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Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

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Surtax extension sent to governor

SPRINGFIELD (UPI) — The Illinois Senate Thursday sent a bill containing an extension of the state income tax increase and property tax limitation for Chicago's collar counties to the governor's desk, a key vote that clears the way for an end to the session.

The Senate overwhelmingly approved the measure that permanently extends the portion of the state income tax surcharge that goes to education and continues for two years the portion of the surtax

tagged for local governments.

The local government share would be divided between the state and cities on a 50-50 basis the first year. In the second year, municipalities would receive 75 percent.

Gov. Jim Edgar has said he will sign the bill, which will end the 18-day legislative deadlock. That means the personal income rate will stay at 3 percent and the corporate income tax rate will remain at 4.8 percent until June 30, 1993. The legislation also limits local

governments in Chicago's five collar counties to 5 percent property tax increases and it provides one year of relief by freezing assessments for Cook County homeowners. Republican leaders hailed the real estate tax caps as a boon to homeowners, some of whom have annual bills of \$10,000 or more.

"The homeowners in my area have had enough," said Sen. Thomas Dunn, D-Joliet, of the tax relief for Will County. "This is the only bill that gives my

homeowners some relief."

The bill passed on a 43-13 vote but not before a 90-minute debate, during which lawmakers representing inner-city Chicago gave eloquent speeches saying a "Yes" vote would set the stage for a vote against Illinois' poor later.

The Senate and House planned later Thursday to consider a budget-cutting plan that imposes deep cuts on senior citizens' circuit breaker and pharmaceutical programs, slashes state energy

assistance aid to the poor and slows payments even further to cash-strapped medical providers. For the poor, the program would only allow "employable" adults to receive assistance checks from the state for nine months of the year.

The bill does protect education but cuts nearly every major state agency and program that is funded by Illinois' checkbook. Most lawmakers opposed the bill voted against the tax plan because they said stopping it was critical to

Simon says yes, Dixon no to Senate pay raise

By Leslie Colp
Staff Writer

Illinois' two U.S. senators may belong to the same party, but they have different ideas about pay raises.

The Senate voted 53 to 48 late Wednesday to approve a \$23,200 annual pay raise for senators. Sen. Paul Simon, D-Makanda, voted yes and Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Belleville, voted no.

In a statement released Thursday, Simon said the decision was not easy to make.

"I've often voted against pay raises and almost did again this time," he said. "It seemed best to use this as an opportunity to settle the honoraria issue at the same time."

Honoraria are payments many legislators receive for speaking engagements. Not all senators agree with accepting the payments and Simon said he thinks the practice of accepting them has been abused by some senators.

Simon also said he voted for the raise to help equalize the salaries between senators and members of the House of Representatives.

"It's also clear that the House pay raise will not be rolled back and is here to stay,

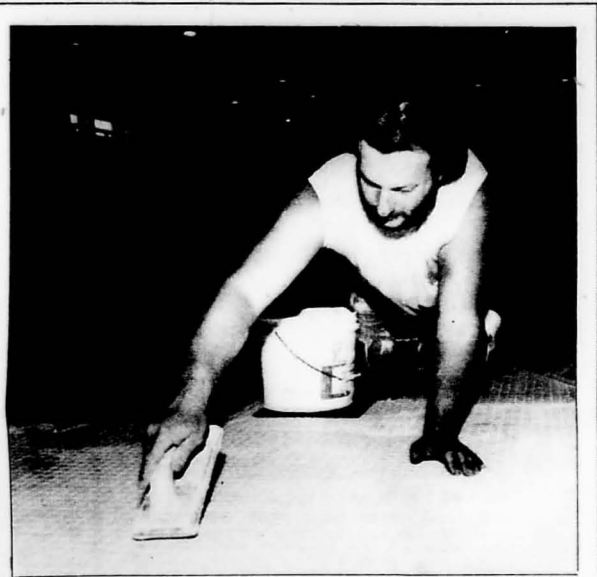
along with House staff salaries that in many cases also are higher than the Senate salary," he said. "The issue was becoming an irritant between the two houses. This was a chance to solve it in a way that also solved the honoraria problem."

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Gus Bode



Gus says I wish I could give myself a raise.



Staff Photo by Heidi Diedrich

Grout-y mood

John Comstock of Jack's Tile Company of Rolling Meadows regROUTS the bottom of the Recreation Center pool Thursday afternoon. The swimming pool closed July 15 and will remain closed until Aug. 15 when renovations are completed. This is the first time the pool has needed regROUTING, and Comstock said it should be the only time it needs to be done. The regROUTING was necessary because some of the tiles were loosening, which eventually would to them coming out of the bottom of the pool.

First undergraduate finds space as chair of SIU parking board

By Christine Leninger
Staff Writer

Students have parked on new ground in University relations.

For the first time, an undergraduate student now holds the chair position on the Parking and Traffic Appeals Board.

Warren Lingo, a senior paralegal major from Sesser, was recently appointed chairman of the board. Lingo's position opens doors for students, said Brad Cole, Undergraduate Student Government chief of staff.

"A student feeling he or she was wrongfully given a ticket is more likely to appeal to the board with a student chairperson because it is more likely the board will be open-minded," he said.

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Official: Bush visit to Greece increases threat of terrorism

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States has information that terrorists may try to strike Americans in Greece during President Bush's visit, the State Department said.

One official, who asked not to be identified, said the warning was based "on specific intelligence information."

It was not clear whether officials believe Bush was a potential terrorist target, but security surrounding the president was very

tight. No incidents were reported.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said in a statement the major threat in Greece, where Bush flew following the London economic summit, comes from the 17 November group.

Boucher said in Turkey, a country that helped the United States in its war against

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Citizens want gas rate hike to take one

By Christiann Baxter
Staff Writer

Citizens expressed outrage over a proposed CIPS rate hike at a public forum Wednesday night.

"They've got enough money," said MaryAnne Dalzell of Carterville. "We don't have enough money. CIPS is unique. Unlike most businesses, CIPS has no

average customers would see their yearly electric bill go up \$35 and the gas bill increase by \$37 a year.

There are three primary reasons the rate increase is being requested, said CIPS superintendent Harry McLeod.

First, CIPS is investing nearly \$115 million in equipment and

facilities that will strengthen electric and natural gas systems.

Second, CIPS wants to maintain its standing in the financial market. "CIPS has one of the highest ratings on first mortgage bonds," he said.

The company borrows large sums of money to operate.

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Saluki athletes compete at Festival

By Rob Neff
Staff Writer

Saluki women's basketball player Anita Scott will travel to Mexico to play ball in the Junior National World Championship after earning a spot on the team with her performance in the Olympic Festival at the University

of Southern California in Los Angeles.

"She went out to the festival relatively unknown and she earned a spot on the team based on her performance in the games," said Cindy Scott, SIUC women's basketball coach. "She's a gifted athlete with tremendous quickness and speed. She has really matured

and come into her own."

