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Preschoolers have fun learning music

By Marcia Heroux
Staff Writer
"Me quarter note!" screamed one
of the four six-year-old boys who
scurred around the room in a

This particular little boy had to find all the quarter notes hidden in the room. The others were assigned either the whole note, the sharp or find all the

the flat.
These boys were not only having fun but learning musical symbols in Alice Eddins "musical kinder-

Eddins believes there is a need for early musical experiences for children. So every Wednesday morning she holds classes for children from the ages of three

through six in the basement of her home in Carbondale.

A graduate from Florida State University with a master's degree in music. Eddins said that when she moved to Illinois, "music teaching jobs weren't that plentful," so she came up with the idea of a "musical kindergarten."

Eddins said the musical ex-

periences the children have in her classes "should prepare them for lessons on any instrument." Though the children do not learn how to actually read music, "it's too early for that," said Eddins, they learn "simple recognition and manipulation." The four boys at class this nar-

manupulation."

The four boys at class this particular Wednesday morning were Jeffrey Long, son of Lee and Sue Long of Carbondale. Matthew Osborn. son of Richard and Judy Osborn of Carbondale: Theodore Popov, son of Lisa and Alex Popov of Carbondale, and Jeffrey Diederich. son of Richard and Darlene Liederich of Carbondale. All the boys were full of energy and soon began racing each other while Mrs. Eddins began setting things up.

while MTS. Edulis degain seeing things up.

The first game was a card game.

Eddins passed out playing cards with musical symbols on them to each child. Among them were "Mrs. Treble" and "Mr. Bass," the symbols for the two staffs in musical relations.

Treble and Mr. Bass. the symbols for the two staffs in musical notation. Then it was time to get on the "playing court," a large treble staff on the floor. As Eddins played a note on the piano the boys walked to the line which they thought was the right note. 'Matthew had one foot on the other mut he could make up his mird.' "Getting Ready for School" "as the next game. As Eddins play ad an "e" on the piano, the boys sang. Shine your shoes. "Then "b' was "buckle your belt" and "f" was "buckle your belt" and "f" was "comb your hair." By singing the song, the children memorized the pitches of the notes e, b and f. "Don't Wake Up Doddy" was a game which involved loudness and softness. The boys were to hit the "step-bells" as softly as they could. Jeffrey D. and Ted hit the in-

strument very softly on the way up the steps but couldn't resist to bang it on the way down. "Oh, you woke up Daddy." chided Eddins.

Rhythm was learned with a better instrument for banging—the drum The children rat-a-tat-tatted to the music on a record like four little

music of a record like four little indians around the room.

But of all the many games Eddins played with them, the "musical treasure hunt" seemed to be their favorite.

favorite

As Eddins hid the paper musical symbols around the room, the children were supposed to keep their eyes closed. But boys will be boys, and this visitor helped out by p. ting her hands of the eyes of one little peeker, Jeffrey Long.

Even though he couldn't peek this time, Jeffrey L still won the game. The many games Eddins uses to stimulate the children come from such music educators as Madeleine Carobo-Cone. Others she developed herself.

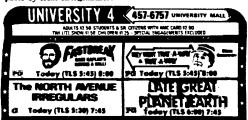
Any way, they all seem to work if anyone can keep the busy minds of four six-year-olds occupied and terch them about music at the same time. Alice Eddins can,

PERU SHOW

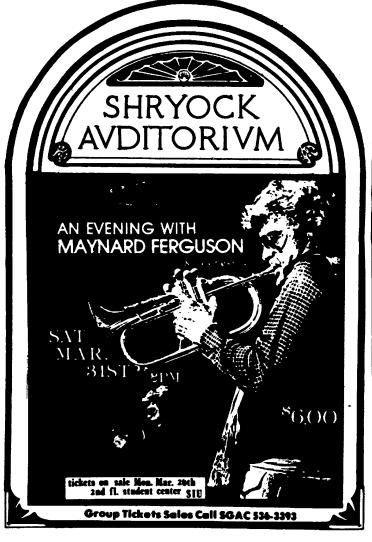
PERU SHOW
NEW ORLEANS (AP)—"Peru's
Golden Treasures," an exhibit of 225
peces of pre-Columbian Peruvian
gold from the Museo Oro del Peru in
Lima, is on display at the New
Orleans Museum of Art through
April 15.
The museum says the gold artifacts were used by the ruing
classes of ancient Peru and include
necklaces, ear spools, beakers, tny
sculpted figures, mummy masks
and golden gloves tipped with silver
fingernails.



