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IN REMEMBRANCE *of a RIDER*



LANE CHRISTIANSEN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lisa Woolsey, mother of Ashley Dallas, kisses True Fortune after the stallion was led out of its horse stall to be put in the dedicated pasture Saturday afternoon at the SIU Horse Center.

SIUC Horse Center remembers late student with new pasture

Sean McGahan
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Though Ashley Dallas is no longer able to be with the horse she loved, her memory will continue to surround him.

Forty friends and family of the late Dallas gathered at the SIUC Horse Center on Union Hill Road on Saturday to dedicate the pasture of Dallas' favorite stallion, True Fortune, in her name.

Dallas was a 20-year-old junior from Washington, Ill., studying equine science when she died after suffering a pulmonary thromboembolism while moving into Neely Hall on Jan. 5, 2004.

The dedication involved the presentation of a plaque with a picture of Dallas riding True Fortune and the spreading of Dallas' ashes across the pasture.

Dallas' father, Ben Dallas, said his daughter would have been pleased with the dedication.

"Nothing can prepare you when you lose a daughter, but it's very gratifying to see the impact she had on so many other people," he said.

Many in attendance at the dedication were Dallas' former classmates. Among them was Kim Duram, a senior from Varna studying equine science.

Duram said the way Dallas carried herself was an inspiration to others in the equine program.

"She always carried around a smile that wasn't fake. She was a very genuine person, and I'll never forget her," Duram said.

Sheryl King, professor and director of equine studies, said Dallas was an exceptional student she would always remember.



LANE CHRISTIANSEN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

True Fortune trots around the newly dedicated pasture Saturday afternoon at the SIUC Horse Center. A plaque was made for the pasture in dedication of Ashley Nicole Dallas. For the memorial presentation, flowers and a photograph of Ashley Dallas were displayed along with the plaque.

"She was one of these people that had that perennial sunny disposition. No matter how dismal the weather, how rotten it was out here, she would always be smiling and laughing and cheerful as she slogged through mud or froze to death trying to get the horses fed," King said.

King said she came up with the idea of dedicating the new pasture to Dallas because of the late student's commitment to the equine program.

"She was the one that started saying, 'We need to have some fundraising.' It never got very far because she lost her life, but she was the one that was bound and determined that we were going to raise enough money to replace all the fencing," King said.

The new 3.5-acre pasture was paid for by contributions from the Ashley Dallas Memorial Fund, the College of Agricultural Sciences and the late George Bunn, chairman of the Springfield-based Bunn-O-Matic Corporation that manufactures coffee- and tea-making equipment.

The pasture is one of two recently constructed at the SIUC Horse Center. Together, the pastures cost \$15,000.

Matthew Hunter, a 23-year-old from Schaumburg who graduated with an architecture degree from SIUC last May, was Dallas' boyfriend when she died. He said he posted a story of Dallas' final moments on a Web site after her death.

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Faculty union to discuss SIU's offer

Members could vote on contract

Brandon Weisenberger
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

A branch of the faculty union plans to meet later this week to determine the next steps after the university's "best and last" offer more than a week ago in contract negotiations.

Foremost on the agenda for the Faculty Association on Thursday is deciding whether to send the latest offer to the union's membership for a vote or to attempt to reconvene at the bargaining table, Faculty Association vice president and spokeswoman Lenore Langsdorf said.

Langsdorf, who is also a speech communication professor, said the council could also consider action such as informational picketing.

The council consists of one representative from each academic department across campus. Members will vote to determine the union's official response to the Board of Trustees' offer addressing salary.

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Amtrak's Saluki back on track

Brandon Augsburg
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Amtrak's new "Saluki" line is back on track after speculation that the Canadian National Railway, who owns the track between Carbondale and Chicago, might not allow the extra route to run.

CN and Amtrak reached an agreement Thursday to allow the train to make its first passenger run as scheduled — departing from Carbondale at 7:30 a.m. Monday to Chicago. The agreement will also allow two new lines between Chicago and St. Louis to run as scheduled. CN owns part of the rail between Chicago and Joliet.

Jim Kvedaras, senior manager of U.S. public and government affairs at CN, said in a press release that the company was comfortable that the operational considerations that were raised had been addressed in a way that would mutually benefit both Amtrak and CN.

The two companies reached an agreement in July to run two extra round-trips each day on the St. Louis route and one additional round-trip daily on the Carbondale route. CN informed Amtrak on Oct. 20 that it would only allow two extra routes

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siude.com Question: Do you agree with the current language of the student conduct code?

Yes, it is Thorough and fair	39%
Yes, but some changes need to be made	12%
No, it allows administrators to do what they want	29%
What the heck is the Student Conduct Code?	20%

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Up next: Where do you think the Saluki men's basketball will end this season?

a. Won't even win the MVC b. NCAA First Round
c. NCAA Second Round d. NCAA Sweet 16
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CALENDAR

Free Movie: 'Divided We Fall'
• 6:30 p.m. today at Lawson Hall, Room 101
• Visiting artist Valerie Kaur will screen her feature documentary on "retribution" murders in the aftermath of 9/11

Monday Movie Monster Mania
• 10 p.m. today at the Sigma Nu fraternity house, 609 S. Poplar St.
• Weekly screenings of B-list horror movies, titles range from "Monsturd" to "Hostel"
• Free admission

'Ring the Alarm' ...Let it Go!
• 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Grinnell Hall basement
• Forum about when to leave an unhealthy relationship and what an unhealthy relationship is

Native American Heritage Month kick-off
• 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Center in Ballroom A
• Taste America's original "fast food"
• Bison Bluff Farms owners will discuss what is involved in running a bison farm; followed by a bison tasting

Journalism Film Fest: 'The Killing Fields'
• 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Agriculture Building, Room 102
The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Last toll on state open-road tolling project complete
WAUKEGAN, (AP) — The last of 20 toll plazas built as part of Illinois' "open-road tolling" project opened in northeast Illinois on Sunday morning.
The three open-road tolling lanes opened to northbound and southbound traffic on Interstate 94's Waukegan Toll Plaza.
"The idea behind open-road tolling was to help people get where they're going faster, and it's working," Gov. Rod Blagojevich said in a statement.
Tollbooth work on the cash side of the plaza will continue until spring, when four northbound and five southbound cash lanes are expected to be finished.
Motorists using I-PASS transponders, a no-stop electronic payment system, can zip through the "E-ZPass" lanes at toll plazas on the 274-mile tollway system.
Those paying cash still have to pull into a separate lane and pay the traditional way.
The toll plazas are part of the \$327 million open-road tolling overhaul that began in spring 2005.
Drivers report saving an average of 10 minutes each way with open-road tolling, according to the governor's office.
Open-road tolling is part of Blagojevich's \$5.3 billion Congestion-Relief Program, which will eventually add lanes to parts of the tollway system that runs through 12 counties in northern Illinois.

Blagojevich wants minimum wage increase
CHICAGO (AP) — The day after he won the March Democratic primary, Gov. Rod Blagojevich said he wanted another boost in the state's minimum wage.
With just more than a week to go before the Nov. 7 election, he made that proposal again on Saturday — this time with lots more fanfare surrounded by Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn, lawmakers and city aldermen.
Blagojevich said legislation would be introduced during next month's veto session to raise the minimum wage \$1 to \$7.50 an hour.
"We will stay there as long as it takes to get it done, if that means goin' past the veto session, we'll do that too," said Blagojevich, who had the entire regular session to bring up the issue, but didn't.
His Republican challenger, Judy Baar Topinka, has said increasing the state's minimum wage will cost Illinois jobs, something she says it can ill afford.
Topinka spokesman John McGovern said she supports an increase in the federal minimum wage because it won't unfairly disadvantage Illinois employers. McGovern also questioned Blagojevich's timing.
"Every decision Rob Blagojevich makes is driven by politics not policy," he said.
The federal minimum wage has been \$5.15 since 1997. More than 20 states and the District of Columbia have minimum wages above the federal level. During his first year in office in 2003, Blagojevich signed the law that raised Illinois' minimum wage from the federal level to its current rate of \$6.50 an hour.
Daley predicted Democrats would regain control of the U.S. House and get a national minimum wage increase passed.

POLICE REPORTS

Murphysboro
Christina R. Johnson, 41, of Murphysboro was stopped at 6:36 a.m. Sunday on South 23rd Street at Lindell Avenue by Murphysboro police. She was issued a traffic citation for operating a vehicle without valid registration. She signed a recognizance bond and was released.
Shawn E. Johnson, 36, of Murphysboro was charged with driving with a revoked license, driving to fast for conditions, operating an uninsured vehicle and driving under the influence after an accident in the 400 block of North 8th Street in Murphysboro at 10:43 a.m. Friday. Police responded to a 9-1-1 call and found a vehicle had crashed into a home. None of the occupants of the home were injured, but Johnson was transported to St. Joseph hospital and treated for minor injuries. Johnson was charged and incarcerated at the Jackson Court Jail pending a formal court appearance.