Four regions in the country sent their 12 top players to the festival at USC, and from those 48 players, 12 are selected for the Junior National team.

Three hundred players tried out for the North, Scott's regional team, which held its tryouts at the University of Nebraska earlier this

month.

The North lost the gold medal game Tuesday night to the South, 82 - 77, earning the silver medal. Scott and a teammate from Nebraska both led the team with 13 points.

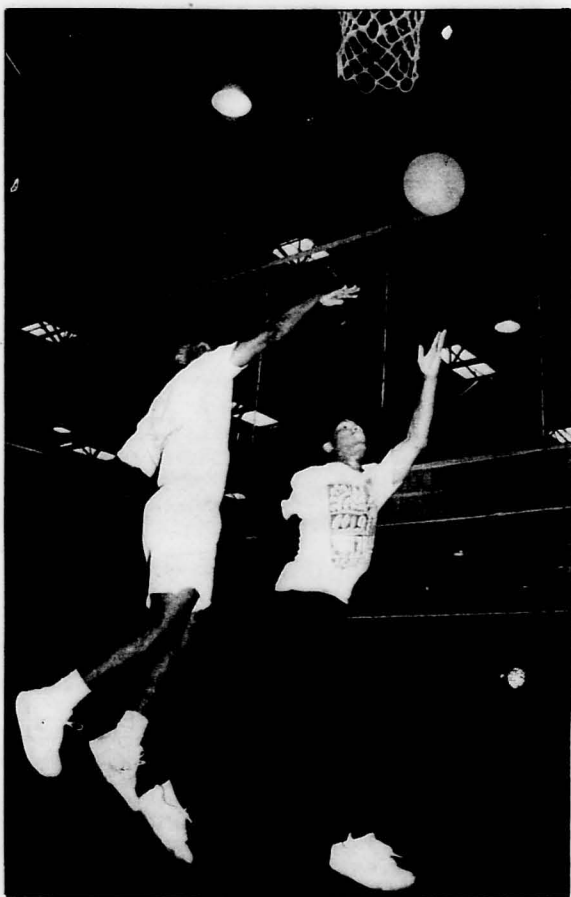
During the 1990-91 Saluki season, Scott averaged 3.1 points game and 2.3 rebounds, played in

all 29 games and started five.

The U.S. team will play Canada this weekend before leaving for Mexico City to play in the world tournament.

Coach Scott said the Junior National World Championship will be a great experience for the

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Staff Photo by Heidi Diedrich

Hoop shoot

Marwin Leslie, left, and brother Mark Leslie, senior in radio-television, both of Rockford, play one-on-one Thursday at the Recreation Center.

Construction continues

Competition not worrying private golf course officials

By John Sommerhof
Staff Writer

Local country club officials say they are not worried about the competition of a public golf course, as construction continues on a new Carbondale public course.

Jessie Barge, head professional at the Jackson Country Club in Murphysboro, said it is good to have a public course in the area because it will expose a lot of people to golf.

Barge said the course will not hurt business at the country club.

"In the short run a small percentage of people might drop out," Barge said, "but down the road I think it might help us because people will learn golf there and then join the clubs."

Barge said public courses usually generate a pool of good golfers.

The Jackson Country Club charges a \$900 initiation fee and \$870 dollars a year.

Mike Neill, vice president of the Carbondale Park District, said no green fees have been established at this time but the fees

would be competitive with other courses in the area.

Head pro Wally Young of Midland Hills golf course said he doesn't feel a threat from the new course.

Young said Midland Hills green fees are \$6 for nine holes and \$10 for 18.

Gene Shaneyfelt, assistant pro at Crab Orchard Country Club, said the only golfers his course might lose would be SIUC students.

Crab Orchard Country Club is a semi-private club. The club offers tee times to non-members if there are open times.

"Their success will depend on how they manage their course," Shaneyfelt said.

"If they don't manage it right there are going to be long waits on tees and people don't want it to take three hours to play nine holes of golf."

Green fees for Crab Orchard are \$8 for nine holes and \$13 for 18.

Crab Orchard has 300 members. A family

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Student athletic ticket sales increase in last three years

By Jackie Spinner
Sports Editor

Athletic pass ticket sales to students have increased almost 60 percent in the last three years, a trend some Saluki athletic officials tie to winning seasons.

The \$20 athletic pass is sold to students for admission into football, volleyball and men's and women's basketball games.

The Arena ticket office sold about 850 athletic passes for the 1990-91 season, 800 passes for the 1989-90 season and 500 for the 1988-1989 season.

"A lot of it has to do with whether the teams are winning," said Kim Longenbach, a senior in exercise science from Chillicothe. "They also are doing a lot more with promotions."

The women's basketball team captured its third Gateway Conference crown and NCAA bid since 1987 in its 1989-90 season. The men's basketball team won the Missouri

Valley Conference title in 1990 with a final record of 10-4. The Saluki baseball team also tied for its conference championship the same year.

Dennis Lyle, president of the Saluki Booster Club, said men's basketball alone has contributed significantly to ticket sales.

"Particularly with basketball we never have trouble filling an empty seat on a charter to an away game," he said.

Lyle said the athletic pass saves students a lot of money on attending Saluki athletic events.

"That's the best deal on the earth," Lyle said. "I don't understand why that's not taken more advantage of."

Longenbach, an Arena ticket office worker, said students could save as much as \$80 by purchasing an athletic pass instead of buying individual tickets for each home game of the four sports.

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Ryan to stay with Rangers for 10 years

ARLINGTON, Texas (UPI) — Baseball's all-time strikeout leader Nolan Ryan signed a contract Thursday that gives him the option to pitch through 1993 and binds him to the Texas Rangers in an off-the-field capacity for the next 10 years.

If Ryan does pitch next season, he will earn a reported \$4.5 million for doing so.

"I don't know if there has ever been a better time to be a member of the Texas Rangers," said Ryan, who was scheduled to start Thursday night against the Toronto Blue Jays.

"With the quality of the ball club we have and the size of the crowds we have had, the enthusiasm has never been higher.

"It is a joy to come to the ball

park. There is nothing I could do at this stage of my life that would give me the day-to-day excitement that pitching for the Rangers does."

The contract does not ensure Ryan will be pitching each of the next two years. But if he expresses a desire to pitch in 1992 and 1993, the Rangers have eight days after the previous season to exercise the option for the following year.

Ryan said, however, he sees no reason not to pitch at least next season.

"I'm not sitting here saying I am going to pitch for one or two more years," Ryan said. "But I'm not saying I won't be there when we have our new stadium, either."

The Rangers plan to open a new ball park in 1994.

In addition to the 10-year

personal services contract, which goes into effect upon Ryan's retirement as an active player, the new pact calls for the Rangers to give away at least 10,000 tickets to underprivileged youngsters each year Ryan remains on the roster.

