Investigators seek answers in derailment

As two remaining safety investigation groups remain in Bournemouth today to conclude their probe into the second-worst disaster in Amtrak history, national and state officials are considering possible revisits to rail crossing safety.

A collision between an Amtrak Superliner and a freight train loaded with ethanol occurred at about 9:45 p.m. March 15, killing 11 people and injuring more than 100 others.

Terry Williams, spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board, said eight groups have returned to Washington, D.C., and are working on six questions that will yield answers to the tragedy.

Some officials have said the drive of the truck trailer that caused the accident may have been trying to beat the oncoming train. According to statements made by the train's engineer, the truck driver was striking through the rail guards and did not make it across in time.

The driver, John R. Shohet, claims the crossing gates lowered as he passed through.

David Furlow, director of public affairs for the Illinois Commerce Commission, said even if this was true, the driver would have at least 26 seconds from the time the bells sounded in the area to begin moving the crossing gates.

The Illinois minimum standard for grade crossings is 30 seconds.

The truck crossed the tracks on McKnight Road outside of Bournemouth, March 15.

Officials said the gate was working properly, and the train was traveling at 79 miles per hour.

Although final safety recommendations will not be completed for nine or 12 months, NTSB officials already are considering action to improve rail-crossing safety.

Williams said the recommendations could include an outline for improved safety measures for rail crossings.

State representatives in Illinois, also are considering possible revisits to rail crossing safety.

State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said improved safety regulations should be founded on the federal level.

Best said funding issues need to be considered when improving rail-crossing safety.

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Assailants still at large in attempted rape incident

No arrest likely will be made in relation to an attempted criminal sexual assault that took place March 11, Carbondale Police said Monday.

A 22-year-old SIUC student waved down a Carbondale police officer in the 200 block of West College Street at 1:51 a.m., saying two men tried to rape her.

Though police have released a description of the suspects, Carbondale's media relations officer Don Elliott said arrests are doubtful because of conflicting facts in the incident.

The student told police she was headed west on Fremont Street while walking home from Carbondale Greek Row, Arc, when she was stopped by two males in front of Quinno's Deep Pan Pizza, 218 W. Freeman St., and knocked to the ground.

The first suspect lifted her skirt and tried to pull down her panties and underwear, while the other unsuccessfully tried to have intercourse with her, police said.

Police described the first suspect as a 23- to 24-year-old, 5-foot-11 male with blonde hair and a muscular build who was last seen wearing a Toto shirt and blue jeans.

The second is described as a 23- to 24-year-old, 6-foot-tall man with blonde hair and a thin build who was last seen walking a

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Protester keeps lonely vigil for condemned man

DENNIS MILLER

Bill Hayden traveled from his home in Cape Girardeau, Mo., to stage a one-man protest for three hours last Tuesday outside the Tamms Correctional Center.

An opponent to the death penalty, Hayden was there to protest the execution of convicted murderer Andrew Kokernak, the first person to ever be executed at the one-year-old Supermax prison in Alexander County about 35 miles south of Carbondale.

Kokernak, a member of the four-man "Chicago Ripper Crew," was linked to 10 murders in the Chicago area.

He was sentenced to death 12 years ago for the murder of Lorena Ann Orowitzki of Elmhurst. Kokernak and members of the group allegedly were fanatic worshippers who raped, tortured and sometimes cannibalized their victims.

Hayden stood alone until 11 a.m. inside the football-field-sized "corral" constructed by the correctional center in preparation of a large group of petitioners—a group that never arrived.

As Hayden paced in ankle-cuffs and wearing a Polo shirt and bluejeans, he said, "This is about as close as I want to go to

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Abraacadabra:

Steve Miller's gonna reach out and grab ya.

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Annex:

Proposed library expansion to make way for storage, technology.

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### Police Blotter

- **March 22, 21**: Carbondale was arrested and charged with possession of a stolen vehicle. He was released from the Carbondale Police Department that same day.

### Corrections

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the Newsroom Accessory Desk, 541-2211.

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**THIS WEEK IN 1990:**

- In Jacksonville, Fl., a woman was found guilty of murder at age 22, and was sentenced to life in prison.
- In Chicago, Fbi. shut down a major cocaine ring.