Alice Eddins explains musical symbols to Jeffrey Long and Jeffrey Diederich, both of Carbondale, in her "musical kindergarten." Eddins, who believes there is a need for early musical experiences, holds classes for children ages three through six in the basement of her home in Carbondale. (Staff







Poet explores the 'familiar surreal'

THE MOUTHS OF THE YEAR POEMS BY JAMES PAUL



With the help of an Illinois Arts Council grant, Jim Paul, assistant professor of English, recently published his first book of poetry. The cover's artwork is the product of David Helton, graduate student in art.

By John Carter
Staff Writer
Perhaps the biggest problem for casual readers of poetry is figuring out what the poet has in mind. In trying to explain the unexplainable, the poet often creates images so vague and abstract that they compel the reader to turn on the television. There are scholarly arguments for and against such inaccessible poetry, and there are columes available to any masochistic fool who cares to decifer them. But, there is also poetry that the casual

who cares to occure mem. But, there is also poetry that the casual reader can read, grasp and appreciate. One such book is "The Mouths of The Year," a collection of 15 poems recently published by James Paul, assistant professor of Ecolub.

James Paul, assistant-professor of English.
Paul, (whose poems have ap-peared in The New Yorker and New Republic magazines, among others, and has received various literary awards) is an imagist, and his work is indeed accessible. He describes his work as "familiar surreal," that is noted as excessional chiefs and his work as "familiar surreal." that is, putting conventional objects and situations into a leas-than-ordinary contexts. By keeping his tone conversational and personal, Paul avoids discussing abstract essences of the universe, and remains in touch with the reader.

Employing such natural images and a clear, flowing style, Paul examines the spectra of emotions that accompany the uncertainties of life in the face of the 20th century. The result is an ironically optimistic

The result is an ironically optimistic look at the perseverance of

look at the perseverance of humanity.
One of the book's opening poems, "The Green Bottle, The Road, The Dream," is indicative of the enduring state of the universe, doomed though it may be. By following interaction between man and nature, Paul describes the mutually

sustaining support that pervades the relationship. regardless of what interference one may provide for the other. In their interactions, there is ultimate harmony, but each loses something in the process.

One of Paul's most powerful poems is "The Season of Lost Things." With the premise that, as Inings. With the premise that, as hard as one might try, things invariably get lost, Paul starts the poem with trival, common examples from everyday experience. He gradually pulls away from the insignificant, though, and ends with the implication that the present, sourced by the past, is in itself lost

The poem "The Earth Bird" is one of four in the book that Paul undertook after taking up a casual study of birds. He becomes intrigued by the definitive clarity of science: man's physical and spiritual immobility of being an Earth-bound mortal. Using the image of a fossilized bird, Paul describes the human character as "crushed into being," and wary of

leaving his grave, lest his escape leave him alone and separated from his former, safe environment. "The Sicepwalker" could be book's tongue-in-check poem, and it is humorous, but it carries a middy is humorous, but it carries a mildly anxious tone. There is no anxiety: rather, the sleepwalking poet has stopped to wonder if there is a sweet, exciting reality beyond our conscious and dream states. And, if it does exist, it is a sad thought that it camot be reached.

The book's final poem seems to sum up the emotional and intellectual questions that arise in the preceeding poems. "Rounding the

tellectual questions that arise in the preceeding poems. "Rounding the Far Pole Alone" looks forward to the time when the universe begins its celestial contraction and humans realize its occurence. Everything in the aniverse becomes smaller, more accessible, and the uncertainties and ambiguities of fate reveal themselves: we have been swrong—but perhaps that is right.

A limited number of copies are available at the University Book Store, Waldenbooks and Kaledio-scope.