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Partly sunny; windy 75° 52°	Cooler with showers 59° 39°	Periods of clouds and sun 54° 36°	Mostly sunny 56° 31°	Mostly sunny 53° 30°

Illinois Weather

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Rockford 66/37
Chicago 63/42
Peoria 69/39
Springfield 74/43
Quincy 73/37
Champaign 71/44
Carbondale 75/52
Cairo 73/54

Regional Cities

City	Today	Tue.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Bloomington	67 46 pc	53 32 s
Cape Girardeau	71 53 pc	60 40 sh
Champaign	71 44 pc	56 30 s
Chicago	63 42 pc	53 31 s
Danville	68 47 s	53 34 s
Edwardsville	74 50 pc	54 38 s
Moline	67 35 pc	53 26 s
Mt. Vernon	73 51 pc	54 36 sh
Paducah	74 55 s	60 42 sh
Peoria	69 39 pc	54 30 s
Quincy	73 37 pc	53 29 s
Rockford	66 37 pc	51 27 s
Springfield	74 43 pc	54 29 s

Almanac

Carbondale through 3 p.m. yesterday

Temperature:
High/low yesterday 71°/42°
Normal high/low 64°/39°

Precipitation:
24 hours ending 3 p.m. yest. 0.00"
Month to date 5.75"
Normal month to date 2.68"
Year to date 43.20"
Normal year to date 37.27"

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:20 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:01 p.m.
Moonrise today 1:50 p.m.
Moonset today none

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National Weather Today

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Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

Legend: W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Searching for Spirits

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

There is more to Carbondale Halloween legend than riots and destruction.

Carbondale historical storyteller Scott Thorne explored some of these legends when he guided 50 followers through a tour of spirit activity in downtown Carbondale Sunday night.

The first stop on the tour was the Nicolaides Chiropractic Clinic, located at 601 W. Main St. The house used to belong to former Carbondale Mayor J.C. Hundley.

Hundley and his wife Luella were shot and killed by a .45-caliber revolver at the house on Dec. 12, 1928. The murder weapon was never found, and the only suspect, Hundley's son, was never convicted.

Thorne said there have been countless reports of flashes and gunshot noises heard from the second floor of the house. According to legend, it is the spirits of the Hundley family still occupying the residence.

"Maybe they're just still enjoying their beautiful house," Thorne said.

The tour continued to the Carbondale Train Depot, where Thorne said there have been reported sightings of passengers dressed in clothes from the 1880s boarding a train.

Thorne said these sightings are an example of passive ghost activity, the

kind normally found in Carbondale.

"The spirits are just going on with their everyday lives. They don't realize they're dead, and they are not really paying any attention to you," Thorne said. "As far as they're aware, it's still 1882."

Thorne said another notorious legend of passive spirit activity occurred in an unnamed house on the corner of Schwartz and Forest streets, where a former SIUC professor of psychology allegedly performed a seance in the mid-1960s.

Thorne said there were no reports of spirit activity in the house until the early 1990s, when residents reported sightings of ghosts walking around the bedrooms and voices coming from the upstairs.

Sometime in the mid-'90s, Thorne said a young woman reported someone feeding her cats while she was taking a shower in the house. After the incident, Thorne said rituals were performed to reverse the seance, and there has been no activity reported since.

"If you actually talk to the ghost and tell them not to do that, they'll usually stop," Thorne said.

Caroline Hale, an 8-year-old from Carbondale was among 20 children who attended the walk.

Hale said she liked the walk because it was spooky. She said she believed the stories because she has seen ghosts herself in Carbondale.

Katie McCarron, a sophomore



MELISSA BARR ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale historical storyteller Scott Thorne tells ghost stories to a group Sunday evening on a spirit walk through downtown Carbondale. Thorne has been collecting and sharing legends of mysterious activity in Carbondale for 17 years.

from LeRoy studying agricultural systems, said she was attracted to the supernatural nature of the stories.

"It's something unusual. It's something that you don't necessarily know why it's happening," McCarron said.

McCarron said she decided to come on the tour because she was skeptical of the legends she had heard.

"I'm one of those people I have to see it to believe it," McCarron said. "I think it's just that there are so many stories about it and so many different people at different times reporting it that make it seem more true."

"The spirits are just going on with their everyday lives. They don't realize they're dead, and they are not really paying any attention to you. As far as they're aware, it's still 1882."

— Scott Thorne
Carbondale historical storyteller

Thorne said he began collecting supernatural stories as a 6-year-old and has specialized in Carbondale legend since moving to the town 17 years ago. He said he does not believe all the stories to be factual but that he enjoys telling them.

"I am not really out to convince anybody. I like a good story. Especially this time of the year,

people really like to be scared, and there's enough weird stuff out there," Thorne said. "I just like collecting the stories. It could very well be coincidence, but it makes a better story if it's a ghost."

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Topinka hopeful she can catch Blagojevich even after agitations

Deanna Bellandi
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NILES — Republican candidate for governor Judy Baar Topinka said Sunday she is hopeful that she can close the gap on Gov. Rod Blagojevich, despite a new poll that shows him with a nine-point lead, even though most voters know about allegations of wrongdoing against one of his top fundraisers.

It could be tough for Topinka because Blagojevich's negative TV ad assault appears to be working. More than half of voters don't seem to like her, according to a poll by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and KMOV-TV that was published Sunday.

Topinka's not discouraged. "I wouldn't be in this if I didn't

think I could win this election," Topinka said outside a Baptist church in the Chicago suburb of Maywood, where she spoke Sunday to try to convince voters to come out for her at the polls.

The poll shows Blagojevich has problems of his own. While 58 percent of voters think unfavorably of Topinka, 57 percent don't like him either.

Blagojevich said Sunday he's not worried about voters' negative feelings.

"I always see the glass as half full," said Blagojevich, who spent part of Sunday visiting churches in far north suburban Chicago.

The poll, which showed him with a 47-to-38 percent lead over Topinka, also showed Green party candidate

Rich Whitney, a Carbondale attorney, with 11 percent support. Another 4 percent of voters were undecided.

The telephone poll of 800 likely voters conducted last week by Maryland-based Research 2000. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

"It's a gratifying poll," he said. "... I think what it says is that people are responding to the issues that matter to them. We've been able to do a lot for people over the last four years."

On Sunday, Blagojevich opened the last of 20 toll plazas built as part of Illinois' \$327 million "open-road tolling" project.

Blagojevich also touted his efforts to expand health care, fund stem cell research along with his proposal to raise the state's minimum wage dur-

ing church visits Sunday.

Blagojevich said Saturday he would push lawmakers to raise the state's minimum wage by one dollar to \$7.50 during next month's veto session.

Topinka accused Blagojevich of using the minimum wage increase as a political ploy.

"These things pop up after something negative has happened," she said.

With the Nov. 7 election just more than a week away, Blagojevich has had to cope with the fallout of a federal corruption probe into his administration.

On Friday, businessman Stuart Levine pleaded guilty to federal charges of using his spot on two state boards to collect millions of dollars in

kickbacks.

Levine admitted to plotting with a top Blagojevich fundraiser, Antoin "Tony" Rezko, to try to get kickbacks from investment companies that wanted business from the state Teachers Retirement System. Rezko has pleaded not guilty and is free on bond. Blagojevich has not been charged with any crimes.

The new poll showed 78 percent of voters surveyed were aware of the allegations against Rezko, and 41 percent said they were less likely to vote for Blagojevich because of it.

Still, Blagojevich said the Rezko allegations won't hurt him.

Topinka is counting on support from independent voters turned off by allegations of corruption in state government.

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WORLD & NATION



JACK CHANG ~ MCT

Fans of Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva show their support for the candidate for reelection on the day of the second-round vote, Sunday in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The stickers read "Lula Yes." President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva won the second term in a landslide victory with Brazilians rewarding their first working-class leader after he helped ease grinding poverty while improving the economy of Latin America's largest country.

Nigerian plane crashes in capital

Six survivors found, rest believed dead

Bashir Adigun
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABUJA, Nigeria — A Nigerian airliner with 104 people on board slammed into the ground moments after takeoff Sunday — the third deadly crash of a passenger plane in less than a year in this West African nation known for its notoriously unsafe air industry. Six people survived, and the rest were believed dead.

Among those killed was the man regarded as the spiritual leader of Nigeria's Muslims, and thousands of people gathered at a regional airport to receive his body.

The Boeing 737 crashed one minute after taking off from Abuja airport, said Sam Adurogboye, an Aviation Ministry spokesman. President Olusegun Obasanjo ordered an immediate investiga-

tion into the cause of the crash, his spokeswoman Remi Oyo said.

Rescue workers found debris from the smashed plane, body parts and luggage strewn over an area the size of a football field. The plane went down inside the sprawling airport compound about two miles from the runway. Smoke rose from the aircraft's mangled and smoldering fuselage. Its tail hung from a tree.

Emergency workers pulled blackened corpses from the wreckage, then covered the bodies with white sheets and hauled them away in stretchers. An Associated Press reporter counted at least 50 cadavers, though other bodies had been transported earlier to local morgues.

Through the day, airport security officials kept back anxious people seeking information about friends or loved ones.

Adurogboye said 104 passengers and crew had been aboard the doomed flight, and he knew of six survivors who had been taken to

a hospital. "Obviously the rest are feared dead," he said.

The plane was bound for the northwest city of Sokoto, about 500 miles northwest of Abuja, state radio said, adding that it had gone down during a storm. Witnesses said there was a rainstorm around the time the aircraft took off, but rains later subsided, giving way to overcast skies.

In an announcement broadcast on state radio, the Sokoto state government announced the sultan of Sokoto, Muhammadu Maccido, died in the crash. Maccido headed the National Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in Nigeria. The panel determines when Muslim fasts should begin and end and decides policy for Nigeria's overwhelmingly Sunni Muslims.

Maccido was immediately flown to Sokoto, where thousands of people were at the airport to receive his body. He was buried Sunday in accordance with Islamic custom, and the Sokoto state government declared six days of mourning.

High wind knocks out power for about 112,000 in sections of Northeast States

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Thousands of homes and businesses had no electricity Sunday from Maryland to Maine as a storm system blasted the region with winds gusting to more than 50 mph, knocking over trees and a construction crane. The storm was blamed for at least two deaths.

Gusts of 70 mph were possible Sunday in northern New York state, the National Weather Service said.