"Nolan asked us if we could do that," said franchise owner George W. Bush, "and we were happy to oblige."

If Ryan does pitch next season, his career will reach the quarter-century mark. He will be 45 on opening day of the 1992 season.

Ryan came to the Rangers prior to the 1989 season when he could not come to terms with the Houston Astros. Since joining the Rangers, Ryan has thrown his sixth and seventh no-hitters, surpassed the 5,000-strikeout mark and reached

the 300-win plateau.

Going into his start Thursday night against the Blue Jays, a team he no-hit on May 1 this season, Ryan had struck out 5,431 batters and had 307 victories.

Ryan took a 5-4 record into Thursday night's game, his season having been disrupted by a sore shoulder that put him on the 15-day disabled list. He also missed a start last month because of shoulder problems.

Ryan admitted one of the reasons he wants to keep playing is the lure of postseason competition.

"I've been in one World Series with the New York Mets in 1969," Ryan said. "And I feel this organization is headed in that direction. I would like to be a part of that."

Ballesteros leads Open at 4-under

his fellow Spaniard Santiago Luna, who all finished at 3-under 67.

Ballesteros eagled the par-5, 525-yard 17th to go 3-under, then followed up with a birdie at the par-4, 472-yard 18th.

Luna, playing his first British Open, also had eagled the 17th but took bogey 5 at the last to join the group at 67.

Beck, a 34-year-old from Fayetteville, N.C., who has



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Group bombs supermarket once site of WWII Nazi camp

BERLIN (UPI) — A bomb rocked a supermarket being built on the site of a concentration camp where thousands of women were murdered by Nazis and a leftist group took responsibility for it Thursday. The bombing, which caused only superficial damage, followed a decision by the state of Brandenburg — where the Ravensbrueck concentration camp was situated during World War II — to authorize resumption of construction despite opposition from Jewish groups and others. Many were murdered in the camps chambers, others were worked to death. At a meeting with Brandenburg state representatives, the officials said that a hedge would have to be planted to screen the store from a memorial center, where 23 nations have built cells in memory of the 50,000 to 90,000 Jews, gypsies, prostitutes and other women who died at Ravensbrueck. Many were murdered in the camp's gas chambers, others were worked to death or killed in "medical experiments."

Germany considers asking return of gulf money

BONN, Germany (UPI) — Germany's Social Democrats said Thursday the government should ask Washington to return some of the money Bonn paid for the Persian Gulf War because the U.S.-led military operation cost less than claimed by the Pentagon. The opposition party based its claim on a report by the Defense Budget Project, a U.S. research institute that said recently the war cost the U.S. military \$48.1 billion, or \$11.9 billion less than the sum calculated by the Pentagon. A total of \$60 billion was pledged to Washington by several countries to cover U.S. military costs in the war with Kuwait. "In view of this information, which is publicly available in the USA, one can only describe it as scandalous that the federal government (of Germany) is not seeking to get back the excess money it paid," said Social Democratic Party spokesman Wolfgang Roth. But government spokesman Dieter Vogel rejected the accusation.

Yugoslavia plans demobilization of ethnic militia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (UPI) — The rival members of Yugoslavia's collective head of state convened Thursday with senior federal and military officials to debate a midnight deadline for the demobilization of ethnic militias and vigilante groups. No new major outbreaks of violence were reported, but officials said sporadic incidents continued, including an attempted bombing of the Yugoslav naval headquarters in which a would-be attacker who was injured allegedly took refuge in a Croatian police station with an accomplice. Analysts were watching the meeting of the eight-member Yugoslav State Presidency to learn whether a feud that kept it from convening on the Adriatic island of Brioni on Tuesday augured a new round of squabbling that would render it unable to deal with the country's security and political crisis. "If they walk out of that room without falling apart, it gives them another little breathing space in which to talk," a Western diplomat said.

Senate stiffens penalties for HIV-infected doctors

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate voted stiff criminal penalties Thursday for doctors and dentists infected with the AIDS virus who do not tell patients of their condition before performing procedures that risk transmission of the deadly disease. The Senate approved 81-18 an amendment that would make doctors, dentists and other health care workers subject to prison sentences of 10 years if they know, but do not reveal to those under their care, that they have AIDS or carry the HIV virus. The Senate also approved 99-0 an amendment that endorsed guidelines put out by the Center for Communicable Diseases, urging doctors, dentists and other health care workers to get tested for the AIDS virus if they perform invasive procedures. The amendment requires the states to implement the guidelines through their medical and dental licensing boards within a year or lose their federal public health grants. The amendments were attached to the \$19.5 billion appropriations bill.

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Third Black Alumni Reunion focuses on educating youth

By Omonpee O. Whitfield
Staff Writer

For some SIUC alumni, this weekend will bring back a lot of memories.

The third annual Black Alumni Reunion kicked off today and will continue throughout the weekend. John S. Holmes, president of the Black Alumni Group of the SIUC Alumni Association, said he hopes that in addition to rehearsing old times, alumni will, in keeping with the theme "Focusing on Development—Educational, Economic and Political," will teach and be taught.

Holmes said this year's reunion will focus on ways to better educate African-American youth. He said the group will examine ways to improve the quality of education and will discuss political and economic changes within the African-American community that would possibly aid in educational improvements.

"We will discuss ways in which we can be beneficial to young people at any educational level," Holmes said. "We will look at both curriculum as well as the composition of faculty and administration in the schools.

"As far as the political aspect goes, we will look at ways to gather information and propose legislation to specifically affect African-American education," he

said. "In discussing economics, we will stress African-American employment of other African-Americans."

Both Holmes and SIUC Alumni Association President Patricia McNeil said the Black Alumni Reunions are important because of the nature of relationships between African-American SIUC alumni.

Holmes said in the '60s, segregation and racial prejudice prevented interaction between whites and African-Americans. As a result, he said, African-Americans developed strong emotional ties. The reunions are in part a celebration of the ties.

McNeil said more than 400 people are expected to attend. She also said in addition to providing a means for African-American alumni to reunite, the Alumni Association hopes that the reunion will serve as an incentive for alumni to support their alma mater.

"We (Alumni Association) would like to try to get 100 percent of everyone in attendance to join the Alumni Association," McNeil said. "We would also like to get alumni to look at ways they can help either recruit students to SIUC or help them obtain employment after graduation."

BAG Secretary Brenda Major said although she would encourage everyone to attend all reunion events, most people will attend the reception at 4 p.m. Friday in the Admissions Reception Center and

the banquet Friday night at which Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris will be the keynote speaker.

Other scheduled events include:

Friday:
■ 1 p.m. Forum: "Focus on Development" in Student Center Ballroom B.

■ 8 p.m. Splash Party, African Open Market, Bid Whist Tournament at the Holiday Inn. Teen Dance at the Travelodge Motel Ballroom.