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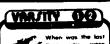
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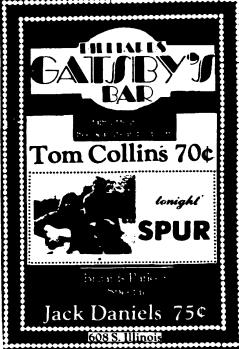




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Vintage Superman cartoons will be shown by SGAC

Staff Writer
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At 8 p m., Tuesday through Sturday, the Student Government Activities Council will sponsor showings of three vintage Superman cartoons from the 1850s and a segment of "Mother's Little Network," a comedy series from WNET-TV, Roston.

The Superman cartoons were made by Dave Fleischer of the popular television series starring George Reeves as Superman. Following the Man of Steel, and fresh from the oven it sits on, an apple pie introduces "Mother's Little Network" It's "not for the squeamish or sensitive audience," the crusity character says, but M.T.N. is a half bour of harmless parody, satire and slapstick. What could be more American.

Dave Fleischer's Superman can't to the tumps remarkably), has

slapstick. What could be more American?

Dave Fleischer's Superman can't fly that jumps remarkably), has bouts of weakness the stays tangled in electrical wires while Los is dangled over a cauldron of hot gool, and wears a blue-green, red and white uniform tinstead of sky-blue, courageous-red and pure-white. But these quirks can be attributed to Superman's early stages of Superman's early stages

evolution

However, the cartoons, based on the Marvel Comics by Jerome Siegel and Joe Shaster, have become cliches today. The three stories deal with a person by the name of Mad Scientist who plans to destroy Metropolis with his "electrothanasia" ray," the berserk mummy of "King Tush," and an army of "mechanical monsters" who steal gens, jewels and money by the coal-bin-stomachful.

ful Clark Kent says. "This is a job for Superman" out loud at his desk. He changes clothes either in the Daily Planet stock room or a handy phone booth. He worries about scooping Lois Lane, but the only time he does is after Lov's hands are bandaged. Perry White says. "Quite a story, Lois" and she answers. "Thanks Chief, but I ower all it Superman." The animation is elaborate and artistic the type that is gone with rising costs. The musical accompaniment is full-orchestra and thrillingly melodramatic.
Superman started an American

thritingly melodramatic.

Superman started an American
escapist movement, and some
twenty-odd years later. "Mother's
Little Network" continues the fun.

M.T.N. is a troupe of comics, and
(Continued on "age 11)

Gampus Briefs

Grace Duff, assistant professor emeritus in the Department of Educational Leadership, will be the guest speaker at the Women In Communication, Inc. mini-workshop at 7 pm. Tuesday in Communications Room 1244. Topic of the workshop will be "Leadership Skills for Women."

The Museum and Art Galleries Association will sponsor a trip to St. Louis March 31 to view the Vanity Fair art exhibit from the Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. There is room for 47 people and seats will be reserved on a first-come. first-serve basis. Price of the trip is \$6.50 and a contribution of \$1.50 for the exhibitions to be paid at the Number 18 beaching for receivations is Wednesday. museum. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday

"Zoology as a Major," an informal program about becoming a zoology major, will be given from 11:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Thursday in Life Science 304.

The annual business meeting and pot-luck dinner of the Southern Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children will be at 6 pm. Tuesday at the Learning Tree Day Care Center, Lakeland Baptist Church on Giant City Road. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish

Eta Sigma Gamma, the Na.ional Health S. mee Honorary Fraternity, is sponsoring a film festival on various health topics from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday in the Student Center Mississippi River Room and Saturdau in the Student Center Illinois River Room. The film festival is

An in-depth Bible study session will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday in the Chapel of the Baptist Student Center. The sessions will be on the theme "Personal and Intercessory Prayer." Topic for this week is "Worship Through Frayer."

Black American Studies, Black Affairs Council, Black Togetherness Organization and the Marquis Brotherhood Society will present a rap session for students to voice their opinions about the relationships between the administration, faculty and students at SIU. will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Ballroom B.

"Through the Eye of the Needle," a national exhibition of pinhole piotography, will be on display through April 13 in the front case of the Communications Building north wing.

A meeting for people interested in designing and organizing the New Student Handbook will be at 4 p.m. Monday in the Student Center SGAC office, third floor.