A falling tree killed a motorcyclist in Massachusetts, police said. In New Hampshire, one man was missing after falling off a cruise ship on Lake Winnepesaukee during the storm late Saturday, and one man drowned when his kayak overturned on a rain-swollen river, state officials said.

In hard-hit Maine, a 165-foot

crane with a wrecking ball attached toppled in one of the most populous neighborhoods of Portland, falling on three houses. No injuries were reported.

The wrecking ball narrowly missed a car.

"The first thing I saw was the ball coming down really fast about 10 feet from us," said Colleen Mowatt, 48, of Gorham, Maine, whose boyfriend hit the brakes just in time. "It hit the roadway, and the rest of the crane just fell on the buildings in front of us."

In all, about 112,000 people throughout the region, including 44,000 in Maine, were without power Sunday.

New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport, one of three major airports for the New York City region, had delays up to two

and a half hours, mostly for incoming flights, authorities said.

Willimantic, Conn., reported 3.54 inches of rain Saturday, and New York City's Central Park measured 2.54.

The weather observatory atop New Hampshire's 6,288-foot Mount Washington, famous for severe weather, reported sustained wind of 100 mph and a gust to 114 mph. The peak also got 11 inches of snow overnight, for an October total of 39 inches.

The storm produced heavy lake effect snowfall in parts of New York state downwind from Lake Ontario, including 9 inches at Old Forge, the weather service said. A winter storm warning was in effect for the area Sunday, with as much as 18 inches of snow possible at higher elevations.

Gunmen kill 23 police officers

Iraqi vice president threatens to quit

Steven R. Hurst
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Suspected Sunni Arab gunmen killed 23 policemen Sunday, including 17 in one attack in the predominantly Shiite southern city of Basra, signaling the possible start of an intensified insurgent campaign against Iraq's predominantly Shiite Muslim security forces.

Political tension deepened in Baghdad when Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi, the country's highest-ranking Sunni politician, threatened to resign if Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki did not act quickly to eradicate two feared Shiite militias.

Al-Maliki, a Shiite, depends heavily on the backing of the two Shiite political parties that run the militias and has resisted American pressure to eradicate the private armies the Mahdi Army of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and the Badr Brigade, the military wing of Iraq's biggest Shiite political bloc, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

Shiite gunmen, especially those of the Mahdi Army, are deeply involved in the sectarian killings that have brutalized Baghdad and central Iraq for months.

Police have been targeted throughout the insurgency in an effort to destabilize the U.S.-supported government, but the number of attacks Sunday was a sharp step-up in attacks aimed at security services.

The surge in violence also comes

amid U.S. efforts to bring Sunni insurgents into a reconciliation process and a public squabble with al-Maliki over a timeline for crushing the Shiite militias and moving forward with measures to soothe the disaffected Sunni minority.

Thirty-three people in all were slain across Iraq on Sunday in a second day of rising violence that ended a five-day lull in attacks after the end of Muslims' holy month of Ramadan.

Officials also found 24 bodies, some of them decapitated, the latest victims of sectarian reprisal killings that have soared since Sunni bombers destroyed a Shiite shrine in Samarra, north of the capital, Feb. 22.

Until that attack, the Sunni Arab insurgency was responsible for nearly all the violence in Iraq, both in attacks on American troops and the use of huge bombs aimed at Shiite civilians.

Since Shiite militias and roaming death squads joined the fight, thousands of Iraqis have been tortured and killed on both sides of the sectarian divide, taking Baghdad and other mixed Shiite-Sunni regions in the center of the country to the brink of civil war.

In the southern city of Basra on Sunday, gunmen dragged 15 policemen and two translators — instructors at the police academy — off a bus at the edge of town. Their bodies were found dumped throughout the city beginning about four hours later.

Fourteen of the victims were Shiite, three were Sunni. Shiites are about 80 percent of the population in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city.

Police officers also were shot down in Baghdad and in Baqouba, a city 35 miles northeast of the capital.

WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Gallaudet University board votes to remove incoming president after student protest

WASHINGTON (AP) — The board of trustees of the nation's premier school for the deaf voted Sunday to terminate the appointment of the incoming president, who had been the subject of protests, the board announced.

The vote at Gallaudet University came after a daylong closed-door meeting that followed a month of protests by students and faculty members. Jane Fernandes, the school's former provost, had been selected in May to take office in January.

"Although undoubtedly there will be some members of the community who have differing views on the meaning of this decision, we believe that it is a necessity at this point," the board said in a written statement.

Fernandes did not immediately respond to an e-mail seeking comment.

SERBIA

Independent observers say Serbs approve new constitution reasserting claim over Kosovo

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Serbian voters have approved a new constitution reasserting Serbia's claim over the breakaway Kosovo province, independent observers and Serbia's prime minister said Sunday.

The Belgrade-based Center for Free Elections and Democracy said their sample count after polls closed in the two-day vote indicated that 96 percent of those who participated in the referendum supported the draft charter.

At least 50 percent of the country's 6.6 million voters had to participate for the results to be valid, and the group estimated turnout at 53.3 percent.

The final result is expected Monday.

Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica congratulated the country on its new constitution.

FRANCE

France sends riot police to Marseille after teens torch bus, badly burning a young woman

MARSEILLE, France (AP) — France's interior minister sent riot police to patrol the southern port city of Marseille on Sunday after a group of marauding teenagers torched a bus, gravely burning a young woman.

French police braced for violence this weekend, the anniversary of last year's riots in poor neighborhoods where immigrants from former French colonies in Africa live with their French-born children on the fringes of society.

On Saturday, 46 people were taken into custody, most of them in the communities around Paris, and two police officers were slightly injured. The most serious violence was the brutal bus attack in Marseille.

A group of young people burst onto the bus and tossed in a bottle of flammable liquid before fleeing, police said, citing witnesses' accounts. The resulting fire injured a 26-year-old woman, who suffered second- and third-degree burns on her arms, legs and face and was in a medically induced coma on Sunday.



LANE CHRISTIANSEN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jamey Dunn, a junior studying speech communication, plays the character Samara from "The Ring" while trail walkers watch her during the Haunted Trail put on by the SIUC chapter of the Public Relations Students Society of America on Saturday evening in the beach house on Campus Lake.

Telecommunication loan awarded for rural Illinois

Brandon Augsberg
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A telecommunications company in Salem has been awarded a \$127.8 million loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to construct the nation's largest privately owned broadband and telecommunications system.

The loan, which was announced Thursday, came from the USDA's Office of Rural Development and will provide the capital to connect 32,732 residential and 1,494 business broadband subscribers in 12 counties — Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Monroe, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair, Williamson, Washington, Marion, Jefferson and Clinton. Dowell, De Soto and Murphysboro are the cities in Jackson County that will be affected.

The network would provide the best of telephone, television and Internet services to rural Illinois, according to a press release from the USDA.

John Andrews from the company, Fiber 520-522 LLC, said the network would pass through 81 communities and service 75 of them. According to a release from the company, the loan will be used to build a 6,500-mile, fiber-to-the-home network and will help complete a \$153.4 million project that will "overbuild" existing phone and cable services.

The company's residential package

“Anything that would provide service in unserved areas is a good thing for the entire region.”

— Rex Duncan
executive director of Connect SI

would include 100 digital television channels, up to two traditional phone lines and data service, and the business package would include an Ethernet connection, multiple phone lines, VLAN and other similar "business-class" services, according to the press release.

Claiborn Crain, a spokesman for the USDA, said companies must apply through the USDA to receive the low-interest loans. He said priority is given to those areas with subpar broadband and telecommunications connectivity, and the loans are designed to get these areas up to speed.

"The broadband and telecommunications work into the economic development of rural areas," he said.

According to the USDA, the department's Rural Development Program is authorized to make loans to deploy broadband service to communities with populations of 20,000 or less, and the loan allows for technology to be market-driven.

SIUC is a partner in Connect SI, an initiative designed to bring similar broadband connectivity to the bottom

portions of southern Illinois, which will not be reached by the USDA project. Executive director Rex Duncan said Connect SI and the loan given to Fiber 520-522 were not related but that he was excited nonetheless.

"Anything that would provide service in unserved areas is a good thing for the entire region," he said.

Duncan said Connect SI is still in the first phase of mapping and planning. He said the demand for broadband service is being determined so network providers can decide the best way to connect the region with broadband service. He said phase one should be complete by September 2007 and then phase two implementation could begin.

He said Connect SI and its partners are working hard to make sure the initiative stays on schedule and is successful.

"We don't want this to be a plan you take and set on a shelf," Duncan said.

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Parties mobilize for Nov. 7 elections

Democrats claim momentum from war unhappiness

Tom Raum
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Republicans on Sunday said a major voter turnout effort would help them stay in power after the Nov. 7 elections, while Democrats claimed momentum as they seek to tap into voter unhappiness over Iraq.

Both sides agreed that the war in Iraq was a leading, if not central, issue in the contests to decide control of the House and Senate.

"This election is becoming more and more a referendum on George Bush, his failed policies both overseas and at home with a rubber stamp Congress," said Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, head of the Senate Democratic campaign committee.

His Republican counterpart, Sen. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina, said Iraq and the broader fight against terrorism were important issues, but "President Bush's name is not on the ballot." Democrats, she said, were trying "to make it a national referendum."

Schumer and Dole were among the politicians and party leaders who sparred on the Sunday talk shows just nine days before the elections.

Democrats need a gain of 15 seats to win control of the 435-member House and six seats to claim the 100-member Senate.

With approval slumping for both the war and the president, recent polls show Democrats have their best chance to reclaim the House since the GOP swept them from power in 1994 and a shot at capturing the Senate as well.

As the candidates entered their final full week of campaigning, House Democrats worked to emphasize the GOP role in the Iraq war. The party's campaign committee said it would air television commercials criticizing Republicans for supporting the war in about a dozen competitive races in the coming days.