Saturday:
■ 6:30 a.m. Golf tournament at Crab Orchard Golf Club.

■ 8 a.m. "Intergenerational Olympics" at the Student Recreation Center.

■ 11 a.m. Visit to Bookstore at the University Bookstore, Student Center.

■ 12 p.m. and 9 p.m. African-American theater ensemble performs excerpts of the 1988 Pulitzer Prize-winning play Fences in the Student Center Auditorium.

■ 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. Campus Tour, with train boarding in the College of Technical Careers parking lot.

■ 8 p.m. Dance in the Student Center Ballrooms, featuring modeling by the SIUC Vanity Fashion Fair models. Teen party in the Student Center Roman Room.

Sunday:

■ 10 a.m. Brunch in the Student Center Ballrooms, with keynote speaker L. Eudora Pettigrew, State University of New York president.



Staff Photo by Mark Busch

Jammin'

Robbie Stokes, of Carbondale, sets up some of the sound equipment for Sunset Concert Thursday night, Hopscotch Army, Thursday afternoon on the steps of Shryock Auditorium.

Theater students to present plays

Playwrights explore drama 'testing ground' through workshop

By Annette Holder
Entertainment Editor

Theater graduate students have been given the stage to present their master's productions.

The department of theater begins the Playwrights' Workshops on Monday.

"Bensonhurst," by Victoria Rosa, graduate student in theater from North Carolina, is the re-creation of Yusef Hawkins' death in Bensonhurst. In August 1989, Hawkins, who was Afro-American, was killed by three white males.

Black Hispanic Nina Faliciano, played by Rosa, had a fight with her white boyfriend. In retaliation, she invited her African-American friends into Bensonhurst, an Italian-American section of Brooklyn, N.Y. She told her boyfriend that her African-American friends were going to harm him and his friends.

When Hawkins and three friends innocently wandered into Bensonhurst, the boyfriend and his friends felt threatened by the presence of blacks who did not fit in with the neighborhood. Hawkins was shot and killed by the white youths.

Rosa said she did this play

because she did not want Hawkins to die for nothing.

"Only within the last 20 years could a black go in any part of the country," Rosa said. "I wanted to expound on myths and embarrass the white man."

Rosa said she identified with Faliciano because she also grew up in a single-parent home, was of black Hispanic descent and had African-American and white men attracted to her.

Rosa said Nina was confused about her identity because she never knew her father and because of her mixed race. Nina tries to deal with this conflict throughout the play.

"Prison of Our Own Desires," by John Reeves, graduate student in theater from Kingston, Ontario, is an epic adaptation of Tolstoy's last novel, "Resurrection."

"Prison of Our Own Desires" is the story of a wealthy Russian prince who wants to rescue the true love of his youth from Siberian exile.

Reeves said he wanted to do the play because he is interested in Russian history. The play is set in 1888, 30 years before the Russian revolution.

"The play indicates why Russia

is not working," Reeves said. "The play shows how bureaucracy gets in the way."

Reeves said the ending to the novel was not adaptable to the stage, so the hard part for him was finding an ending.

"I found the ending during rehearsal," Reeves said. "Hopefully the audience finds it realistic and surprising."

"Don't Bury Me Deep," by Denise Dillard, graduate student in theater from Kentucky, is a farce of America's health care system. Haley Copin, a single working mother, struggles to meet the demands of a teenage daughter and a terminally ill mother.

Christian Moe, theater department chairman, said the Playwright's Workshop provides the playwrights an opportunity to show their work to the community. It is also a testing ground for the play's directors and actors.

The Playwright's Workshop plays are at 8 p.m. in the Laboratory Theater in the Communications Building. "Don't Bury Me Deep" plays July 22 and 29, "Bensonhurst" plays July 23 and 30, and "Prison of Our Own Desires" plays July 24 and 31.

Program to recycle at camps

By Jennifer Kulier
Staff Writer

The Illinois Department of Conservation and several local coal companies are encouraging people to recycle, even when they are relaxing.

The Department of Conservation, in coordination with the Illinois Coal Association, has launched a program to have visitors at state-managed recreation areas recycle aluminum, glass and plastic, said Marcia Nichols, recycling coordinator for the Department's Division of Land Management.

"It will keep the areas clean, and it will help reduce the amount of waste going into landfills," she said.

The Department of Conservation will install pre-fabricated sheds containing four recycling receptacles at about 65 major parks and recreation areas across the state. The money that is collected from the recycled material will be deposited into either the State Park Fund or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Fund.

"We're not in this for the money," Nichols said.

The receptacles, which are mostly reconditioned oil drums, have been donated by Kerr-

McGee Corp., Freeman-United Coal Mining Co. and Consolidated Coal, Nichols said.


Recycling sheds and receptacles are currently being installed in two locations at Giant City State Park, said Bob Kristoff, Giant City State Park superintendent. Kristoff said the receptacles should be ready for use in about one week.

"I think the program will be successful. We've been recycling some of the park's waste for about a year, and this will make it even easier," Kristoff said.

One of the recycling sheds is at the entrance to the campground, and one is at a heavily used area inside the park, he said.

"The shed at the campground is next to the dumping station where campers get rid of their waste. It won't be too much more trouble for them to separate their trash into the recycling containers," he said.

Recycling sheds and containers also will be installed next week at Ferne Clyffe State Park in Johnson County and at Rend Lake Game Management Area in Franklin County. The sheds will cost the Department of Conservation about \$50,000.



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State workers need aid of late pay law

ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS like the legislative machine has finally been oiled enough for the wheels to start turning and a budget to be produced, state employees are still fuming about the jam in the system that caused their paychecks to be delayed.

Legislators' inability to agree on a budget and their refusal to pass temporary appropriations to pay workers until a budget was approved caused more than 10,000 state employees to experience a payless payday Monday. An additional 11,025 may not receive checks Friday because of the budget delay.

MANY STATE EMPLOYEES quietly accepted the work without pay situation, trusting they would eventually be paid and the Legislature would work as fast as possible to create a budget so paychecks could be sent. Others, not willing to take a passive role in the situation, fought back with protests, lawsuits and talk of striking.

The idea of no pay, no work seems just and probably is an unwritten rule in most employee/employer relationships. But the situation was not as simple for state workers because state business, in ideal terms, is in the interest of the state's citizens. State employees, who have the dual relationship with the state as both supplier and recipient of services, have self-interest in their showing up for work each day.

OTHER BUSINESSES MAY shut down when funding is not available, but for state agencies this is not a logical option. Some state services simply cannot be done without.

Prison guards cannot leave the jails unattended until the state can pay them to work. Police cannot stay home and let crime and traffic run unchecked while legislators quibble over the wording of a bill. And the list goes on.