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cents.
"Dance-A-Thon" for muscular dystrophy. Starts 6p m., April 6 and ends at midnight, April 7.
Registration forms available in the Student Activities Office. Third Floor, Student Centery.

exhibits

Lingeman-Peck, Master of Fine Arts thesis, Sunday through April 10, Mitchell Gallery, Carpenter-Leth Quattance, Mas-ter of Fine Arts thesis, Sunday arrough April 10, Faner North

"Big Muddy Film Festival," Friday through Sunday. Time and place to be announced. The following films will be showing at least through Thursday. Check Daily Egyptian ad-vertisements or call theaters for

ow times. "Hardcore," Saluki Theater. "Agatha," Saluki Theater. "Hailoween," Varsity Theater. "The China Syndrome," Varsity

"The North Avenue Irregulars," University 4 Theaters.
"Fastbreak," University 4

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"The Late Great Planet Earth,"
University 4 Theaters.
"They Went That-A-Way and
That-A-Way," University 4
Theaters.

lectures

"The Transcendental Meditation and TM-Sidhi Program." 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Student Certer Ohio Room.

Noom.
United Nations Conference on Economics and World Peace.
—"Issues and Answers," 3 p.m., Wednesday, Student Center Illinois

The following jobs for student workers have been listed by the Office of Student Work and Financial Assistance.

Financial Assistance.

To be eligible, a student must be enrolled fulltime and have a current ACT. Family Financial Statement on file with the Office of Student Work and Financial Assistance.

Applications should be made in person at the Student Work Office, Woody Hall-B, third floor.

Jobs available as of March 23:
Typist—six openings, morning work block; two openings, afternoon work block; three openings, to be arranged.

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nesday, Student Center Auditorium The Role of Japan," 9 a m., sday. Student Center Thursday. Auditorium

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"The Role of the European Community." 10 a.m., Thursday, Student Center Auditorium.

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The Future of the U.N. as a Global Problem Solving Organization." noon, Thursday. Student Center Auditornum
"A Self-Protection Workshop. Developing a Defense Consciousness," women's seminar, noon to 4 pm. Thursday, Family Living Lounge, Home Economics Building.

music

Piano recital, Peggy Duszynski, 8 p.m., Monday, Shryock Auditorium. Methodist Handbell Choir, 8 p.n., Tuesday, Old Baptist Foundation

Methoust random variable.

Tue-day, Old Baptist Foundation
Chapel. Admission is free.
Faculty recital, Christine
Greeson, cello, 8 p.m., Old Baptist
Foundation Chapel. Admission is

John Hartford, 8 p.m., Wednesday, Shryock Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.

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Symphonic Band Concert, \$ p m.,
Thursday, Shryock Auditorium,
Maynard Ferguson, \$ p m.,
Saturday, Shryock Auditorium.
Tickets are on sale at the Student
Center Ticket Office for \$6.

shows

"Superman" and "Mother's Little Network," 8 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, Student Center Video Lounge, Admission is 25 cents.

sports

Men's Baseball, SIU vs. Mississippi, 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Abe Martin Field. Men's Baseball, SIU vs. Illinois, 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Abe Martin Fie'd.

Fie: d Women's Tennis, SIU vs. Stephens College, 3 p.m., Friday and 2 p.m., Saturday, University tennis courts. Women's Softball, SIU vs. Eastern Illinois, 2 p.m., Friday, and 11 p.m., Saturday, women's softball field.

Saturday, women's softball field.

Men's track, SIU vs. Wisconsin,
Lincoln and Southeast Missouri, 1:30

Saturday, Mc Andrew

"Running Support Group." will meet 4:15 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Campus Lake boat

Fencing, entries due for meet at oon, Monday at the Recreation noon, Me Building.

theater

'All That We Have Is Life," 8 p.m., Thursday, Calipre Stage. Admission is 75 cents.

Auditions for the Paradise Alley Players "Li'l Abner" and "Land of the Dragons," will be 1 pm., Sunday at the Marion Civic Center and at 7 p.m., Monday and Tuesday in the Paradise Alley Rehearsal Hall above the civic center. "Land of the Dragons" will be presented May 4 and 5. "Li'l Abner" will be presented July 26, 27 and 28.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream," 8 p.m., April 2, Shryock Auditorium.

"Godspell," 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., April 7, Shryock Auditorium.