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- *FBI, Fbi.*

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Talent from the heart

THORRE T. RANNEY
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Some artists may think talent comes from years of intense training and hours of practice. But with her visual images and transcendental form of art, Mary Pachikara shows that talent comes from where it matters most—the heart.

Mary Pachikara stands near one of her paintings in a series titled ‘‘Ravenous Works’’ that is on display at the Daily Egyptian Office until March 31.

The pastel colors and images in her portraits are reminiscent of her native land, India. Each painting displays Indian women in colorful shawls and dresses in a serene setting. Each woman’s face expresses a distinct feeling ranging from meditative to pensive.

Pachikara paints images to which she can relate. ‘‘An artist should paint subjects that appeal to her,’’ she said. ‘‘She should work with what is familiar to her, not to work on someone else’s dreams.’’

From looking at her impressive work, Pachikara still thinks she has a bit to learn about art. Originally from Southern India, she lived in Canada where she studied art at the University of Manitoba. At this time Pachikara focused on landscape paintings.

‘‘Twelve years ago, Pachikara had her husband moved to Murphysboro, and she later entered at the SIUC School of Art. At SIUC she learned that there was more to art than painting some kites, farm yards and orchards. Pachikara learned how to paint from live models and discovered a new painting medium—watercolor. ’’

‘‘If you paint the human figure, more challenging,’’ she said. ‘‘I also found the brilliance and transparency of watercolor was more in tune with my temperament.’’

With a painting technique that Pachikara calls ‘‘wet on wet,’’ she uses the entire paper and adds various colors. The color’s interaction with one another and according to Pachikara each time she paints the colors are unique.

‘‘I draw the figure carefully and true to its form with minimal details,’’ she said. ‘‘I take the freedom to paint creatively. I seldom try to match the colors that I see in nature.’’

Pachikara constantly studies the work of other artists and looks at the techniques they use. She says she wants to mimic their work instead she just wants to learn from them to create her own personal style.

‘‘Painting style is like handwriting,’’ she said. ‘‘You paint the same. ’’

‘‘Gangster of Love’’ slated to play SIU Arena

MERRICK NEAL
DAWN ALBERT

Remember those ‘‘80s hits like ‘‘Abracadabra’’ or ‘‘Gangster of Love’’ or ‘‘Fly like an Eagle’’? Well, dust off those disco records of the Steve Miller Band, you might have a chance to tour. The band has had unlimited success and praise from popular magazines like Billboard and Pollstar for its Greatest Hits album.

The concert will follow ‘‘An Evening with Steve Miller Band’’ which is coming to Carbondale. The Miller Band finished in the top 50 grossing tour in the world for 10 consecutive years. The band has sold 10 million records in addition to a few groups to achieve such touring success.

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Oh Atari, it's like you never left me

Like many of you, I spent last week with an old friend. It was like one of those surprise reunions on "The Jerry's Jumbo Show," where I used to be fat but now I'm all-slim, and my old friend used to make fun of me but now, they're sorry. Waaay, isn't it.

It was actually more like I was heading into the kitchen for my fourth of Jemison's when I happened to see my old friend. My old friend looks a little different. Having lost some mass and appearing thinner, this one was quite a surprise. Strangely, we were together again.

I had heard rumors that my friend was back, but I knew he had grown apart—changed too much. Once I walked over to our old friend's booth, though, under that weight, that old friend had reawakened. Ever since, I've been to Atari. One day, I've been to Atari.

Conspire, though, everything changed. Sure, we still beat me, but with Conspire, there was hope. People were talking, hoping, too. Eventually, I knew my size was bigger, stronger, more powerful than me, but I could still beat me at it. Conspire I thought that I would never know.

When I approached her about it, she tried to escape what she knew was inevitable.

"Get a life, Exparo," or "You're such a loser, Daphne.

But I saw for what it was a play to prevent Conspire side. At last, she knew she could not change the rules. Sure, I gained a little, but was it in context? And, sure, maybe I worked out a little. But, you look at all of that and I think it's all wasted. It is.

So, as we sat down to play, we could feel the tension in the air. I knew her better.

"Tell me about it," she said. I knew her. We were together again. It was that same feeling, a feeling of..."
Annex, library upgrades proposed

EXPANSION: More space needed for storage, future technological advances.