Besides the continuous need for state jobs to be carried on, the financial aspects of a shutdown prohibit such an occurrence. The Illinois Board of Higher Education conducted a study of the financial effects of closing state universities and found it would be more expensive to close schools than to continue their operations. This is probably true for most state agencies, in that it is more expensive to start up a program after it has shut down than to continuously fund it.

State employees, because they are also citizens, would be hurt by a shutdown because it is the state's citizens who pay the state's bills.

JUST BECAUSE STATE employees are in a vulnerable situation does not mean they must financially put themselves at the mercy of the Legislature every year, hoping a budget will be completed at a time reasonably close to its deadline.

No law exists requiring a budget to be completed on time. Maybe it is time citizens demand such a law. Or, possibly, a law requiring the state to pay a late charge for checks not distributed on time might be more effective in keeping the Legislature from exceeding its time limit in the future.

Now is the time for state employees and citizens to use their anger constructively to ensure they will not be put in this situation again.

Commentary

Mike's list for living happily falls short

The cover of the current People magazine brings us sad news.

It shows Princess Di and Prince Charles kissing. Unfortunately, it's a wedding picture from 10 years ago. Below it is a more recent photo of Charles looking glum and Di looking bored.

The headline tells today's story: "A Decade Later, Where Has Their Love Gone?"

Not being a busybody, I've tried to avoid knowing about the troubles of Di and Charles.

That's because I have a distant, but personal interest in their marriage. It came about this way:

The day they married, I stopped at my favorite bar. Several regulars made cynical comments about the royal wedding.

I don't know what came over me, but I found myself talking at length about the wonders of young love and how, yes, they could live happily ever after if they are thoughtful, kind, understanding, supportive, caring, blah, blah, blah.

When I finished, the cynics were sniffling. The bartender dabbed his eyes and said: "Why don't you go back to your office and write that?"

So I did. I immediately went to the newsroom and pounded out a column giving Di and Charles my thoughts on living happily.

The next day, when I read the paper with a clear mind, I said: "Lord, what sappy, gooey, disgustingly sentimental slop."

Then the phones began ringing. Men and women were calling, old and young; voices cracking, telling me between sobs how moved they were and how surprised to discover I had a soft, squishy heart.

For months people asked for copies of that column.



Mike Royko
Tribune Media Services

So that's why I have felt twinges of regret during the past decade, as stories have related all is not well between Di and Charles.

But the People magazine cover grabbed me. If it is now at the crisis stage, I might as well know the sordid details.

Actually, the story contains little that hasn't been told. He is moody, distant and getting on with his own life; she is a good mom, outwardly cheerful and getting on with her own life. They barely wave and say "Tah-iah" to each other.

But there was one detail I didn't know about. And that detail has forced me to side with Charles.

Yes, yes, I know: Most of your sympathies will be with the beautiful Di. But hear me out.

The story says Charles has been seeing a lot of an attractive friend named Camilla. It quotes a royal biographer as saying of Camilla:

"She has traveled the world, has strong opinions and likes nothing better than tramping the grouse moors in the howling wind."

What are we to make of it? Well, it has long been known Di enjoys going to discos, nightclubs and

engaging in frivolous pursuits.

Not once have I read Di likes tramping the grouse moors in the howling wind. If she did, we would have been told.

I have to assume if Charles is smitten with Camilla, who likes tramping the grouse moor, Charles must feel the same.

So it isn't hard to imagine what might have happened. Charles spends a hard day out in the royal kingdom. He comes home and wants to get his mind off the burdens of being a prince.

So he says: "Di, why don't we go tramping the grouse moors."

But she says: "I want to go to a disco."

He pleads: "But you know how I love to go tramping the grouse moors in the howling wind."

"I want to go to a disco."

"But listen. We have a howler of a wind tonight. And the moors have never been grousier. Come tramp them with me, my love."

"The moors make my shoes wet and the howling wind gives me an earache. I want to disco."

So is it any wonder Charles would become distant? It is in the nature of Englishmen to tramp the grouse moors in the howling wind. All you have to do is watch any old English movie, and you'll see they spend most of their leisure time this way. It's a good life, if you don't fall into a bog and sink.

So if Charles is guilty of anything, it is only his failure to have asked Di, before he proposed marriage, how she felt about tramping the grouse moors.

And if I am guilty of anything, it is of letting a goofy bartender talk me into anything but another round.

Doonesbury

by Gary Trudeau



How to submit a letter to the editor.

GAS, from Page 1

The better rating CIPS has, the lower the interest rates CIPS has to pay. If CIPS loses this high rating in first mortgage bonds, the higher interest rates will be passed on to the customers, McLeod said.

The third reason CIPS wants a rate increase is because of inflation. There has been a consumer price index increase of 36 percent since 1982, he said. CIPS has not requested a rate increase since 1982.

"It's a record that's virtually unheard of in the utilities business today," he said.

Many citizens said there was not enough notice about the forum.

"I think CIPS, its administrators have the advantage over we residents of Carbondale who knew nothing about this meeting," said Rose S. Vieth of Carbondale.

Vieth also said air conditioning was vital for the people of Southern Illinois.

"In Carbondale and Southern Illinois, our utilities are not luxuries, they're essential," she said.

Dennis Anderson, Murphysboro, said CIPS ads were a problem.

"I can only imagine the hundreds and thousands of dollars that

costs," he said.

The opinions of the citizens who spoke went on a stenograph record and will be reviewed by the Illinois Commerce Commission, said Anne Irving, organizer for the Citizens Utility Board, an organization to protect rights of utility customers.

The Commerce Commission is a state agency that regulates utilities in Illinois. The Commission hears input from citizens and the company wanting to raise rates.

McLeod said there are some positive things about the rate proposal.

"We're asking for some changes in rate designs to give customers more flexibility," he said.

Certain customers will have increasing slots for the time of day they want their peak usage.

With the new rate design, it would be possible for schools to turn air conditioning on without being penalized. Previously, schools were penalized until after Sept. 15 for turning on air conditioning.

The problems of low-income CIPS customers also was addressed at the forum.

"We're on fixed incomes," said Corine Hughlutt of Carbondale. "You're sending us a bill for over

half of our income."

Irving said CIPS still owes its customers money from illegal charges that continue to be collected.

"The electric rate increase is pretty stunning when you consider it has owed customers since 1987," she said. "How they can ask for a rate increase under these conditions is incomprehensible."

McLeod said the money collected from customers after the federal government reduced the amount of federal taxes CIPS had to pay is in an account drawing interest.

The matter of what to do with this money is tied up in the courts. A decision will be made as to whether the money should be refunded to the customers or go back into the company, he said.

"We're not just collecting the money and spending it," McLeod said.

If the money goes back to the customers, CIPS will owe each of its 300,000 customers \$136. The amount increases each month.

Irving said an audit of CIPS found \$43 million in waste and mismanagement.

"In fact, it looks like the rates should come down," she said.

