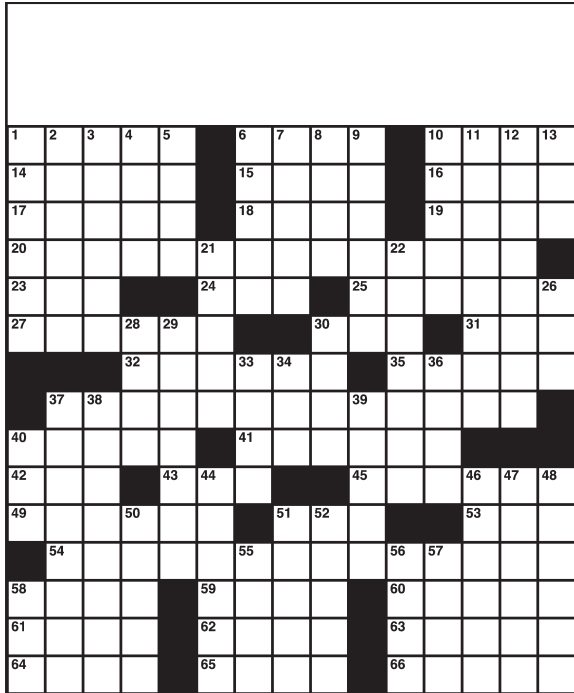
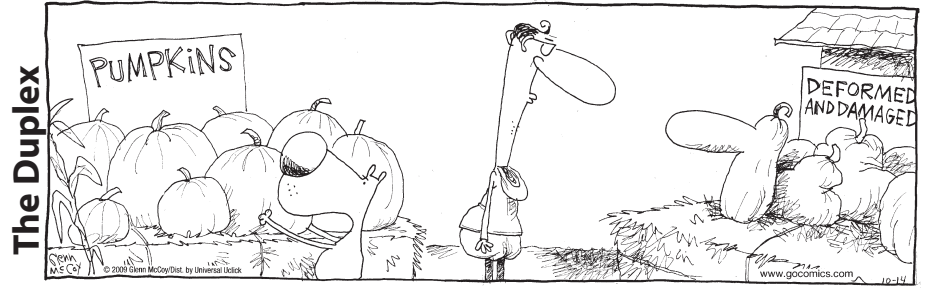
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Crossword

Tuesday's answers

Across

- 1 Made a disapproving sound
- 6 Witticism
- 10 Highlander
- 14 Cop __: bargain in court
- 15 Healing plant
- 16 Oregon Treaty president
- 17 Trembling
- 18 Having all one's marbles
- 19 Word processing reversal
- 20 Big Southwestern trombones?
- 23 Ending for "ranch"
- 24 Neither Rep. nor Dem.
- 25 Thing
- 27 Madame, in Madrid
- 30 Wide shoe size
- 31 Geese flight pattern
- 32 Actress Greer who

- received five consecutive Oscar nominations
- 35 At the ready
- 37 Refined trombones?
- 40 Made on a loom
- 41 Imitation
- 42 Med or law lead-in
- 43 Command ctrs.
- 45 Musical beat
- 49 Wells's "The Island of Dr. ..."
- 51 Fill with wonder
- 53 Jr.'s son
- 54 Continuously-playing trombones?
- 58 Clenched weapon
- 59 Mechanical memorization
- 60 Remark to the audience
- 61 To __: perfectly
- 62 Sporty sunroof
- 63 Baseball card brand
- 64 Wall St.'s "Big Board"

- 65 Clownish
- 66 Shore birds

Down

- 1 Samples a bit of
- 2 Ball
- 3 Loud auto honker of yore
- 4 " __ mouse!"
- 5 Weekly septet
- 6 Argonauts' leader
- 7 Large antelope
- 8 Tune
- 9 Dainty laugh
- 10 Sudden gushing
- 11 Conspires (with)
- 12 Octogenarians, e.g.
- 13 Boxing ref's decision
- 21 Whopper creators
- 22 Lord's Prayer words following "Thy will be done"
- 26 Thus far
- 28 Eye subtly
- 29 Drizzly day chapeau