Gus Bodo
Daily Egyptian

Inadequate storage space and obsolete technology infrastructure have prompted Morris Library officials to propose a $144,700 renovation project to upgrade existing library facilities, according to University officials.

Gus says: Twice as many books to lose, and twice as many fines to rack up.

Women to map out personal history

RECORDS: Workshop gives ladies a chance to document significant events in their lives.

Kendra Thorsen
Daily Egyptian

CU women will have a chance to document significant events in their lives using construction paper, pastels, paint and crayons during "Creating a Life Map Based on Your Personal History," at noon in Woody Hall, Room 8142.

The workshop is in commemoration of Women's History Month.

Women's History Month

Katherine Shipp
Daily Egyptian

Women's History Month affords the opportunity to remember the past and reflect on 100 years of women's lives. Women's History Month, also referred to as Women's History Month, is a month-long celebration of the accomplishments of women. It was first observed in 1987 and is now celebrated in many countries around the world. The purpose of Women's History Month is to recognize the achievements of women in various fields and to bring attention to the ongoing struggles and challenges faced by women. This month, women's accomplishments are showcased through events, lectures, exhibitions, and other activities. Women's History Month is an opportunity to honor the contributions of women and to celebrate their impact on society.
Four SIUC students aim to save University resources, funds through research project

DUNE SKINNER

A recent environmental assessment project at SIUC has bestowed on four students at the University the opportunity of volunteering schoolwork and the future of University resource conservation.

As part of the Interdisciplinary Approaches to Environmental Issues course — in conjunction with an environmental sustainability program at SIUC — the students are responsible for investigating the University’s water usage and solid-waste management. They also are charged with recommending solutions to save the University money.

Both groups are in the beginning stages of the analysis and will begin gathering research within the next few weeks. Target areas of analysis are the Student Center, Recreation Center, Woody Hall, Mason Hall, Hovey Hall and several dormitories.

This week’s assignment is being conducted by Michelle Gentzler and Eric Schroeder, and the solid waste assessment is being performed by Chris Wiltsenhoner and Jennifer Sitarz. Recommended solutions are expected to provide SIUC with both short- and long-term savings.

Students are also working on a project being conducted by York, Pa., said solutions include installing automatic showerheads that shut down when not in use. Currently, the showers in the Recreation Center are often left running and waste enormous amounts of water.

Once construction of the new slow-flow showerheads at Brown University saves the school $45,800 annually. Colleagues are expected to save $235,000 on new toilets that flush less water.

Gentzler said the assessment entails a huge responsibility but that a win-win outcome to the course-assigned research project. The students will be completing the assessment in place of their term papers.

“It’s a little overwhelming to figure out solutions for the whole campus,” said Gartner. “It sounds more interesting than looking up bird species.”

The group performing the solid waste assessment will be getting their hands dirty — literally — by rooting through University trash to examine how waste is produced and disposed at SIUC.

Sitarz, a senior in food and nutrition from Illinois, said she is not looking forward to rummaging through trash.

“Not at all,” Sitarz said. “There’s no other way you can do it.”

Both groups are gathering research information and data from various departments within the University. Dan Sitarz, co-lecturer for the course, said it is a change from doing normal research and reports for classes.

“The whole concept provides hands-on research experience,” Sitarz said. “We hope this will change the way SIUC’s operating procedures. Then clectic, whether implementing the plan is feasible.”

Following the assessment of water and waste management, future students will be investigating water conservation, food services, purchasing, transportation, research and curriculum within the following semesters.

Sitarz said each batch of students will be responsible for the work. Every group is scheduled for assessment in Fall 1999.

“I am looking forward to the assessment,” Sitarz said. “It is a chance for the University to act on resources.”
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Diving into a new facility

TIM CHAMBERLAIN
Chicago Tribune

A scuba diving facility "like none in the world" is tentatively slated to open by fall, according to SDC General Manager Peter Carroll.

Carroll is in the process of turning the former water treatment plant at the corner of Wall Street and Grand Avenue into a "unique" indoor and outdoor diving facility. Some of the ways the facility will be unique are the proposed use of the indoor diving tanks. Plans for the indoor tanks include murmur caves of similiar underwater diving conditions and a tank specifically for training dive caves.

Carroll, an assistant professor of physical education and a scuba diving instructor for 25 years, said it will be the most unique facility in the world for cave-diving training.