"Despite a war gone wrong and no plan for victory, politicians like (Rep.) Rob Simmons keep voting to stay the course again and again," says one commercial, airing in Connecticut.

Democrats have increased the number of races where they are advertising in recent days, a sign of confidence as the election approaches. In addition to new offensives in Kansas, Kentucky and New Hampshire, officials disclosed plans to run commercials against Republican Rep. Jim Walsh this week in the area around Syracuse, N.Y.

House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said polls showing a Democratic advantage, especially in the House, "don't mean anything, because what we have are 435 individual races all around the country, local candidates running on local issues."

"If we mobilize all our voters, we'll do well on Election Day," Boehner said.

Ken Mehlman, chairman of the Republican National Committee, sounded a common Republican theme — that a Democratic-led Congress would mean higher taxes. Democrats accused him of scare tactics.

Mehlman suggested "across-the-board tax increases affecting millions of Americans" if Democratic Rep. Charles Rangel became chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. The New York lawmaker is now the panel's senior Democrat.

Last week, Vice President Dick Cheney contended Rangel wanted to undo popular tax cuts enacted during Bush's first term. Cheney's claim was based in part on Rangel's own remark that he could not think of one of Bush's tax cuts that merited renewal.

"Once again the vice president hasn't the slightest clue about what he's talking about. He's never talked with me and neither has anyone in the administration about taxes," Rangel said Sunday. Rangel said his own remarks referred to broad-based tax overhaul efforts.

"What I did say was that, if they want to have tax reform, if they want simplification, everything has to be on the table," Rangel said.

Democratic party chief Howard Dean said Democrats "have no intention of raising taxes except on the people who have got enormous tax breaks — like the oil companies — from the Republicans."

In Senate races, both national parties were focusing on a dwindling number of states, notably Tennessee, Missouri, New Jersey and Virginia.



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OUR WORD

Take it easy, Kill

SIU football's team effort on Saturday, which resulted in a much-needed 27-17 win over Missouri State, was one of the rare times when a head coach could be given all the credit in the world for the victory.

What made it more rare was that coach Jerry Kill didn't coach at all. Instead Kill inspired, he overlooked, and he provided a presence. SIU's tough-as-nails coach deserves all the support he can get after spending most of the week hospitalized and reeling. Kill suffered the latest in a series of seizures last week after filming his weekly television show.

Kill wasn't supposed to be in Springfield, Mo., watching from a press box; he needed to rest, not give interviews with Mike Reis. And he knew as much, saying on Reis' half-time show, "I hope the doctors at St. Louis aren't listening."

Kill wasn't supposed to do that, but he did, and he saw his team win for the 40th time in his SIU career,

something done faster under his reign than with any other coach in school history. Coach Kill shouldn't be slighted for his acts at all; he just provided the same all-out effort and complete support he expects from his players, but people want to see Kill reach many more win plateaus here.

That may get harder to do if the man can't take a day or two for himself.

SIUsalukis.com reported that SIU coaches wore T-shirts Saturday that supported the Coach Kill Cancer Fund. They read: "Tacklin' the Tough Times." After his bouts with seizures and cancer and rebuilding the football program, it's common knowledge that Kill can tackle tough times and do it in a textbook fashion — driving through them with both shoulders square.

It's appreciated coach, but no more extraordinary feats are needed, take your time and come around completely. As this latest win showed, momentum is on your side.

In Rec, McMinn is the man

Another Saluki who lives to serve his students, director of Recreational Sports and Services Bill McMinn, is getting ready to retire. Come December, this 25-year mainstay of the Recreation Center will start a new chapter of his life helping the underprivileged in southern Illinois.

This type of campus personality should be celebrated. McMinn has long been lauded by students and co-workers for his pleasant personality and humble nature. The 300 students who work at the Rec have all benefited from McMinn's throwback leadership, which he learned while serving in the Marines during the Vietnam War.

Throughout decades of change at the Rec, McMinn maintained his steady presence, leading the hundreds of student workers there and ensuring that the thousands who visit every day

get the best service that can be offered.

McMinn is far from a taskmaster, though. If anything, he always looked to better serve SIUC, starting with those under him.

"I think it's important for (students) to know that I got their back," McMinn said in Friday's DAILY EGYPTIAN. "I am genuinely concerned not just about how they're doing here but how they're doing in school and how they're doing in life."

Rarely has the role of a university worker been summed up as well as it was there.

Also, McMinn credits the university for providing a place where he could do his work.

"Very seldom you'll see a university of this size that has a genuine, sincere compassion for its students," McMinn said.

With McMinn's retirement, a little bit of that compassion will be lost.

GUEST COLUMN

Listen to your mother: eat your vegetables

Bill Ferguson
MCT

"Eat your vegetables so you'll grow up to be big and strong."

I'll bet there aren't many of us who didn't hear that phrase or something very close to it come out of our mother's mouth when we were growing up. And, like she was about so many things, Mom was right about this.

Medical science has proved that the health benefits we enjoy when we make fresh vegetables an important part of our daily diet are numerous and multifaceted. A diet that includes regular consumption of produce is believed to help your body stave off a long list of serious physical ailments, including stroke, heart disease, diabetes and certain types of cancer.

But wait — there's more! This week some new, fresh-off-the-truck nutritional research shows that regular vegetable consumption may also keep your mind sharp as you grow older.

A six-year study conducted by the Rush Institute for Healthy Aging in Chicago, reported in this week's issue of the journal *Neurology*, suggested that people who eat at least two servings of vegetables a day have the mental acuity of a person five years younger than people of the same age who didn't eat their veggies.

Personally, I find this news to be rather depressing. Yes, you guessed it, I'm one of those non-vegetable-eating people who is putting his health at risk, and apparently, allowing my brain to waste away at a significantly accelerated rate.

The problem is that I like to eat food that tastes good. I like meat. I love sweets and salty snacks. I'll eat just about anything with cheese on it. Heck, I even enjoy the occasional apple, banana or grape.

But spinach? Broccoli? Brussel sprouts? Bleh! Why not just eat the grass clippings when I mow the lawn? It would taste just as good.

I realize, of course, that this is a bad attitude and is not good for my health. And I want to change, I really do. I'm not one of those people (and you know who you are) who can ignore compelling scientific data whenever I don't like the answers it gives me.

So, in the interest of keeping whatever mental ability I still have left intact for as long as possible, I am compelled to make an effort, at least,

to try and include more vegetables in my diet. With that in mind, I went looking for suggestions on how a person might work a little more vegetation into his diet without too much leafy green pain and suffering.

For those of you who are in the same boat that I am, here are a few suggestions:

- Be generous with the mushrooms, peppers and onions in your spaghetti sauce and on top of your pizzas. Try and go lighter on the meat.

- Add grated vegetables to batters and doughs when you're baking bread, muffins and cookies.

- Try some vegetable-based forms of pasta.

- Eat more soup! Most people can tolerate vegetables in soup form. Even me.

- Some people like adding grated carrots to their ground meat dishes (meatloaf, hamburgers, etc.) Try it, you might like it.

- Keep fresh, crunchy vegetables like carrot sticks close at hand in the fridge to soothe the pangs of a late-night snack attack.

- Have a V8!

So, in closing, eat your vegetables like your mother told you to. Most of the time, she really does know best. And for goodness sake, wash behind your ears.

Bill Ferguson is a columnist for the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph.

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WORDS OVERHEARD

“ I don't think there's a normal weekend at any time of the year in this town. ”

Brad Cole
Carbondale Mayor

STUDENT COLUMNISTS

Maturity, the tea of life

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Determining what is best for your future rather than settling to live in the moment can play a huge role in your maturity.

I've been noticing lately that tea is an amazing soother. Just as some might reach for a cigarette, run to the Recreation Center or surround themselves with stimulating conversation, I prefer to reach for my cup of tea. What startles me, though, is the stimulation of thoughts that this personal indulgence can cause. For some reason, the focus of my attention seems to have locked in on maturity.

College is a time of self-discovery. Here, we receive the tools to grow and become a better person. Very few come out of college the same way they came in. But when does that change happen? When do we finally recognize we are not the same, that our minds have changed and we feel an added sense of wisdom?

For some reason, I feel I went through my maturity gate a while back. Granted, I am only a sophomore, but for some reason, I don't feel like the same person I came down to SIU as. How can I reaffirm this fact? A close friend of mine cried out only moments ago in celebration that there were going to be a \$1 cups at a party, followed by a rant of many expletives. Instead of rejoicing with him, I simply turned away and

thought to myself, no, this person has not found maturity yet.

But is the day you realize you actually want to remember days and not drink yourself to a state of unbelievable numbness finding maturity? Is it the day you realize the image of college binge drinking and constant chaos you began to salivate over in junior high went in and out like a bad fashion statement? I'm not saying there's something wrong with partying or enjoying alcohol with your friends, but when you cannot hold a conversation without the phrase, "Dude, I was so messed up" — doesn't it make you somewhat upset? Personally, I need intelligent conversation for my mind to stay active.

Prioritizing is also a factor in this. Determining what is best for your future rather than settling to live in the moment can play a huge role in your maturity. For instance, you may find you have a great opportunity to organize a community fundraiser that would look fantastic on your resume and help you to network. Instead, you opt for the three-hour nap and skip a couple of classes along the way. Doing something to help your future, however small or large it might be, can also improve your maturity.

Whether you participate or avoid a substance may not be the single indicator of maturity. Then again, no one ever wakes up with a total change of mind and outlook on life. It is a process that takes time, tough decisions and large amounts of effort. It is life changing, there's no question about that. But there's also a subtle feeling of accomplishment and pride.