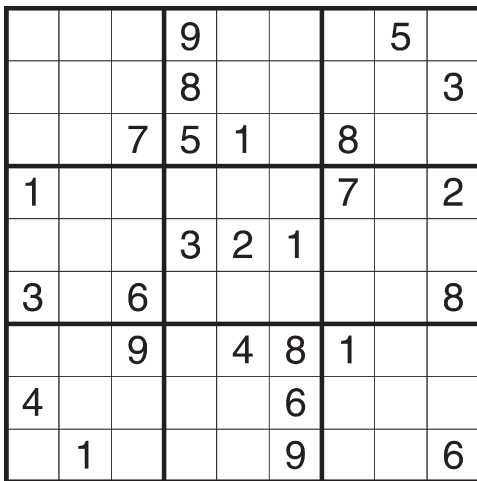
- 30 Some pass catchers
- 33 Women
- 34 Above, in poems
- 36 Slow-moving, as a river
- 37 Penetrable quality of skin
- 38 Makes a cliché of, say
- 39 Exposed
- 40 Typist's stat.
- 44 Crystalline mineral
- 46 More petite

- 47 Like eggs in an Easter hunt
- 48 Skinflints
- 50 Big name in perfumery
- 51 Dramatist Chekhov
- 52 Tearful
- 55 Letter after theta
- 56 Drift, as an aroma
- 57 Shipwreck site
- 58 Air mover

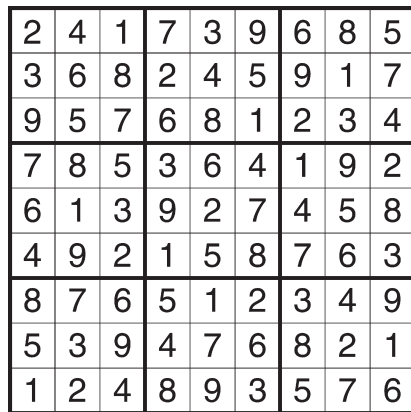


SUDOKU

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Tuesday's answers



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — You receive a very peculiar gift. You may not even know what it's for. Be sure you get the whole story before you decide to take it back. It may be more useful than you ever imagined.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — **Today is a 6** — Actions really do speak louder than words now. Demonstrate your love openly and freely. You'll be glad later.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — **Today is a 6** — The devil is in the details, and you know exactly what to say. Appearances are not what they seem.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — **Today is a 7** — The details are still falling into place. You don't have enough information to make a final decision. Wait 'til later.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — **Today is a 6** — You may not be able to provide the nectar of the gods. Settle for a really beautiful table with simple fare.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — **Today is a 7** — Don't get bogged down in other people's issues. Instead, persuade yourself to seek balance. Then talk.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — **Today is a 6** — With the moon in your sign today, your feeling and thinking line up. Encourage others to accept your assessment.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — **Today is a 6** — Nobody wants to mess around with the details today. Do it anyway. The effort is worth it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — **Today is a 5** — Pay attention to details, even if you'd rather be playing some other game. Later on you can enjoy food with friends.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — **Today is a 5** — Settle into a pattern. Pay attention to the details but forge ahead. You reach an emotional high late in the day.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — **Today is a 7** — Details matter more than you suspect. Listen to others and learn.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — **Today is a 5** — Use information you've gathered to persuade others. They'll accept your leadership if you're definite and precise.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — **Today is a 5** — You feel like the details fit together into a solid argument. Put the finishing touches on your speech later today.



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JUMBLE

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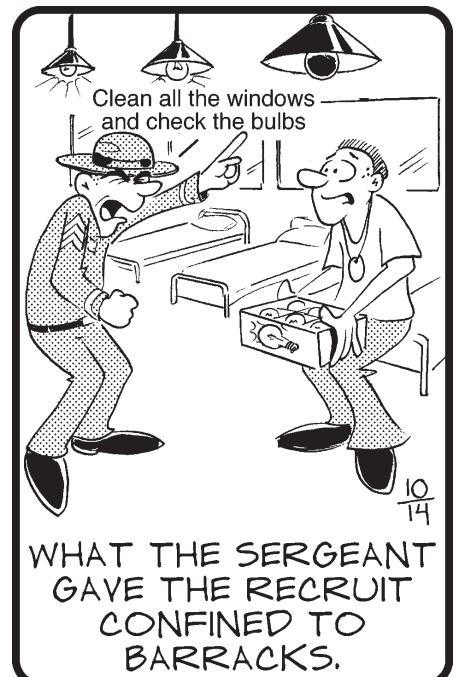
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Answer: " **QUACK** " **OF DAWN**

(Answers tomorrow)

Tuesday's answers | Jumbles: QUAKE KNOWN CANNED ACTUAL
Answer: When the noisy pet duck woke up the farmboy, it was the — "QUACK" OF DAWN

Long-term dangers of physical play worry Steelers

Alan Robinson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Hines Ward's game is partly defined by his willingness to deliver a nasty hit. Yet the Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver cringes when he sees a player taking one — especially a helmet-to-helmet blow that might cause a concussion.