TERROR, from Page 1

Iraq by allowing bombers to take off from its territory, the chief threat comes from the Dev Sol group.

Bush is scheduled to visit Turkey on Saturday.

Although Turkish police recently damaged the operational capability

of Dev Sol, the group still retains "significant capabilities to target Americans," he said.

Dev Sol is being held responsible for the murder of two Americans this year and also carried out a number of attacks against U.S. interests in Turkey.

"The terrorist warning is based on specific intelligence information," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The information came to the attention of U.S. authorities following the Turkish raid on the Dev Sol group, the official said.

RAISES, from Page 1

The raise, if approved by President George Bush, will increase senators' salaries to \$125,100 and match those of House members.

Christopher Ryan, Simon's press assistant, said Simon was opposed to "virtually every other pay raise" but had good reasons for voting for this one.

"This is a lot of money, granted," Ryan said. "But this is a fair salary for a senator."

A statement released by Dixon

said his "no" vote should have come as no surprise.

"I have never voted in favor of a pay-related measure that proposed to do more than give members of Congress the same cost-of-living adjustments that all other civilian federal employees, retirees and pensioners receive, and that veterans and Social Security recipients receive," he said.

Bill Adams, spokesman for Dixon, said the senator had made no other statements on the vote and

he would not comment any further on the matter.

The House passed a pay-raise bill for its members in November 1989, which also banned honoraria.

Dave Stricklin, spokesman for U.S. Rep. Glenn Poshard, D-Carterville, said the congressman had not made any comments on the Senate pay raise but said Poshard has consistently opposed honoraria and pay raises for the House.

"The Senate is now following the House's lead," Stricklin said.

LINGO, from Page 1

As chairman, Lingo will be in charge of setting up dates for meetings, administering meetings, and filing cases to be heard. His main function as chairman is to preserve order at meetings.

The appeals board is made up of five representatives, one from each group of the university society: undergraduates, graduates, faculty, civil service and administration.

Lingo was recommended to the board one year ago by Cole.

"Warren had come to me last summer expressing an interest in joining the board, but no positions were available," Cole said.

"When a seat on the board came

available, I looked at Warren's credentials and saw he met all of them, including his legal background, and thought he would do a fine job on the board," he said.

Lingo said USG was also initially concerned with Lingo being named to the board.

"USG thought I would not be treated as an equal to the other board members, but I found the exact opposite when I began serving. All board members have the same weight of voice - that surprised and gladdened me," he said.

The availability of the chair position came from the departure of former chairwoman, Susan

Pimentel, who left the position because she moved out of state.

Clarence Dougherty, vice president of campus services, asked board members for recommendations on who should fill the position.

"I had known Warren prior to his being on the board because he used to come into the office to voice his concerns regarding parking and other related matters," Dougherty said. "Warren was always interested in the board, so I was glad to see him on it and even more pleased when his fellow board members recommended him to the chair position. It was a logical choice."

Today's Puzzle

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- 38 — throat
- 39 The Red
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- 43 Missile enclosure
- 44 — the iceberg
- 46 Painful shouts
- 48 Spar
- 49 Pleasing to the eye
- 51 Burlesque
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- 55 Pinnacle
- 56 Center of attention
- 60 Burdens
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CIA official tells of Iran-Contra scam

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Pains-taking detective work — “not a smoking gun” — revealed the CIA’s complicity in the Iran-Contra scandal, special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh said Thursday.

Walsh, who has been investigating the worst scandal of Ronald Reagan’s presidency for 4 1/2 years, got a big break recently when a former top-ranking CIA official agreed to talk.

During an interview with United Press International, Walsh seemed relaxed and proud of his newly energized investigation.

Alan Fiers Jr., who was the fourth-highest official at the CIA, is the first high CIA official to cooperate with the investigation. Fiers reported directly to William Casey, the late CIA director.

Fiers pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor charges of withholding information from Congress. Fiers admitted that he and other senior CIA officials knew of the secret diversion of Iranian arms sales profits to the Nicaraguan rebels months before the scandal broke open in the fall of 1986. In his guilty plea, Fiers said he lied to

Congress when questioned about the diversion of the arms sales profits and the downing of a Contra resupply plane in Nicaragua. Fiers said he was ordered by his CIA superior — Claire George — to mislead Congress in order to protect the Reagan administration.

Fiers said he was told about the diversion by former White House aide Oliver North in the early spring of 1986 — and reported it to his superiors. That admission contradicts statements and testimony by North and former Attorney General Edwin Meese.

U.S. efforts will initiate end to Cyprus conflict

ATHENS, Greece (UPI) — President Bush said Thursday that the United States will do whatever it can to help resolve the 17-year-old Cyprus problem this year, but emphasized it wished to act as a “catalyst,” and could not “wave a magic wand.”

Speaking to reporters at a news conference, Bush said he met with Greek Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis on Cyprus and Greek-Turkish relations, “and I told him that if we could be a catalyst,” to help solve the Cyprus problem. “I would willingly fulfill the role.”

But he said “I don’t suggest that the United States will wave a wand, a magic wand, and solve a problem that has plagued this part of the world for a long time.”

Earlier, in an address to the 300-member Vouli or Parliament, Bush said: “In the new world order I have discussed, none of us should accept the status quo in Cyprus.”

“Today I pledge that the United States will do whatever it can to help Greece and Turkey and the Cypriots to settle the Cyprus problem. This will happen this year.”

Bush, who was welcomed in Parliament with prolonged applause, said Greece and Turkey “face a great challenge: to resolve this dispute which divides you.”

The first U.S. president to visit Athens in 32 years, Bush had

words of praise for Greece, which “stood for what is right in the Persian Gulf by insisting that aggression must not stand.”

He referred to Greek President Constantine Karamanlis and Mitsotakis as men who “have pressed passionately for freedom and offered new hope to the world.”

Bush held an hour-long meeting with Karamanlis before addressing the Vouli, the fourth foreign head of state to do so, after Gen. Jan Smuts of South Africa, Dwight Eisenhower who visited Greece in 1953, and Gen. Charles de Gaulle of France.

In his address in the Vouli, Bush recalled treaties of friendship and commerce signed 60 years ago by the Greek statesman Eleftherios Venizelos and Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey.

“I pray that your two nations may follow the example set by these giants,” the president said.

Bush appeared hopeful about a Cyprus solution “this year,” probably because Turkish Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz faces general elections in October or November 1992, and may want the issue out of the way before then.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar visited Turkey last month to discuss Cyprus with President Turgut Ozal, and diplomats expressed optimism.

Baker optimistic to solve dilemma of Arabs, Israelis

DAMASCUS, Syria (UPI) — Secretary of State James Baker arrived Thursday in Syria for talks with President Hafez Assad, his fifth trip to the Middle East this year for a resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Baker headed to the presidential palace shortly after his afternoon arrival for talks expected to continue into the evening on Syria’s response to the U.S. Middle East proposals to bring Israel and its Arab neighbors to the negotiating table.