Although a soother such as a cup of tea isn't going to just hand you your maturity, it just may help focus in on understanding it.

Rancatore is a sophomore studying radio and television.

Student Conduct Code: Mend it, dont end it

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The SIUC Student Conduct Code is once again under fire. In this latest incident, race has reared its wily head. Whenever there are participants of different races involved in controversial situations, racism rises to the surface. Nevertheless, the real problem is the code.

It is imperative that everyone recognize that the problems with the code have impacted students of all races. It is vital that the university revise the Student Conduct Code immediately. Many people are bitterly angry about the unfairness and lack of due process inherent within the code.

The task force on Agility and Efficiency cogently addressed the problems with the Student Conduct Code in 2005. I would advise everyone to read this entire document on the Internet and urgently seek action from our administrators on these recommendations.

A key issue in this debate is that many students have never read the Student Conduct Code. Last week, I discussed the code with several individuals who stated the code is only a problem if you are a troublemaker. Yet, what if you are accused of a crime you did not commit? What if you are in a car with someone who has drugs unbeknownst to you? Would you want to be suspended before you had an opportunity to prove your innocence? Would you want a lawyer to speak for you in the hearing? Do you know your rights?

All universities must maintain order and have standards of decorum. Moreover, students ought to feel safe on campus. A code of conduct is a necessity on a college campus. Violence and intimidation cannot be permitted, and those found culpable of such behavior should be expelled.

However, the bedrock of our legal system is the presumption of innocence and due process. Constitutional rights cannot end at the door of Woody Hall. Suspensions and expulsions are death sentences to an academic career. Consequently, it is crucial that individuals be proven guilty before a severe penalty is imposed.

Last Tuesday evening, students, faculty members and community members gathered in Grinnell Hall's basement to discuss the Student Conduct Code. It is germane to mention that Larry Dietz, Chancellor Wendler or Terry Huffman failed to appear. This is not a surprise. As Seymour Bryson (the only administrator to appear) pointed out, their absence demonstrated disrespect for the participants. Perhaps the reason for this snub goes beyond disrespect, maybe it centers on the fact that SIUC administrators are simply unconcerned. Administrators have seen their share of rooms full of students complaining and moaning about one outrage or another, all of these meetings usually end the same way. Someone vows that this isn't the end; a committee or task force is formed to deal with the problem later. Of course, later never comes.

In light of this most recent incident, the task force raised an important issue the administration should now consider. The committee asked in its report: "If a student's case is not pursued by the local authorities for activities occurring off campus, should the university implement sanctions for the alleged behavior? If local authorities decide not to pursue an alleged infraction, they have made the decision that the infraction is without merit. Should this not serve as a guide for any subsequent action to be initiated by the university?"

Adolphson has a master's degree in history and is working on a women's studies certificate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rod wants you to pay

DEAR EDITOR:

The vice president of College Democrats, Dylan Burns, in the DAILY EGYPTIAN on Oct. 27, praised Democrats for wanting "to make education affordable for all students and all Americans."

Isn't Gov. Blagojevich a Democrat? His funding — or lack — of Illinois public universities is deplorable at best.

Mr. Burns also said, "Republicans want to keep college only for the extremely wealthy."

If you are paying higher tuition costs, you can thank our current governor. Tuition has

skyrocketed in Illinois in recent years because Blagojevich cut funding for our public universities by \$100 million. Only two other states — Mississippi and West Virginia — cut funding during the same time period. The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education reported that Illinois "has decreased its commitment to financially needy students." The Center, which graded all 50 states, gave Illinois an "F". We were the best six years ago.

Meanwhile, universities need to pay the bills somehow and are forced to raise tuition.

They are unfairly caught in the middle.

I'm not telling anyone how to vote in November. But, I am telling everyone: Do not be fooled by liberal propaganda. Do remember your wallet when you are voting. Rod wants you to pay more so the state pays less.

Blagojevich is the one trying to, using Mr. Burns' words, "keep college only for the wealthy."

Jim Nelson

junior from Michigan studying aviation management and journalism

'Boondocks' does more good than harm

DEAR EDITOR:

So it seems yet another overly relaxed American has been pricked by "The Boondocks."

The very fact that MacGruder's strip arouses so much passion is proof that it is the most vital strip in America and proof that the DAILY EGYPTIAN must continue to carry it.

Aaron MacGruder has, through his characters, criticized the "bling" culture, the N.R.A. and the president. In one week of 20 panels, he

can make a more probing exploration of politics and culture than the "serious" media can in a month with a million pages. MacGruder has personally lunched with Fidel Castro and called Condoleezza Rice a mass murderer to her face at an awards dinner. He unflinchingly takes on the status quo while treating us to some of the most lovingly stylized black characters in cartoon history. He makes us all think, and perhaps as importantly, is one of the few people on the

planet who can make us truly and deeply laugh.

"God help us all if this type of person is the generation that will lead our country," writes Roberta Peto. But truly, as our country retreats further and further under the cloud of government censorship, God help us all if there aren't enough Aaron MacGruders in the next generation.

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MELISSA BARR ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Laura Dreuth of Carbondale pushes Mary Ellen Lamb's kayak into the water Sunday afternoon at Cedar Lake. Dreuth has been kayaking for the last two years, and she says it is her favorite thing about Carbondale.

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MELISSA BARR ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Cardinals fans cheer from the ninth floor of a parking garage on the corner of Broadway and Walnut streets, as the Cardinals win the World Series on Friday evening at Busch Stadium. The parking garage became the site for many fans without World Series tickets to come and watch the game.

Celebration for the 'Birds

R.B. Fallstrom
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — The party keeps going for the St. Louis Cardinals, and Tony La Russa suspects some of his younger players may be beyond his reach.

“For those of you who have been on the streets, I am not responsible for Tyler Johnson and Chris Duncan,” the manager joked Sunday. “I just hope they quit celebrating the day before spring training starts in ‘07.”

Thousands of fans lined downtown for a parade celebrating the franchise’s first World Series title since 1982. The ballpark was packed, too, just like the regular season, for a rally capped by a daylight fireworks display.

“Awesome,” Albert Pujols said. “I’ve been dreaming of this since I was a little boy.”

The Cardinals sold out the first year at the new Busch Stadium with a total attendance of 3.4 million. General manager Walt Jocketty said at the rally that it looked as if all of them were at the parade.

“It’s out of control,” ace pitcher Chris Carpenter said. “I don’t think I’d ever have this feeling. I can’t describe it.”

The Cardinals received a prolonged standing ovation after walking from the dugout to a podium at second base.

Two days earlier, they won their 10th championship, second in the majors to the Yankees’ 26 titles.

La Russa said fans should respect the three teams the Cardinals eliminated in the postseason — San Diego, New York and Detroit — then added: “But we do get to celebrate.”

Catcher Yadier Molina was among the young stars who emerged, beating the New York Mets in Game 7 of the NL championship series with a ninth-inning, two-run homer.

“I’m just trying to enjoy it now because February is going to come fast,” Molina said. “We’ve got to get ready for next season.”

La Russa had a place of honor in the parade, with his family getting a ride on the Anheuser-Busch beer wagon led by a team of eight Clydesdales. Since joining mentor Sparky Anderson as the only managers to win a World Series in both leagues, it’s been a weekend of honors for La Russa. He dropped the ceremonial first puck at a Blues-Red Wings game Saturday night and got waylaid earlier that day for an impromptu speech in the Central West End, where he lives alone during the season.

“He took a team that wasn’t expected to win, and he provided leadership,” Blues president John Davidson said. “They banded together. I think those are the great memories.”

La Russa’s family joined him for the celebration. His wife, Elaine, has accompanied him throughout the playoffs, and daughters Bianca and Devon flew in just in time for the festivities.

“It’s one thing to watch it on TV and try to get the feeling of the fans and the crowd and the city,” Bianca La Russa said. “But to actually be here and you’re driving in and see all the red, the energy is awesome.”

The 62-year-old manager is signed through next season, and his family can’t see him retiring anytime soon.

“Oh, goodness,” Bianca La Russa said. “I don’t think we could take him around the house all year long. So I’m going to go with at least 10 more years.”

Players were still digesting their improbable run to the championship. They lost nine of the last 12, barely avoiding perhaps the worst September collapse in major league history, before taking off in the postseason.

The Padres were flicked aside in four games, and the Cardinals outlasted the Mets in seven games before eliminating the favored Tigers in five games with a 4-2 victory Friday night.

“Everybody on our team knew if we could just get in the playoffs that anything could happen, and boy it did,” reliever Braden Looper said. “Once we got there, we just started playing together, we started getting a few

World Series game 5 — St. Louis Cardinals 4, Detroit Tigers 2

DETROIT					ST. LOUIS				
	AB	R	H	RBI		AB	R	H	RBI
Granderson, CF	3	0	1	0	Eckstein, SS	4	1	2	2
Monroe, LF	4	0	0	0	Duncan, RF	2	0	0	0
Zumaya, P	0	0	0	0	Wilson, LF	0	0	0	0
Guillen, SS	4	0	0	0	Pujols, 1B	3	0	1	0
Ordonez, RF	4	1	0	0	Edmonds, CF	4	0	0	0
Casey, 1B	4	1	3	2	Rolen, 3B	3	0	1	1
Santiago, PR	0	0	0	0	Belliard, 2B	4	0	0	0
Rodriguez, C	4	0	0	0	Molina, C	4	2	3	0
Polanco, 2B	3	0	0	0	Taguchi, LF	3	1	1	0
Inge, 3B	4	0	1	0	Weaver, P	3	0	0	0
Verlander, P	2	0	0	0	Spiezio, PH	1	0	0	0
Gomez, PH	1	0	0	0	Wainwright, P	0	0	0	0
Rodney, P	0	0	0	0					
Thames, LF	0	0	0	0					
Total	33	2	5	2	Total	31	4	8	3

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E — Inge (3), Verlander (2), Duncan (1). DP — Detroit 1. LOB — Detroit 6, St. Louis 8. 2B — Casey 2 (2), Inge (2). HR — Casey (2). CS — Pujols (1). S — Taguchi.