Ward is repeatedly cited in player surveys as being one of the NFL's borderline dirty players. But he didn't want former Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow returning prematurely from a concussion Sept. 26 when the Florida quarterback's helmet slammed into a teammate's leg. Tebow came back to play Saturday against LSU.

"Some guys, we're powerful, and we want to come back quick, not understanding the ramifications of getting hit like that again," Ward said. "I watched a TV special where a high school kid lied to the doctors and said he was ready, and he got hit in a similar way and ended up paralyzed."

While the Steelers' physicality and take-no-abuse personality have rarely changed since the Steel Curtain days of the 1970s, Ward and other players are concerned about studies that reflect the dangers of playing in the NFL — and, especially, of receiving concussions.

An NFL-commissioned study reported Alzheimer's disease and dementia were diagnosed among former players at a significantly higher rate than the general population. While the NFL cautioned there is no established link between memory disorders and head injuries sustained by former players, the Steelers have been warned by their own doctors for years about the dangers of concussions.

The UPMC Center for Sports Medicine, based in the same complex where the Steelers practice, has studied

the effects of concussions on football players for most of this decade. One of its studies determined that a player suffering a second concussion while recovering from an earlier concussion risks permanent brain injury or death, although NFL players recover more rapidly from concussions than do high school players.

"It's something we've known," safety Ryan Clark said, referring to the sport's risks. "It's like telling a boxer, 'Hey, you can get punch drunk.' And he still goes in there and fights 12 rounds as hard as he can. It's what you do; it's who you are. We're blessed with this talent, and we play because we love it, but it can be a problem."

Former Steelers physician Julian Bailes, chair of neurosurgery at West Virginia University, co-authored a study four years ago that found players who received multiple concussions are more likely to develop post-career problems such as depression. A UPMC study released in 2002 determined football players who have sustained multiple concussions have a greater risk of developing a concussion than a player who has never had one.

UPMC researchers also have warned there is no such thing as a mild concussion, and that a headache or momentary confusion caused by a hit can be the first sign of a much more significant neurological problem.

"If you're not healed up and ready to play, you can mess yourself up real bad, not only while you're playing but after you're playing as well," Ward said.

Injuries are inevitable in a sport that is violent by nature, and most Steelers players take the attitude that they can only hope that a catastrophic mishap doesn't occur to them. However, players are getting so big, so strong and so fast, Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer recently predicted there will



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Pittsburgh's Hines Ward is hit by Arizona's Roderick Hood during a run in the first half as the Pittsburgh Steelers faced the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., Feb. 1.

be a fatality someday in an NFL game.

The NFL commissioned study released this season generated enough concern that the NFL Players Association formed a committee headed by former Steelers wide receiver Sean Morey, now of Arizona,

to address the issue of head trauma among players.

To guard against athletes playing while still having a concussion, UPMC researchers developed the ImPACT test (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and

Cognitive Testing) that Steelers players must pass before they can play again. All 32 NFL teams use the ImPACT test or similar testing, and the league has become increasingly strict in regulating helmet-to-helmet hits and fining offenders.

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Saluki Insider

Sacramento Kings guard Francisco Garcia will miss at least four months with a broken right radius in his forearm and ligament damage in his wrist after injuring himself lifting weights on an exercise ball. What's the most dangerous inanimate object you have faced?



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I've had a few fights in my time with cars. No, not while in motion — parked cars. It's as if they jump out of nowhere in the dark and just sneak up on you. Then you bang your knees on them and it really hurts. I almost tore my ACL because of those inanimate demons. Approach them with caution.

One day I saw Tiger Woods at a local grocery store. I started chatting it up and talking to him for an elongated period of time. I then realized that he was a cardboard cutout and incapable of speech. I honestly couldn't tell the difference. Boy, did I look silly.

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Trees have never been a friend of mine, even though they're actually vital to my existence. It just seems no matter how fast I seem to propel myself at them, they just never seem to move. I think that movie "The Happening" was on to something about the world's vegetation conquering humans, I've already admitted my defeat to trees. Where will it stop?