Before leaving London, where the Group of Seven leaders this week gave his mission strong support, Baker said he was aware of the hurdles before him but remained pleased over Assad’s letter to President Bush that the president described Sunday as a “breakthrough.”

“I think what we would really like to do is to see if we can get similar responses from other parties to the peace process so that we can create a process — get something going,” Baker said.

The trip is Baker’s fifth to the region since the Gulf War breathed new life into U.S. efforts to find a solution to the Middle East conflict. Baker was scheduled also to visit Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Israel during the four-day mission.

Bush said the letter was “very thoughtful” and not conditioned.



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Families identify missing soldiers in photograph

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Pentagon officials, continuing their examination of a grainy photograph said to show three Americans missing from the Vietnam War, said Thursday more families have called to say the men look like their relatives.

Spokesman Pete Williams said the Defense Department is giving the photograph “the best analysis we can because the family members in question feel so strongly that the picture is images of their relatives.”

He said since the photograph was made public this week and relatives of three men missing in the war identified the men as their loved ones, other persons have called to say, “That’s my husband, my son, my nephew.” Carl Ford, a senior Pentagon official dealing with international security affairs, testified to Congress Wednesday that the Pentagon first got a facsimile machine copy of the photograph last fall. Later, the Pentagon obtained a copy of the picture from other sources.

'Boyz N the Hood' tries to make social statement, insults intelligence

By Allan Towell
Staff Writer

"Boyz N the Hood," the first nationwide release from writer/director John Singleton, tries to make a strong statement regarding the problems of inner-city youths and the role parents must take in helping to solve some of those problems.

It is the story of three boyhood friends who grow up in South Central Los Angeles in a neighborhood filled with random and misguided violence.

Singleton's intentions are noble, but unfortunately, the script is poorly written. Singleton makes his statements with the subtlety and aim of a SCUD missile.

The film's largest problem is that it is incredibly sexist. The major theme running through the film is that only a man can teach a boy to be a 'real man.' Undoubtedly, there are many single mothers in the world who have raised 'real men,' whatever that term means in the first place.

Women in the film are depicted as incapable parents and are

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quickly pushed aside whenever the time comes for decision-making.

Even the film's sympathetic characters are sexist. For example, in one scene two of the friends, Tre, played by Cuba Gooding Jr., and Ricky, played by Morris Chestnut, park their car and step out onto the sidewalk.

A woman in a very tight dress walks by, and the two characters stop walking and stare at the woman as if they are dumfounded. Then one says to the other, "She's got more cakes than Duncan Hines."

Many obvious, gratuitous conversations about responsibility, safe sex, urban gentrification and black-on-black violence occur in this film.

These issues are important and merit being addressed, but they are presented in a stiff manner and often do not seem to be integrated with the plot.

In one scene, Furious, played by

Larry Fishburne, takes his son Tre and another youth to a neighborhood in the process of being "gentrified" by middle-class whites. Furious then delivers an oversimplified crash course on the economics of yuppie gentrification and drug abuse. This scene has nothing at all to do with the rest of the film.

Nothing is wrong with making a film with a message — in fact, more films should seek to make social statements.

This film just fails to do so in a way that is entertaining and that avoids insulting its audience's intelligence. One good point about the film is that it features rap star Ice Cube's acting debut.

He plays Doughboy, the most wayward of the three friends. He does a good job in the role and pulls it off with more believability than any of the film's other characters. Watch for him in the future.

"Boyz N the Hood" is playing at AMC University 8 Theaters and is rated R because of much profanity, some violence and one token nude scene.

Musical mystery 'Drood' lets audience determine ending

By Allan Towell
Staff Writer

An unfinished whodunit novel by Charles Dickens will come to life on the McLeod Theater stage tonight in the form of Rupert Holmes' "Drood."

"Drood" is a musical mystery in which the audience gets to determine the ending.

About halfway through the play, the action is stopped and the audience casts ballots to choose the murderer.

The show's director, Alex Chrestopoulos professor in the theater department, said this feature makes every performance of "Drood" unique.

"The audience gets to vote on three different circumstances,

choosing the criminal and the lovers," Chrestopoulos said. "This means there are about 105 possible endings."

The show features a 20-song score composed by Rupert Holmes of the "Pina Colada Song" fame. Chrestopoulos said while the audience may not recognize the show's songs, they are catchy and memorable.

"I'm sure the audience members will find themselves tapping their feet and humming along," he said.

Chrestopoulos said Holmes is supposed to be attending one of the McLeod performances, although he is not sure what night the composer will come to Carbondale.

More than anything else,

Chrestopoulos wants the audience to have fun at "Drood."

"I'm hoping that the audience will leave with smiles on their faces, feeling like they just had a huge party thrown on their behalf," he said.

Tickets for the show are selling well, and are still available for all performances.

"Drood" will run tonight through Sunday, and again from July 25 to July 28.

Performances are at 8 p.m. daily except Sunday.

Sunday performances are at 2 p.m.

Ticket information is available at the McLeod Theater box office, which is located at the south end of the Communications building, or by calling 453-3001.

'Special association' with Russia unclear

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Officials at the International Monetary Fund Thursday were unaware they had established any relationship with the Soviet Union, much less a "special association" set by the seven leading industrial nations during the London Economic Summit.

"Nobody at the moment really

knows what it means," said an official who requested anonymity. "Obviously, we have to wait until we get a request from the Soviet Union."

The IMF's helping hand will undoubtedly be extended to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev when he asks for it. But the uncertainty over what form that relationship

will take is indicative of the future course Gorbachev intends to plot himself.

"Gorbachev seems yet again intent not to reconcile different plans and is not committed to thorough (economic) reform," said Ted Warner, a Sovietologist at the Rand Corp., a Washington "think tank."

Citizens in capitol bright, cheery as noonday sun

SPRINGFIELD (UPI) — The mood among residents of Springfield was as bright as the noonday sun Thursday as state lawmakers finally broke their 18-day deadlock and got on with the business of drafting a fiscal 1992 budget.

Local restaurateurs who saw their business falter when the state started missing paydays reported an uptick in state employee dining soon after legislative leaders emerged to announce a compromise.

"Everybody seems to be more cheery now — they know something's in the making," said Mike Siebert, owner of Siebert's Restaurant, which is about one mile from the State Capitol.

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Man finds funny cash in rubble

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Jerome Thornton thought he was an instant millionaire last week when he found what he believed to be \$56 million in Hong Kong currency while working as a temporary laborer at the local dump.

But then Salt Lake City police confiscated the cash, and county officials said it belonged to the

county, telling Thornton to "petition" for it.

So Thornton had to put a free fast-food meal he promised co-workers on hold.