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Detroit						
Verlander L,0-2	6	6	3	1	3	4
Rodney	1	2	1	1	1	0
Zumaya	1	0	0	0	0	1
St. Louis						
Weaver W,1-1	8	4	2	1	1	9
Wainwright S,1	1	1	0	0	1	1

Umpires — Home, John Hirschbeck. First, Tim McClelland. Second, Randy Marsh. Third, Alfonso Marquez. Left, Wally Bell. Right, Mike Winters.
Time — 2:56. Attendance — 46,638 (43,975).

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— Bianca La Russa
Cardinals manager Tony La Russa’s daughter



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Obama welcome worthy of a rock star

Liz Austin Peterson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Sen. Barack Obama got a rock star's reception at a venue that's usually much less welcoming of Democrats — the Texas Capitol.

Several hundred people filled the Texas House chamber on Saturday to hear the possible presidential candidate speak at the 11th annual Texas Book Festival, an event begun by first lady Laura Bush when her

husband was governor. Obama, the junior senator from Illinois, is promoting his latest book, "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream."

Much of the crowd shrieked and jumped to its feet when Obama walked in through a side door. Outside, another couple hundred people waited up to five hours to get his autograph, shedding their coats as a chilly morning turned into a hot afternoon.

Obama, the nation's only black

senator, created a stir last Sunday when he acknowledged he was considering a run for president in 2008. Several people waiting in line for his autograph said they wanted to see for themselves what kind of candidate he would be.

"It's nice to find a politician that can give you hope or optimism and kinda make you feel like we all have something in common," said Andrew Roush, a 20-year-old University of Texas sophomore who got in line at 7:30 a.m. "We can all

have hope for the future."

To Obama, that hope springs from recognizing that the country is not as divided as political battles would suggest. Politicians just have to recognize that Democrats aren't the only people who want to help the poor and protect the environment and Republicans aren't alone in caring about morality and values, he said.

"Politics in Washington now is sort of the intellectual equivalent of WWF wrestling," Obama said.

"Everybody acting though, smacking each other, throwing chairs. But nothing really gets done."

Obama also spoke about improving the nation's health care and education systems and crafting a more reliable energy policy. He added that the United States cannot "simply impose our will militarily on the entire globe" and must find a way to match the "might of our military to the finesse of our diplomacy and the strength of our alliances."

Police surround, prepare to move in on protest-wracked Mexican city

Mark Stevenson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAXACA, Mexico — Federal police with assault rifles and riot-shields advanced into Oaxaca on Sunday, bypassing or extinguishing barricades of burning tires and tree trunks in this normally picturesque tourist destination wracked by five months of protests and violence.

Officers in bulky black helmets lined a highway just shy of a sign reading "Welcome to Oaxaca" and used fire extinguishers to douse flames at a roadblock abandoned by retreating demonstrators.

Flanked by armored vehicles, water-cannon and bulldozers and with helicopters roaring overhead, they faced a knot of protesters who yelled insults and readied piles of stones to hurl. Some protesters used syringes to pierce their arms and legs, then paint signs decrying the police in blood.

In other parts of the city, columns of police climbed over burned-out cars and moved past hijacked tractor-trailers, buses and other debris used to block streets, marching toward downtown. Instead of offering resistance, many protesters retreated, pledging a massive defensive in the city center.

As police marched by, some residents emerged from their homes

cheering and waving white flags.

What began in late May as a teacher's strike in this colonial southern Mexican city spiraled into chaos as anarchists, students and Indian groups seized the central plaza and barricaded streets throughout the city to demand the ouster of Oaxaca state Gov. Ulises Ruiz. Police and state forces — often in plainclothes — have shot at protesters, setting off clashes in which at least eight people have died.

President Vicente Fox, who leaves office Dec. 1, resisted repeated calls to send federal forces to Oaxaca until Saturday, a day after gunfire killed a U.S. activist-journalist and two residents.

While some protesters retreated, others fortified their posts at street blockades, pledging a street-by-street defense against the Federal Preventative Police. But Bertha Munoz, one of the movement's leaders, said that many demonstrators were peaceful.

"How can we confront them? We have already seen the R-15 (rifles) and AK-47s they carry," she said. "What do our people have? Most have just come to bring them flowers."

The Interior Department issued an ominous statement demanding that protesters give up their occupation of the city immediately, but officials said Sunday they hoped negotiations could

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avoid further bloodshed.

Protesters accused Ruiz of rigging his 2004 election and using thugs to kill or intimidate political opponents. They say they will not return home without his resignation.

In Mexico City, several hundred supporters of the Oaxaca protests converged on a hotel where Ruiz was rumored to be staying, damaging the grounds around the entrance and screaming "Murderer! Murderer!"

The government news agency Notimex reported that a vehicle transporting federal police to Oaxaca crashed Sunday, killing one officer and injuring 12. Federal officials could not confirm the report, but protesters cheered wildly as it circulated Oaxaca.

The protesters estimated that around 4,000 federal police had taken up positions around the edges of the city. There were no official reports, however, on how many officers were sent to Oaxaca, which is the capital of the state of the same name.

Report: Illinois teens lacking driving practice

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — One hour. That's all the on-road driving practice it takes to meet Illinois driver's education requirements at public schools, according to a published newspaper report.

Many teens don't get sufficient on-road experience in school-provided driver's ed courses to ensure they'll be safe drivers — in part due to schools' trying to cut costs and a lack of agreement about the best teaching methods, the Chicago Tribune reported in its Sunday editions.

Those were among the conclusions of a three-month investigation by the Tribune, which interviewed driver's education instructors and administrators in 30 Illinois school districts with programs that instruct more than 35,000 students.

The issue of adequate teen driving instruction is highlighted by a stark national statistic: for decades, car accidents have been the top killer of teens, taking between 5,000 to 6,000 young lives each year in the United States.

While some schools do better, the Tribune found tens of thousands of teens in Illinois public schools get as little as one hour and 40 minutes to three hours of instructor-supervised street driving in their driver's ed courses — well below a national

benchmark of six hours.

Even one hour of on-road practice meets state driver's ed requirements, the Tribune reported. Of the 10 states with the largest school populations, only Florida has a lower standard, the Tribune found. Ohio has the highest, requiring eight hours.

Illinois does require six hours of "practice driving" for teenagers in public schools. Districts, however, follow ill-defined state rules that allow them to substitute driving in actual cars on actual roads with time on simulators and controlled parking lots, or ranges.

Many cash-strapped schools favor the simulators and ranges because they cost less than on-the-road, instructor-supervised practice. Half of the administrators and instructors interviewed by the Tribune said they used simulators, ranges or both to reduce street-driving time.

In addition to the practice requirements, teen drivers also must register 50 hours of adult-supervised driving before they can get their license. Some experts say 50 to 100 hours of adult-supervised driving, at a minimum, is key to ensuring teens become safe, competent drivers.

"What I tell parents is that it (driver's ed at schools) is a skeleton program that they can build on," said John Papa, driver's education coordinator at Lake Park High School in Roselle. "We can only do so much with them in 18 weeks."

Fidel Castro shown standing, talking on phone in new photographs

Vanessa Arrington
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAVANA — Photographs of Fidel Castro standing and talking on the phone were published Sunday in Cuba's state-run media, a day after the ailing leader appeared in a video to dispel rumors he was on his deathbed.

The Communist Youth newspaper Juventud Rebelde dedicated its front page to the Cuban president, printing a blown-up picture of a pensive Castro with the title "Always fighting for something, and fighting with optimism!"

The 80-year-old Cuban leader, who temporarily ceded power to his brother Raul in July following intestinal surgery, had not been seen since mid-September when photographs of him receiving world leaders at a summit in Havana were released.

The latest photos apparently were taken during the filming of a video broadcast Saturday, in which Castro, looking thin and tired, was shown walking slowly but steadily in an unidentified room and reading in a loud voice from Saturday's edition of Granma, the Communist Party daily newspaper.

"They've declared me moribund prematurely," he said. "But it pleases me to send my compatriots and friends this small video."

He said his recovery would be prolonged and not without risk but added he was making good progress.

"I am coming along just as planned . . . I feel whole," he said. "I'm not the least bit afraid of what will occur."

He called rumors of his death ridiculous and insulting, claiming they were the work of his enemies.

"Let's see what they say now," he said.

Castro, dressed in a red, white and blue track suit, said he was trying to help those currently in charge of the government as much as he could while he recovers.

"I participate in the most important decisions with my comrades from the leadership of the (Communist) Party and the government," he said. "I do everything possible to support my comrades, and to be useful."

The rumors "motivate me to work, to fight," he said.

The Cuban government has treated Castro's ailment as a state secret, and rumors that he may have died had

intensified in recent weeks. He has not made a public appearance since July 26, a few days before he underwent surgery.

Cuban officials attending the inauguration of a ballet festival Saturday night said they were thrilled to see the images of Castro.

"This is excellent news for everyone — all Cubans, and all of Cuba's friends," Vice President Carlos Lage said.

"We are really happy to see that Fidel is better and that every day he's moving forward," Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said. "He's not been lost, just working on his (recovery) plan."

The video shown Saturday came a day after Castro's close friend and ally Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said the Cuban leader was walking and taking trips at night into the countryside.

Bolivian President Evo Morales said Saturday that Castro would return to office "in two or three weeks."