Though the indoor tanks may be completed by fall, Carroll said the outdoor tanks will take a little longer. Equipment from the former water plant will have to be removed before the outdoor tanks are usable.

The facility will also be accessible to the disabled. One of the indoor tanks will have been water thus the cisterns and will be used for physical therapy. Plants are also in the process of turning the remaining three of their land.

Carroll, who has taught in the nation's collegiate Education Department since 1954, said geothermal energy will be implemented to reduce operational costs. He already heats and cools his own home in this manner.

"It costs more to put it in, but over the long run it will be very cost effective." Carroll said. "But over the long run it will be very cost effective."

Once operational, the facility will offer instruction for all skill levels, from beginners to advanced divers. There is also a store planned that will sell diving equipment and supplies.

The water treatment plant was originally purchased in July by Carbendale Police Lt. Calvin Stearns for $40,000. Carroll declined to comment on his cost of purchase or renovation for the facility but said he has enjoyed a good working relationship with Starnes.

Though there may be a number of delays in construction and problems with the design, Carroll remains optimistic about his scuba diving facility.

"I just look at it this way — it's going to be a unique facility, and it's going to be a part of my life to do it," he said.

Michigan begins campaign against binge drinking

COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

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He said he has heard of legislation in Congress to upgrade rail crossings.

"If we got this feeling it's going to be pushed along by a lot quicker now," Bost said.

State Sen. David Luechtenberg, R-Oakville, agreed with Bost and said NTSB officials need to investigate other reasons to ensure rail crossing safety.

"My feeling is I'm willing to take a look at any suggestions," Luechtenberg said. "If you can show us, don't be unwilling that would work, I would be willing to look at it."

Both lawmakers agreed that an investigation should be complete before charges should be made.

Meanwhile, the two remaining investigation groups finish after more than a week of some study.

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maps, constructed of dirt roads and important landmarks. Other maps feature photographs of important events of the participants' memories with names and dates. Sharpe said that with the memory of everyday life people often forget the passage of time and events.

"I think sometimes they get so busy with the day-to-day routine they do not have a chance to reflect on their lives," she said. This workshop will give participants a chance to reflect.

The objective of this workshop is to give participants a visual chronology of the events in their lives.

The goal would be to have something concrete to look at from time to time," she said. "This workshop gives us a chance to have fun making maps revolving memories from the past."

Sharpe said events are events on the maps are anything important standing out in an individual's mind. According to Sharpe, most will probably document their birth date, graduation from high school and marriage. Others will document minor pivotal events such as receiving a firstTrim. The workshop will give participants a chance to reflect on their lives.

"I hope participants take a sense of empowerment with them so they know they have the permission to document their own lives," Floyd said.

The program will give women a chance to reflect on themselves and make the importance of their stories.

"This program is very important because I think women should work through life without anticipating to reflect," she said. "I think with life maps you can form a component of making connections from past experiences to current living."
Students' house falls victim to spring break blaze

Firefighters put out the remains of a fire at 722 N. Corizon St. Wednesday afternoon. The two SIUC students who live at the home, Melissa Gropperhous and Heidi Koch, were on spring break during the fire that caused severe damage to the residence. Krista Koch, Heidi Koch's mother, said the fire caused a "total loss" of her daughter's possessions in the home. An investigation into the cause of the fire continues by the Carbondale Fire Department.

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Senior javelin thrower comes back from injury to set personal best

ROB ALLEN
DAILY CAMPUS REPORTER

Juszcyk, who has been designated as a senior leader for the Saluki track and field team, has shown remarkable resilience in his return from a shoulder injury that he sustained during the 1997 season. Despite his injury, Juszcyk continued to work towards his goals, and his dedication paid off as he was able to compete at a high level this year.

This year, Juszcyk was able to set a personal best in the javelin throw, finishing third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.1 seconds. His performance was a testament to his hard work and determination.

Despite his injury, Juszcyk remained focused on his goals and continued to train, setting an example for his teammates. His efforts paid off as he was able to compete at a high level and set a personal best.

Juszcyk's return to the team was a significant boost for the Salukis, who were looking to improve on their performance from last year. His leadership and determination were key factors in the team's success this season.

Juszcyk's story is a reminder of the importance of perseverance and hard work in achieving one's goals. His return to the team was a cause for celebration, and his performance has inspired his teammates to push themselves to new heights.