On Wednesday, the news got worse.

The four big-buck bills Thornton found are valuable, but only if you're playing the high-finance board game "Noble

House" based on James Clavell's best-selling novel.

Thornton, who earns \$5 per hour, discovered the bills as he scrapped through the trash to separate recyclables, having been sent to the dump by a temporary labor service.

Estatic over his find, the 36-year-old worker talked of retiring, and promised co-workers a fast-

food feast.

But after reading a story about the find in the Salt Lake Tribune, Yvonne Etherington knew Thornton had better put his plans on hold, because the money described in the story matched exactly the funny funds used in a board game she had purchased a few years ago.

Dietary supplement alleged cause of debilitating disease

WASHINGTON (UPI) — In the late 1980s, Dorothy Wilson, Frances Thompson and Paul Houts were healthy Americans who hoped to beat their insomnia without taking addictive prescription drugs. Each decided to take L-tryptophan.

Thursday, Wilson and Thompson were in wheelchairs and Houts struggled with a cane as the three appeared before a House panel to tell horror stories of debilitating disease and excruciating pain as a result of taking the "harmless" over-the-counter dietary supplement.

"Each agonizing day we grow more fragile," said Thompson, of Rockville, Md., as she breathed with the help of an oxygen tank. "I sit before you helpless, broke, alone and in unyielding pain."

While many in the packed hearing room wept openly, the three told the human resources panel of the Committee

on Government Operations how they became among as many as 5,000 sufferers of eosinophilia-myalgia syndrome, or EMS, a disease linked to a possibly contaminated batch of L-tryptophan produced by a Japanese manufacturer.

The Food and Drug Administration banned L-tryptophan, an amino acid, in 1973 based on toxicity in laboratory animals, but lax enforcement allowed continued marketing of the product in the United States for 16 years.

Commonly available and sold as a dietary supplement without prescription, it was also often recommended by doctors for treatment of insomnia, stress and premenstrual syndrome.

In 1989, L-tryptophan was linked to an outbreak of EMS blamed for the deaths of at least 31 people.

Symptoms of the disease include severe muscle and nerve pain,

paralysis, pulmonary and respiratory problems, skin diseases and brain dysfunction.

Wilson, of Philadelphia, said her fear of side effects from prescription drugs led her doctor to recommend L-tryptophan for her insomnia in 1988.

"I thought I was taking a natural product produced in the United States," said Wilson. "If I had the slightest hint that I was taking a genetically engineered, unnatural product manufactured in Japan, I would not have touched it."

Wilson and Thompson said they are among many EMS victims attempting to sue Japan's Showa Denko KK, manufacturer of the tainted batch of L-tryptophan.

Wilson blamed poor American laws for allowing the firm, which exported 90 tons of L-tryptophan annually to the United States, to deny liability, in part because it paid no U.S. taxes.

Killer bees diluting genes by mating

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The notorious African "killer" bees *fraternize* with local bees as they invade new territory, apparently diluting their genes and possibly making them more docile, government researchers reported Thursday.

U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists analyzed the genetic material of honey bees in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and found the African bees' genes had been watered down by interbreeding with local bees of European descent.

"The extensive (breeding) of the honey bee populations of the Yucatan suggests an optimistic outcome for U.S. agriculture," wrote Thomas Rinderer of the USDA in Baton Rouge, La., and his colleagues in the journal Science.

"Areas having large populations of European bees such as subtropical northeast Mexico and southern Texas are likely to show a 'Europeanization' of expanding Africanized bee populations," they said.

The natural interbreeding can be furthered by beekeepers replacing African queen bees with European queens, they said.

"This hybridization will presumably produce bees more desirable for commercial applications, more amenable to selection because of wider genetic variance, and less likely to cause public health problems," they said.

But Deborah Smith, an entomologist at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, said the findings were no surprise and simply confirm that the indigenous bees were becoming "Africanized."

"Any beekeeper from Peru to Mexico could tell you that's the problem," she said in a telephone interview. "I personally would regard it as a little depressing. I'm astonished they said this is good news for beekeepers."

In addition, the researchers only analyzed bees kept by beekeepers and failed to analyze bees in the wild, which would be the ones moving northward, she said.

Couple arrested for lewd act; neighbor tapes for evidence

TAMPA, Fla. (UPI) — A couple having sex in a first-floor condominium said they had no idea people were watching and were outraged when they were arrested and charged for a lewd and lascivious act.

Alfred Stephens, 36, and Janet Paddock, 32, were arrested after a neighbor showed Hillsborough County sheriff's deputies a video of the couple he made through their blinds at 8 p.m. Tuesday, according to an affidavit.

"It amazes me that someone had the audacity to actually videotape this," said Stephens, who claimed

their privacy was invaded. "It seems almost communistic, being arrested at your own house for having sex."

The state attorney's office said Thursday it was undecided whether to pursue the case in court.

"The matter is under review," said Dennis Pearlman, spokesman for the state attorney's office. "Our office is just getting this information, so I can't speculate on what the outcome will be."

Neighbors told deputies the couple could be seen through a bathroom window from the complex's pool area.

Man gets life in prison for murdering, dismembering 15-year-old runaway

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (UPI) — A man convicted of killing and dismembering a 15-year-old runaway was sentenced to life in prison Thursday by a judge who called him a "thoroughly evil person" deserving of the death penalty.

Jaime Rodriguez, 22, declined to speak at his sentencing on his June conviction of murdering Stephanie Dubay of Clinton Township and

cutting her body into 11 parts. Her finger was kept as a charm, along with her skull which was placed in a freezer. Michigan has no death penalty and first degree murder carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"I'm required to impose upon you the specific sentence of life imprisonment," said Circuit Judge Frederick D. Balkwill.

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Calendar of Events

FRIENDS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS will meet at 7 p.m. July 19 in room 151-4 Evergreen Terrace. New members are welcome. For details call Kathy at 549-5773. Mitate-yoshi.

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION Program to be given Aug. 20 and 22, and registration closes July 26. For more details call Testing Services, Woody Hall B204 at 536-3303.

Announcements

MARION COUNTY GENEALOGICAL and Historical Society announces that Edward J O'Day, President of the Illinois State Genealogical Society will be the featured speaker at the July meeting. The meeting is at 7 p.m. July 22 at the Community Room of Community State Bank in Salem.

"DROOP" WILL PLAY at McLeod Theater at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. For tickets contact the box office at 453-3001. **YOUTH BAND** will play in Algheld 114 at 11 a.m. Saturday. Admission is free. For details call the School of Music 536-7505.

BRIEFS POLICY — The deadline for Briefs is now two days before publication. The brief should be typewritten and must include time, date, place and sponsor of the event and the name of the person submitting the item. Briefs should be delivered or mailed to the Daily Egyptian Newsroom, Communications Building, Room 1247. A brief will be published once and only as space allows.

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