CANINE PRIENDSHIP

FORT WORTH. Tex. (ap)—Ray Swanson and his family say, "A dog is a dog's best friend." They cam to believe it after a recent episode involving their two inseparable dogs, Kessma and Ginger.

oogs, Kessma and Ginger.
One day, the Swansons noticed
Kessma, a Norwegian Keeshan, was
missing. They searched the area in
vain. The following day, Ginger, a
German shepherd, was also gone.

"I started calling her name." recalled Stephanie, 14, one of the Swansons daughters. "After the third time she came bow ding up and started jumping on me. She was and started jumping on me. She was biting on my legs and trying to get me to walk in a certain direction, si I started the way she wanted."

Miss Swanson found Kessma in a wooded section about a mile from the family's house. He had apparently tried to jump a barbed-wire fence and the loose wire had become wripped around one of his hind legs.

The Swansons cut him loose with wire cutters

Business and industry do not in-tend to discriminate against han-

tend to discriminate against handicapped employees, but the
disabled and their job placement
counselors must keep employers
informed of the changing rights of
handicapped workers.

That was the conclusion of a panel

inat was the conclusion of a panel of two attorneys and an affirmative action officer who discussed the rights of the disabled and hand, apped at a symposium sponsored by the SIU Rehabilitation Institute on Friday at the Student Center.

Speaking on the rights of the

Speaking on the rights of the andicapped were Shari Rhodes, handicapped were Shari Rhodes, associate University legal counsel, and Richard Hayes, SIU associate affirmative action officer. John

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL

Huffman, an attorney with a private practice in Carbondale, presented opinions on the topic from the point of view of business and industry.

"It is the employer's responsibility to develop personnel policies and procedures which are non-discriminatory." Hayes said Handicapped employees can take their complaints to court if they leel

their complaints to court if they feel they are being discriminated against, he added.

However, the litigation process in such cases is "slow, expensive and rarely beneficial for anyone." Rhodes said.

The legal guidelines for employment rights of the disabled and handicapped were set down for the

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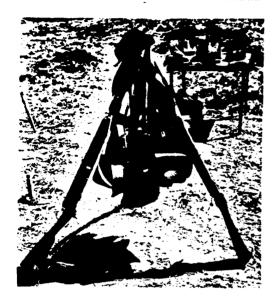
arranged. One opening for a bookkeeper and record keeper. Prefer an accounting or business major. Time: 12:30 io 4:30 p.m. or 1 to 4:30 p.m. Miscellaneous—two openings in the food service. Time: one opening, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and one 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Activities**

Science Fiction Club meeting, 8 to 10 pm., Student Center Activity Room D.
Alpha Phi Omega meeting, 8 to 10 pm., Home Economics Lounge, IVCF meeting, 3 to 4 pm., Student Center Activity Room C.
Student Senate Finance Committee.

Student Senate Pinance Committee.
7 to 10 p.m., Student Center Activity Room B.
Phi Kappa Tau meeting, 7 to 8 p.m., Student Center Activity Room A.
International Meditation Society meeting, 7 20 to 9 30 p.m., Student Center Sangamon River Room.
Cannoe and Kayak Club meeting, 7 to 9 p.m., Pulliam Pood.
Public Relations Student Society meeting, 8 to 10 p.m., Student Center Saline River Room.



Richard "Shotgun" Morris, Elgin, won the battle's "most authentic soldier" award for his character and field dress.





A Union group (above) drills before the battle. Their uniforms are handmade replicas obtained from patterns from the smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. Originally, the Union uniform design was copied after the French military, James Wooldridge (right), a high school student, traveled with his father from Corinth, Miss. (The site of the original battle) to "fight" for the Confederacy.



Union men watch for Confederates at their position south of the Makanda bridge, In a skirmish up the railroad track and overrun the Union outpost—but are defeated as Union reinforcer

Battle of Big M





mish fashioned after the battle of Corinth, Miss.,



Lieutenant General Fred Leigh of the 1st Virginia Irish Battalion works for a multi-graphics firm in Elgin when he isn't com-manding Confederate troops.