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The Salukis split the two remaining matches, defeating Southeast Louisiana 4-3 and falling to the University of New Orleans 2-5.

"We fought hard, and I thought it was a high level match," Hilter said about the New Orleans match.

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Among top players who turned in solid performances were four RBIs and Dave Polanick (3-for-3, two RBIs).

The Salukis defeated the Flames 13-6, and heavy-hitting by Wynn (3-for-4, two RBIs) and Houston (1-for-3, two runs, and a solo home run)

"We've swung the bats pretty well," Callahan said.

The Salukis have a 17-1 record in the eight-game, 10-day stretch. "Fortunately, our pitching and defense has been our edge," Callahan said. "Some of our errors have been our own, sometimes when you get involved in a winning streak like this you still have to pay attention to detail."
Dawgs keep tearing up the diamond
Baseball team enjoys its spring break with strong performance

MIKE BJORKLUND
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

"The old adage of March coming in like a lion has certainly had some merit for the Saluki baseball team. Entering Wednesday's second matchup against the University of Illinois in Champaign, the Salukis (15-4, 3-1 in the MVC) have scored past 12 of their 13 opponents this month, including the few that were in a few games against Missouri Valley Conference foes for Indiana University in Terre Haute, Ind., during the weekend.

Friday's 7-3 win marked a successful start on the 2019 season for the Salukis, whose last loss was in April. The Salukis started their weekend with a 3-0 victory against the Sycamores on Saturday, sweeping the Sycamores to give the Salukis a 9-game winning streak. Sunday, the Sycamores fell 5-3 to SIU on Jeff Stanski's hitting in the third game.

In the eighth inning, the Salukis batted the Sycamores out of the game, giving them the lead with two doubles. The Salukis out-fielder Marty Worsley went 3-for-5 on the weekend with two doubles.

"I think the Southwest is the best place to go at this time of year, and I wanted to be able to go out and play," SIU's coach Jed Auld said. "I don't want to give up home matches because we already have home matches with them. I wanted to be able to go out and play in the best places."
Two candidates for Mayor and four candidates for City Council advanced to the City's general election on April 13, 1999. The candidates vying for City Council arc Incumbent Mayor Neil Dillard and Carl R. Flowers. Ballot placement for City Council have advanced to the City's general election scheduled for April 13, 1999. In the February 23 primary election, with the candidates positions on the general election ballot, the candidate for the general election was determined by the electoral voting process. All of the homeowners agreed that with the rehabilitation of each house, the housing stock is preserved and the neighborhood appearance is improved. The quality of life is enhanced for the entire neighborhood.

**ELECTION NEWS**

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

A list of polling places can be seen on Channel 16, CityVision and should appear in THE SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN newspaper approximately seven days before the election. You may also call the City Clerk's Office 549-5302 or the County Clerk's Office 687-7360 to obtain this information.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:** By state law, voter's registration closes 28 days prior to every election. Registration will reopen on Thursday, April 13. PLEASE PLAN TO REGISTER ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY, MARCH 15.

**ABSENTEE VOTING:** If you plan to be absent from Jackson County on election day, you may be eligible to vote absentee. Absentee voting is conducted through the County Clerk's Office in Murphysboro. For information on the absentee voting process or to request an absentee ballot, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 687-7360.

**DID YOU MOVE?:** When you move, even if you only move across the street, you must update your address on your Voter's Registration Card. If you are changing your voter registration from another county to Jackson County, you will need to provide two forms of identification. One of these must have your name and Jackson County address (i.e. checkbook, lease, bill, etc). Registration will close on Tuesday, March 15. A list of polling places should appear in THE SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN newspaper approximately seven days before the election. Polling locations are open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 549-5302, extension 201.