A top Cuban official previously said he expected Castro back at the helm by December, when the country plans to hold a belated birthday celebration for the leader, who turned 80 on Aug. 13.

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CONTRACT

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The Departmental Representative Council could make a decision at Thursday's meeting, Langsdorf said. Contract talks reached the second deadlock in just as many months on Oct. 18 when the university team made what its contract spokesman Gary Kolb called the "best and last" offer. The sides reached an impasse in August with three contentious issues stalling an agreement. "Our position at this point is that we're not interested in making any major changes," Kolb said. Salary continues to be an issue in negotiations, along with a union request for a facultywide vote to determine whether all faculty members should pay a service charge into the

Faculty Association regardless if they are members. Union leaders and BOT representatives also disagree on the union's call for reform in the appeals process when faculty members are denied tenure and promotion. "The current administration has repeatedly emphasized their intention to address these problems, but their current offer hardly demonstrates a willingness to do so," union president and mathematics professor Marvin Zeman said in a statement. "When we look at the current faculty salary increases by our peer institutions, it is clear our administrators are only paying lip service to the need for fair compensation." Both the administration and union have agreed the faculty salaries are lower than all of the university's peer institutions, but each side's method to

balance the scales differs. Kolb, associate dean in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, said he hoped the union membership would get the chance to vote on the university's offer because it is sound. In the spring semester of 2003, Faculty Association members agreed to accept the university's offer after more than a year of negotiations and the union's threat of a strike. That contract expired June 30 of this year but remains in effect until the new contract is finalized. University officials last week placed detailed advertisements in local media outlets outlining its "best and last" offer. The advertisements also state that administrators hope union leaders take the offer to its membership for a vote.

Langsdorf said the Departmental Representative Council could vote to send the offer to union members for ratification, but union leaders would like to go back to the bargaining table. Union leaders have decried the university's bargaining team's "abandonment" of interest-based bargaining, which both sides agreed on in the spring semester to facilitate a more peaceful process. Kolb said the team did not abandon the process but instead made an offer because interest-based bargaining had reached its natural conclusion. This year's negotiations have yielded some agreements. Under the new contract, faculty members will be warned if they are in danger of losing their jobs — or not earning reappointment — and will be

allowed one year to make up for deficiencies. The university has agreed to issue annual detailed letters on areas in which faculty members need work. One year after receiving the letter, faculty members will undergo evaluations to determine whether they have improved. Also, the new contract will not limit Library Affairs faculty members to publishing a minimum of six scholarly articles guidelines for tenure and promotion. A new definition of scholarly work will be set to grant library faculty more flexibility in their pursuit of tenure and promotion, according to the Faculty Association's bargaining status report.

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"It was just something for me to cleanse myself of what happened that night, but it became something much bigger," Hunter said. He said of the more than 1,200 people who read the story, 700 replied. Many of the repliers said they were inspired to get themselves or someone they loved tested for the condition, Hunter said. A pulmonary thromboembolism occurs when a lung artery is suddenly blocked, usually by a blood vessel, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute Web site. Tests include a chest scan for fluid, a

duplex ultrasound to check veins for clots and blood work to check one's genes for inherited conditions. "It's a really great story to bring to people's eyes that life is short and can get shorter just like that," Hunter said. Hunter said although he has moved on, he would never forget Dallas or the impact she had on his life. "I value life more because of her," Hunter said. "As long as people are thinking about her, I can fool myself into thinking she's still here."

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AMTRAK

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— one to St. Louis and one to Carbondale — and the agreement would last only one year. CN told Amtrak the CN official who approved the deal that allowed the expanded access did not have the authority to do so, and CN officials said there was not enough capacity to accommodate the new trains without inconveniencing other freight railroads that use the track. Specific terms of the deal were not disclosed, but as part of the pact, rail officials will re-evaluate the impact of the extra trains on freight traffic after one year. Amtrak President and CEO Alexander Kummant said in a press release he was pleased with the deal.

“It’s a hiccup that was unfortunate, but the bottom line is the trains are going to run. So, at the end of the day, everyone is happy.”

— Brad Cole
Carbondale mayor

"The demand for passenger rail service in Illinois is clearly growing, and we're pleased that CN's leadership has made it possible to move forward," Kummant said. Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole said he spoke with Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and other government officials as they urged an agreement between CN and Amtrak. He said the disagreement was regrettable but that he was pleased the companies came to an agreement and the train would run as scheduled. "It's a hiccup that was unfor-

tunate, but the bottom line is the trains are going to run," Cole said. "So, at the end of the day, everyone is happy." The extra routes were made possible by \$24 million in funding from the state of Illinois — an increase in funding by the state of more than \$12 million from 2005.

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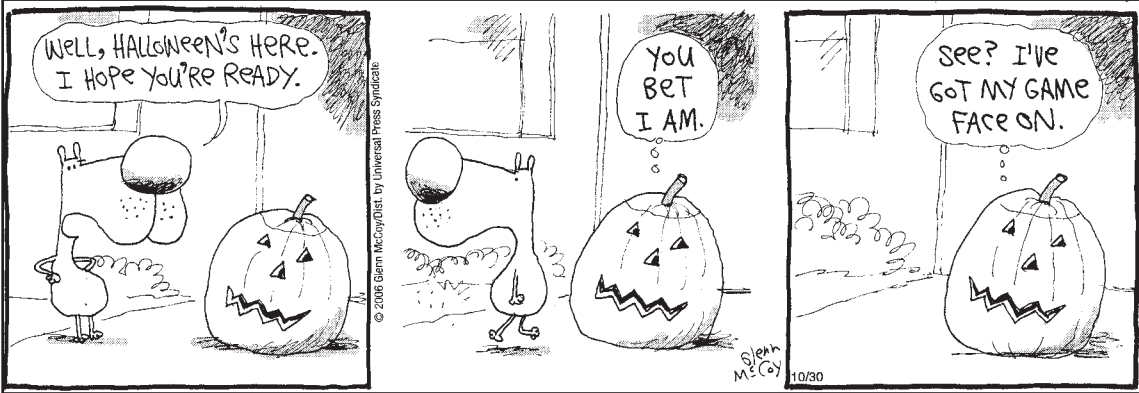
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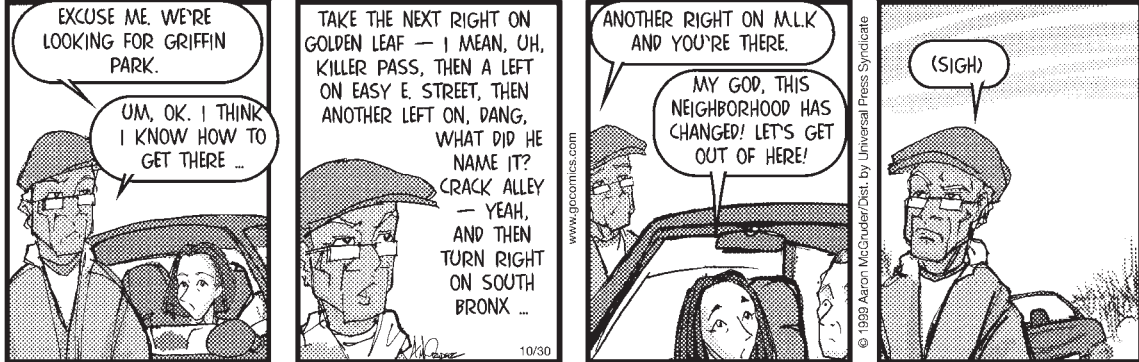
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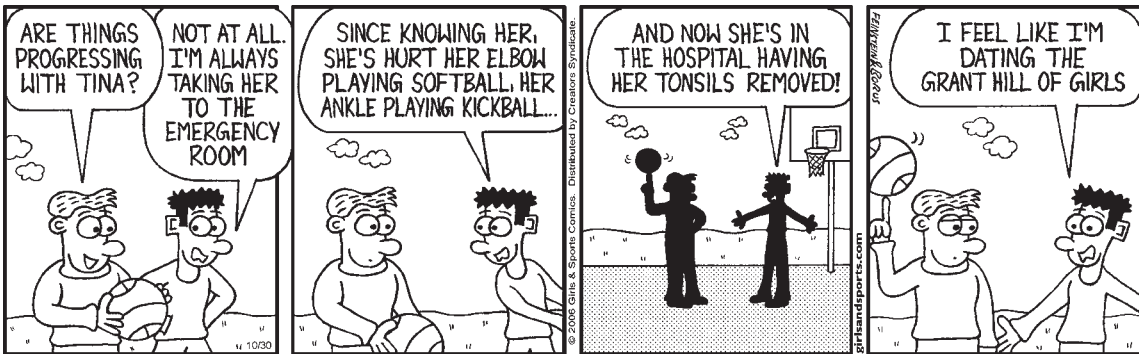
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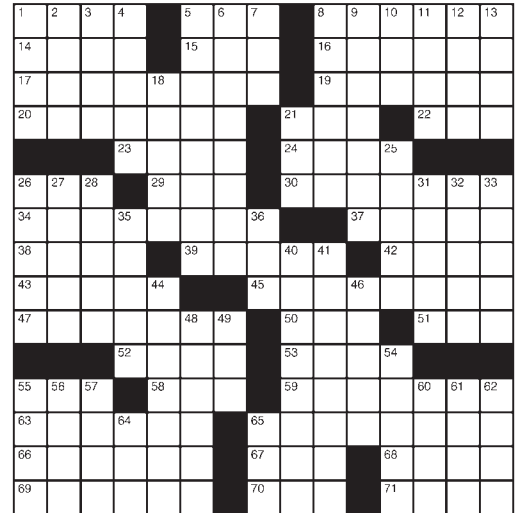
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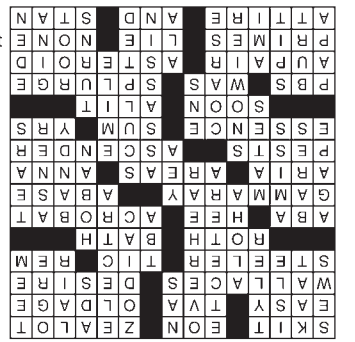
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By Linda Black