EDYTA BŁASZCZYK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman Jennifer Dien works on her forehand during practice Oct. 5 at University Courts. Dien and senior Jessica Flannery teamed up to take third place in doubles Flight No. 2 at the MVC Individual Tournament, taking down Wichita State's Stephanie Dalmacio and Lily Wakim 8-4.

TENNIS

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Every player won their first match in their respective flight. Sophomore Vishaka Sheoran beat Evansville's Theodora Kotsiou 6-3, 6-2 in second flight.

In the third flight, freshman Jennifer Dien defeated Evansville's

Ashton Schwerin 6-4, 6-4, while senior Jessica Flannery beat Evansville's Aleksandra Dzakula 2-6, 7-6(6), 6-4 in the fourth flight.

Nothwehr said the team's performance prepared it for its next major test — the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Championships at Norman, Okla. on Oct. 21.

"This was a really huge tourna-

ment for us; everyone performed well," Nothwehr said. "The ITA features an even greater level of competition, and if these girls can just build off of the performance they had at the MVC Tournament, we will do great."

Derek Robbins can be reached at 536-311 ext. 269.

VOLLEYBALL

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"She is always doing extra things," Berwanger said. "She is breaking all the records in the weight room. Physically she is a beast and just a great teammate."

Clark said her main priority is winning. She

said she wants to help SIU bounce back from its two-game losing streak any way she can.

"We are going to bring our best this weekend," Clark said. "It's time. We have to redeem ourselves."

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GOLF

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With the last tournament for the fall season finished, the team will not compete again until February at the Kiawah Island Classic in Kiawah Island, S.C.

"We need to hit the weight room hard this

offseason, and just flat out hit a lot of balls in order to stay sharp with all this time off," Matthews said. "This is a young team, and we need to stay focused if we're going to come back strong next season."

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INSIDER, page 11: After Garcia injured himself on an exercise ball, what's the most dangerous inanimate object you have faced?

WOMEN'S TENNIS

SIU surges at MVC Tournament



EDYTA BŁASZCZYK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU senior Martina Vianna Ce defeated Evansville's Carolyn Caire to win Flight No. 6 of the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Tournament in Evansville Sunday. Vianna Ce is the first Saluki to win a flight in the MVC Individual Tournament since 2006.

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It has been three years since a Saluki has captured a title in the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Tournament.

Senior Martina Vianna Ce changed that Sunday when she won Flight No. 6 in the MVC Individual Tournament Sunday in Evansville, Ind.

Vianna Ce defeated Evansville's Carolyn Caire in straight sets (6-4, 6-4) to capture the championship in the sixth flight.

"My tournament experience was really good," Vianna Ce said. "I am glad I got the title, and it feels good to bring it back to SIU."

Vianna Ce, a native of Porto Alegre, Brazil, captured the first fall title of her career. She finished in second place last year at the MVC Individuals in Des Moines, Iowa.

Vianna Ce said her first title win was a team effort.

"They are the reason I'm always so close in matches," Vianna Ce said. "I try not to give up whenever I am losing because I want to represent my team well. They are always there for me."

Senior Michela Cruise also made it to the finals in Flight No. 5, but lost to Illinois State's Arianne Maack 7-5, 6-2.

Cruise also made it to the finals in doubles play, with sophomore partner Emily Whitney, in

the third flight. Cruise and Whitney lost to Illinois State's Carmen Peters and Hannah Esker 8-2.

Cruise said she thought she performed well at the tournament and wants to build off her experience to make her final year as a Saluki a memorable one.

"I want to leave with a bang," Cruise said. "I want this to be my best season yet, and I think that I can do that this year."

Cruise said the team's performance against the conference in the tournament has built confidence, which she said the team would need if it wants to win conference in the spring.

Whitney got a taste of first-flight play after Melanie Delsart, the team's No. 1, was once again not eligible to compete because of delays in her paper work. Whitney was moved up one flight as a result.

Whitney won her first match against Bradley's Nicole Miller in straight sets 7-6, 6-3.

Whitney lost her second match to Drake's Manca Krizman in the semifinals 6-3, 6-0, but recovered to defeat Illinois State's Anika Kiss 6-4, 6-7(3), 10-4.

Head coach Audra Nothwehr said Whitney's performance in first-flight play impressed her.

"She may not look like she belongs with the number ones because of how she hits the ball," Nothwehr said. "She plays a smart game, though, which puts her at their level. I just love coaching her. You give her a strategy to perform on the court and she can execute it."