Muddy-Civil War 1979

By John Carter Staff Writer

The only traffic jams the town of Makanda ever experienced occurred back in the town's boom days when horse-drawn wagons brought cash crops to the railroad depot. Today, the streets of Makanda are more commonly empty. When there is traffic, it is usually a long

When there is traffic, it is usually a long pick-up truck making its way through town, or agine preoccupied dog trotting behind children on bicycles.

This tranquility was disrupted from March 16 through 18 though. Nearly 250 Civil War re-enactors—as they call themselves—set up camp in town; the language of the property of the prope Union just west of downtown and north of the bridge, and the Confederates about a half-mile south of there in some

Not far behind the soldiers came the curious: perhaps 400 people passed through town on March 17, and about 700 more on March 18, the day of the main battle. Cars jammed every inch of parking space from the southwest side of

town to the entrance to Giant City State

Even though this was the first modern traffic jam in Makanda's 128-year history, and the first time that the Battle of the Big Muddy had been fought (see related story on page7), the spectacle, it might seem, was not the main event, but

the actors in it.

Civil War re-enactors are an unusual

lot. This is not to suggest that they are tot. This is not to suggest that they are weird people, social mistits, or the like: but, rather, that their idea of a hobby is a little more involved than, say, tennis or ceramics painting Besides the money involved, (300 and up for equipment and guns) and the time commitment, a lot of weekend driving, the re-enactors spend a great deal of time studying the war's history. It's their passion.

"We uo this for the enjoyment of teaching the Civil War. By entertaining and educating the community, we are doing our own sort of public service," said Col. Kevin Young, commander of said Col. Kevin Young, commander of the 2nd Texas Infantry, and junior in history at SIU. The 2nd Texas working with the 31st Illinois Volunteer Infantry (Marion), organized the Big Muddy battle, which drew re-enactors from as far as Iowa and Mississippi.

The re-enactors brought strict at-tention to authentic detail. Uniforms, guns, encampments, and even unshaven faces are straight out of the 18618—or co guis, ericampnents, and even unshaven faces are straight out of the 1860s—or so it appeared. Uniforms are handmade replicas of the originals, guns—if not authentic—are exact reproductions, and the camps are convincingly rustic. Those who wear glasses invariably have a pair fashioned after Civil-War styles, and lamb-chop sideburns and heavy beards are common.

Some of the soldiers go as far as eating

a lot of "hard tack"-a rock-hard cracker that almost never spoils and was a staple during the war. When it comes to late-night refreshments, the more raucous soldiers maist on drinking only Jack Daniel's whiskey on the thin premise that it was around before the Civil War.

The daily activities of the re-enactors are largely authentic as well. Bartering over merchandise and exchanging tall tales are part of the weekend's sparetime. In the Civil War, it was a common practice for the opposing forces

to meet under a sign of truce and exto meet under a sign or truce and change various goods and supplies while being entertained by wrestling matches and other contests. The next day they went back to killing one another

The re-enactors spent much of the weekend living just like regular soldiers. weekend firing just like regular soldiers. They underwent safety inspections, military drills and manuevers, and battle preparations. By the time Saturday night came around, the soldiers were ready for the Civil War ball that has become somewhat of an

oali that has Decome somewhat of an 'stitution in re-enacting. The next day they were off to battle, and as soon as it ended, most of them left for home to make it in time for work or school—and the "real world"—the next day.

The North Wins...

By John Carter

The Battle of Big Muddy, fought The Battle of Big Muddy, fought in Makanda from March is through 18. never really took place, but there was strong potential for a battle in Southern Illinois during the 1860s, Colonel Kevin Young of the 2nd Texas Infantry and organizer of the battle said.

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The Big Muddy River railroad bridge north of Carbondale was an important link in the Union's Chicago-to-Cairo supply line, and confederate sympathizers in Southern Illinois had thoughts of

destroying it.
They never got the chance. There were four Union infantry companies deployed to the bridge, and they were backed by an artillery unit. The battle in Makanda was based upon what might have happened had the Confederates attacked.

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In the pre-planned, scripted battle in Makanda, the Southerners made their way up the railroad track from the south and initially track from the south and initially overran the Union outpost in the center of town. Yankee reinforcements arrived soon, though, and the Confederates were ultimately defeated.

Young said that the enacted battle battle of Big Muddy was fashioned after the battle of Cornith, Miss., where Union forces had taken a railread bridge outside

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