**Before and After shot of a house improved through the City's Rehabilitation Grants**

**GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13**

Two candidates for Mayor and four candidates for City Council have advanced to the City's general election scheduled for April 13, 1999. In order of ballot placement, the two candidates for Mayor are incumbent Mayor Neil Dillard and Counsellor John P. Budslick. The four candidates vying for City Council are incumbents Counsellor Michael G. Nell, Brad Cole, Corene McDaniel and Carl R. Flowers. Ballot placement for the general election was determined by the number of votes received by each candidate in the February 23 primary election, with the candidates receiving the most votes appearing in first position on the general election ballot, the candidates receiving the second highest number of votes appearing second on the ballot, etc. Listed below in descending order is the official vote total for each of the candidates:

For Mayor:
Neil Dillard - 2,037
John P. Budslick - 909
Nancy Foust - 131
R. Wayne Sapinski - 83

For City Council:
- Michael G. Nell - 1,146
- Brad Cole - 1,097
- Corene McDaniel - 919
- Carl R. Flowers - 718
- B. R. Hollins - 541
- Steven N. Haynes - 647
- Joel Fritzler - 293
- Pat Kelly - 173
- Earl A. Czajkowski - 133

All Mayoral and City Council candidates run on a non-partisan basis, which means they are not affiliated with a specific political party for the municipal election. They are also elected at-large rather than from wards, which enables them to receive votes from all areas of the City. Once the Mayor and City Council members are elected, they represent the entire City and all of its citizens, not just one geographic area or one particular group of people. The new Councilmembers will take office on Monday, May 4, 1998. The deadline for registering to vote prior to the April 13 general election is March 15, 1999. A list of Carbondale polling places may be found elsewhere in this Communique
COMMUNITY SERVICES

The City of Carbondale's Earnie C. Hayes Child Care Center, located at 441 East Willow Street, can service infants 6 weeks old to children 12 years old.

Staff are completing an intensive year of training and will be CDA Certified (Child Development Associate) by April 1999.

The Center has operated since September 1, 1967, city owned and operated since July 1, 1975. Parents must be working at least 25 hours per week to qualify for state subsidies. Services are available to any family.

Two meals and a snack are offered. The current months topics are Spring and Space Travel.

For more information please come by, or call 618-457-3302 or 456-5302, extension 284.

Preservation News......

Submitted by: Carbondale Preservation Commission.

The Carbondale Preservation Commission will hold a Carbondale Preservation Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 1999 at the Senior Adult Services Center located at 409 South Spring Street from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The purpose of the workshop is to define historical character of the communities, places, and events within the community, which can provide essential clues to the City's history and early development.

A photographic negative may be made of the historic and community interest photographs brought to the workshop. The photographs negative will be developed later and placed in the Carbondale Photo Archive maintained by the Carbondale Preservation Commission. The original photographs are returned to the owner after copies are made during the workshop.

The workshop will include a presentation by the Carbondale Preser Vation Commission on its historic preservation activities and the Carbondale Photo Archive. Lunch will immediately follow the presentation. Contact Senior Adult Services at 457-4151 for lunch reservations.

For additional information on the photograph copying workshop, please call 456-5302, ext. 235.

NEED WOOD CHIPS? WE'VE GOT 'EM, AND THEY'RE FREE!

The City of Carbondale Has a Large Supply of Wood Chips Available to Residents for Use in Landscaping or Composting. These Chips are the By-Product of the Forestry Division's Tree Work and Christmas Tree Recycling Program. These Chips are Available During Normal Working Hours at the Public Works Facility Located on North Michael's. For More Information Contact the City Forester at 549-5302, Extension 332.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED ON CITY BUDGET

The budget for City Fiscal Year 2000 (FY 2000) which begins on May 1, 1999, is in preparation. The budget preparation began in December, 1998, when the City Council discussed City-wide goals, objectives, and strategies and other policy matters which would be the basis for the budget. These discussions continued through January. The City staff has been busy preparing the budget in accordance with the City Council's policy direction. As of this writing, it is planned for the proposed budget to be available for public review beginning March 23. The budget will be available for examination at the Carbondale Public Library and at the Finance Department and City Clerk's offices at City Hall. The public hearing on the FY 2000 budget is currently scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on March 30 in the City Hall Civic Center at 200 South Illinois Avenue. It is anticipated that the budget would be adopted by the City Council on April 6. Persons interested in examining the budget or altering the budget during the hearing may want to contact the City Clerk's Office as the dates listed above came closest to verify that the budget is on schedule. Although the budget schedule is normally met, an occasional the schedule may change as the hearing date gets closer.

CARBONDALE ON THE GROW

During 1998, new residential and commercial construction activity within the City continued at a substantial pace. Building permits issued for new construction dollars in the City totalled $12,853,261.00.