"I want to leave with a bang. I want this to be my best season yet, and I think that I can do that this year."

— Michela Cruise
senior tennis player

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Salukis falter in final fall tournament

Matthews finishes season with a solid outing

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After a hot start to the season that included two top-10 finishes, the Salukis ended at the back of the pack.

SIU finished its final tournament of the fall season with an overall team score of 1001 (332-333-336), finishing one stroke behind Ohio University to claim last place in the MAC Preview Tuesday at Fishers, Ind.

"After a tournament like this, of course we're all disappointed," sophomore Alisha Matthews said. "But we know what we have to do this offseason in order to continue improving."

Matthews was the top performer for the Salukis, finishing 14th overall, shooting 77 her first two rounds and 80 in the third and final round at the par-72 course.

"I was playing real well the first two rounds, but I wasn't able to keep it together the last 18 holes," Matthews said. "I know how well I can play, and I know I could have done much better."

Ball State University (933) took first, Eastern Michigan placed second (935), the University of Akron captured third (938) and Missouri Valley Conference foes Bradley University (940) and Indiana State University (946) rounded out the top five.

Freshman Jenna Dombroski (247) tied for 53rd out of 88 competitors in her fourth collegiate tournament.

Meg Gilley (250), Alex Anderson (270) and Amber Phillips (276) competed for the Salukis as well, finishing 62nd, 85th and 87th respectively.

Dombroski said the transition to collegiate competition has not been as difficult as she expected.

"It actually hasn't been as hard as I thought it might be," Dombroski said. "But I know that I can always do better and that there are plenty of holes in my game which will need to be improved upon in the next couple months."

Head coach Diane Daugherty said she was unsatisfied with the team's highest score of the season coming in its final week, but the absence of freshman Shaina Renegarbe, who is diagnosed with mononucleosis, had an impact on the team's performance.

"Our scores might not show how well I think we played, but either way, we still didn't perform up to our abilities," Daugherty said. "We needed people to step up with (Shaina) gone, and that just didn't happen."

Daugherty said this final tournament of the season should leave the players with a sour taste in their mouth, and they should come back hungry in February.

"Hopefully, these results will be enough motivation for them to work hard this offseason," Daugherty said. "We need to make this something we can improve from and keep moving forward."

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VOLLEYBALL

Clark conjures chemistry for Salukis

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Though she's not a full-time starter, Sydney Clark has given the 13-4 SIU volleyball team a full-time effort.

Clark, a junior outside hitter, comes off the bench for the Salukis. She has played in 16 of the team's 17 games, and is fourth on the team with 103 kills.

Clark played in all 29 games last season, but started in only 10. This season she has already started in nine.

Clark said she does not care about numbers and just wants to do whatever it takes for her team to win.

"Our team switches it up a lot," Clark said. "Some days I will start, some days I won't. I'll just go wherever I am needed and do what it takes to win."

Clark said she always gives it her all when she plays, even when she struggles.

Clark, from Evanston, averaged 2.11 kills per set. This season she is averaging 2.06.

Clark said her increased play-

ing time is because of the energy she brings to the court.

"I am really enthusiastic about the game, no matter how well our team is playing," Clark said. "I have a lot of energy, and I feel like I help the team in that way, even when I'm not playing."

But energy isn't the only thing Clark brings to the court.

Junior outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger said Clark's humor keeps the team loose in tense situations.

"Sydney is probably one of the funniest people on this team; she is a riot," Berwanger said. "She brings humor; she brings excitement, and that's very important to this team. It keeps us playing hard."

Berwanger said when the team gets down or is losing; Clark will try to lighten the mood by bringing her humor to the huddle.

Senior middle blocker Marina Medic said Clark's personality helps build team chemistry.

"For us, it's all about the team chemistry," Medic said. "She is a huge part of it; she helps bring us all together."



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Junior outside hitter Sydney Clark has 103 kills, the fourth most on the team. Clark has played in 16 of the team's 17 games for a total of 50 sets.

Medic said Clark's ability to block the ball is also vital to the Salukis.

"This team doesn't really have a lot of tall people, so we focus on being quick and jumping," Medic said. "Sydney has the craziest jump on the team. She jumps so high and gets a lot of blocks. It really helps to energize us."

Clark has 22 blocks on the season compared to 33 last season.

Berwanger said Clark's success comes from her hard work in practice and dedication in the weight room.

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