The residential construction market brought 26 new single-family residential homes and 20 units of multifamily housing (6 duplexes and two four-plexes) into the City. Towards the end of the year the construction of 20 duplex units within the new Liberty Village Retirement Complex located on the west side of the City began. The Liberty Village development will in 1999 include sixteen two-unit villas, a retirement apartment complex with fifty-one units, and an assisted living facility.

In 1998, the commercial business districts in the City continued with new construction in the restaurant, mercantile, grocery and automotive sectors. Casey's General Store, Burger King, Kroger Superstore and Saturn of Carbondale dealership all started construction on new facilities within the East Main Street/University Mall area. In addition the east side commercial area saw the construction of the new Louis Civic Office Building, East Main Street saw the removal of the woodland building known as "Plains Sports Bar & Grill" with the new construction of the Penrose Pre-Lube facility, and the Hurnan Restaurant underwent extensive interior/ exterior facade renovation.

On the west side of town, Carbondale Memorial Hospital began the construction of the one-story Emergency Room Observation addition and completed the new parking garage located on the Northwest corner of West Oak and North Illinois Avenue. Also, Southern Illinois Surgical Appliances completed extensive interior/exterior remodeling of 1301 West Main Street.
The Teen Scene

On Friday, February 5, 1999 the much awaited Carbondale Teen Center celebrated its Grand Opening in the Teen Center's leased space at the Egyptian Sports Center. At a 4:00 P.M. ceremony, Mayor Neil Dillard and City Manager Jeff Doherty were honored with plaques by the presidents of the Teen Advisory Board for all of their efforts in making the new Teen Center a reality. Also honored were members of the Carbondale Youth Council who not only formulated the ideas for the new Teen Center, but also worked diligently over the years to make the concept a reality. Following the ceremony was an open house for parents and other adults in the community, and a 7:00 p.m. performance by the Boro City Rollers for the entertainment of Carbondale youth.

The Carbondale Teen Center staff report that the Carbondale Teen Center will be open weekdays from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. for Carbondale youth in grades 7 through 12, Saturdays from 6:00 to 11:00 P.M. for high school students only, and for special events that will be announced in the schools. The new Teen Center offers academic tutoring, recreational activities, life skills workshops, and an adult mentoring program. The facility boasts six new computers (three with internet access), a large screen television, sound equipment and Compact Discs, Sony Play Stations, magazines and newspapers, board games, and many other youth oriented activities.

For more information call Eliza Vela, the Teen Center Coordinator at 457-5332.

To all employees: Welcome Aboard.
To all retirees: Thanks for the years of dedicated service to the city of Carbondale. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement.
UPCOMING EVENTS
MARCH

Thu 16th
City Council Meeting
City Hall, 2nd Fl., 6:00pm

Wed 22th
Planning Committee
City Council, 200 S. Illinois
Tel: 459-5302, ext. 16

Thu 23th
Lincoln Library Board
City Hall, 2nd Fl., 6:00pm

Fri 24th
Park District Board
City Hall, 2nd Fl., 6:00pm

Wed 29th
Elementary School Board
Thurday School District #52
Tel: 459-5302, ext. 16

NOTE: North Carbondale on Channel 19 for additional information and announcements.

APRIL

DATE
Thu 16th
Fri 17th
Wed 22th
Thu 23th
Wed 29th
Mon 30th
Thu 3rd
Fri 4th
Sun 6th

MEETING
Planning Committee
Park District Board
Elementary School Board
Keep Carbondale Beautiful's Annual Spring Clean-Up and Recycling Day

PLACE
City Council Meeting
City Council, 200 S. Illinois
City Hall, 2nd Fl., 6:00pm
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By Cindy Nelson, Animal Control Officer

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Selecting Your Pet
The kind of small animal you select for a pet is, of course, a personal choice. But picking out the individual shall be done carefully to ensure its being part of your life. Since all small animals are purchased in pet shops, be selective, take your time and remember the following:

1. The owner or a person who will own the animal shall assume full responsibility for the animal.
2. The animal shall be neutered and spayed before leaving the store. All non-pets shall be kept on a leash or in a cage, at all times.
3. Animal supplies shall be provided to keep the animal happy and healthy.
4. Any animal that must go outside shall be provided with a collar or leash or both.
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