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Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 6 - Things that seemed impossible not very long ago are commonplace now. Keeping that in mind, what do you want to accomplish next?
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Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 5 - Achieving one goal is a completion, but it's not an ending. In many ways, it's a beginning, as you'll soon discover.
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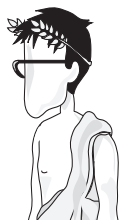
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Level: **1** 2 3 4

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

Solution to Friday's puzzle

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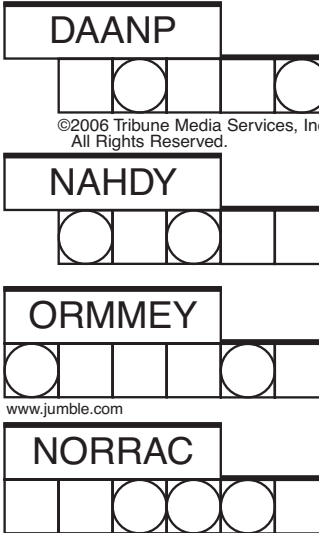
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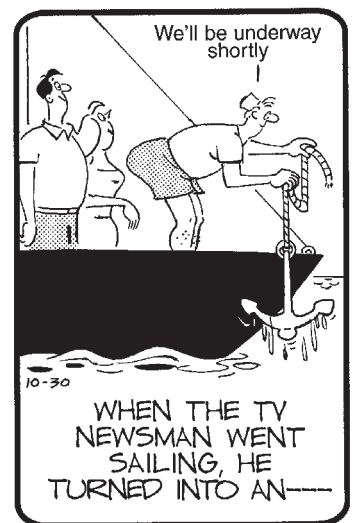
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answer: "OAKEN SUAVE HINDER EITHER" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: OAKEN SUAVE HINDER EITHER Answer: The homeowner couldn't fix the leaky roof because it was — OVER HIS HEAD



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Freshman Kelsie Laughlin digs out a ball as she and teammate Kristy Elswick converge in the second game of the Salukis' 3-1 win over Bradley at Davies Gym on Saturday.

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SIU volleyball splits home matches

Scott Mieszala
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The SIU volleyball team captured sole possession of sixth place in the Missouri Valley Conference on Saturday — the spot needed to advance to the MVC Tournament.

The Salukis split their two weekend matches at home, propelling them ahead of the University of Evansville, which lost its two weekend matches.

The weekend began with a sweep at the hands of the University of Northern Iowa (19-7, 11-2 MVC) on Friday. The Salukis (11-12, 6-7 MVC) lost in three sets (30-13, 30-25, 30-21).

"The first game, we weren't playing our best," sophomore libero Kristy Elswick said. "They're a good team, they're top of the league, but we didn't do the little things that we can do."

The first game was a no-contest, but the second game was a back-and-forth affair.

Both teams alternated scores until SIU forced the game within two points at 27-25. The Panthers then

scored three straight points to finish off the Salukis.

SIU jumped out to a 4-1 lead in game three, but Northern Iowa scored four straight points after a 9-9 tie. The Panthers pulled away for good later, at one point leading 26-14.

SIU fought back and scored four straight before being finished off.

The close second and third games were a stark contrast to when the Salukis played at Northern Iowa earlier this season. The Panthers swept that match as well, but SIU never came within 10 points of Northern Iowa.

"We played them a lot better here than we played them at their place," head coach Brenda Winkeler said. "I'm never happy with a loss but thought we did some nice things after game one."

Elswick's 17 digs moved her into 10th place on the SIU career digs list. Elswick would move into 9th place with 30 digs against Bradley on Saturday.

The milestone, though, was lost on Elswick after the loss.

"Doesn't really matter if you don't get a win," Elswick said.

The Salukis did come through

Saturday with a win over Bradley (6-19, 3-10 MVC).

SIU won three games to one (30-28, 30-32, 30-28, 30-24) against a pesky Bradley team.

In game two, the Braves scored five straight to take a 30-29 lead en route to their 32-30 victory.

Sophomore outside hitter Kristie Berwanger notched a game-high 16 kills to power the Salukis to a win.

"I was feeling good. I was feeling aggressive," Berwanger said. "I just figured if I pick it up, everyone else will pick it up, too."

Berwanger's hustle was not lost on senior middle blocker Johannah Yutzy, who tallied 13 kills.

"It's very inspiring. We played with a lot of passion tonight, a lot of heart," Yutzy said. "We haven't played like that in a long time."

The Salukis will continue pursuit of an MVC Tournament berth this weekend when they'll play at Wichita State University on Friday and Missouri State University on Saturday.

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HILL

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Hill, who rushes frequently, only recorded 51 total rushing yard in the two losses this season but averages 45.8 rushing yards when the Salukis win.

Hill ran for 57 yards Saturday, second only to Arkee Whitlock's 84 rushing yards.

"I think the thing he did today is that he played well with his legs," Claeys said. "If you are a sitting duck, it's horrible, but today he tucked the ball and ran a couple times for us."

None was bigger than his 43-yard

option in the third quarter.

Hill read the MSU defense perfectly and ran around the right tackle for the longest play from scrimmage for either team.

Hill accounted for 79 of the 96-yard drive that ended on a 4-yard touchdown run from Whitlock.

The score put the Salukis ahead, 24-10.

Earlier, Hill connected with senior tight end Braden Jones for SIU's only passing touchdown of the game on a short out-route to the corner of the end zone with 1:02 remaining in the first half.

Jones and Hill developed a steady

relationship throughout the game as they hooked up nine times for 90 yards — Jones' highest reception total of his career.

Jones said after the game he couldn't be more proud of the way his quarterback bounced back after a rough couple of weeks.

"The quarterback takes the brunt of it when you lose," he said. "A lot of people were quick to get on him, but he never lost confidence, and we never lost confidence in him."

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Saluki Insider

Saluki Banter

The St. Louis Cardinals won their first World Series in 24 years. Do you think the Cardinals have what it takes to repeat it next year?



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"No. They got lucky this year. They shouldn't have even made the playoffs. It hurts for a Cubs fan. What hurts even worse was being in St. Louis while all those dang fans were parading around downtown."

"I can't even begin to find the words to explain how I felt after the Cardinals won their first World Championship in my lifetime. Seriously, I've already spent like twenty minutes trying to describe it. It was a sublime moment. Yes, they can repeat. Yes, they will repeat. Yes, I am serious."

BRIAN FELDT

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"Nah. What's funny is this Cardinals team is about the worst team they've had this century, and they almost blew their playoff berth. What's even funnier (or angrier) is most people who predicted the Tigers would collapse (me included) were right...they just collapsed three months later than predicted."



SCOTT MIESZALA

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SALUKI "Quote of the Week"

Nick Hill

"We haven't seen him all week. I knew all week long he was going to be here. I didn't know of anything that would stop him from being here. He is a fighter. He is the toughest guy I know. He is like a father figure to a lot of us. He is a special kind of person. We just want him to get better. This is just a game, and that is what he tells us all the time, and we just want him to be healthy."



— on the impact of head coach Jerry Kill's presence at the Salukis' game against Missouri State University just six days after suffering a seizure

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?

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ALIVE

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Claeys said he figured Hill was due for a breakout game.

"That's one reason why I picked (Hill) for a captain of the game," Claeys said. "He struggled the last two games and felt like he had to get going."

Hill backed up Claeys' confidence on a 10-play, 96-yard scoring drive that gave the Salukis a 24-10 lead with 1:52 remaining in the third quarter. The successful drive put the game out of reach.

Hill was electric on the possession with 54 yards rushing and 25 yards passing. His 43-yard, option-read run around the right tackle — the longest play from scrimmage of the day — moved the Salukis from their own 16-yard line to the MSU 40.

Hill's scamper was a harbinger of things to come for MSU head coach Terry Allen.

"We knew we were in bad shape when Nick does that," Allen said.

Six plays later, Arkee Whitlock punched the ball into the end zone from 4 yards out for SIU's final touchdown of the game.

Hill credited Claeys and the SIU coaching staff for putting the Salukis in position to win.

"The coaches really did a great job," Hill said. "We were one short all week, and they put together a great game plan."

SIU's offense got back on track against the Bears, and the defense played to its early season form.

The Salukis pressured Bears quarterback Tyler Homer the entire game and held MSU to only four-of-12 third-down conversions, an area of concern coming into Saturday's game.

Redshirt freshman linebacker Chauncey Mixon, starting in place of injured senior Patrick Jordan, led a revitalized unit with his best game as a Saluki. Mixon paced SIU with 11 tackles and three pass breakups. He also wrangled in two tackles for a loss and fought through a block to gather in a second-quarter sack.

Senior linebacker Micah King's three stops behind the line of scrimmage led a defense that found itself in the Bears' backfield more often than not. SIU finished with 12 tackles for loss and kept the Bears on their heels for much of the game.

Four Salukis, including King, registered sacks on the day. Linebacker Trevor Moe's quarterback stuff in the second quarter, with the score tied 10-10, backed the Bears up to their own 11-yard line.

SIU got the ball on the MSU 48-yard line on the ensuing punt and five plays later scored on a Hill-to-Jones touchdown pass. The score gave the Salukis a 17-10 lead at halftime.

Jones caught a game-high nine passes for 90 yards and gave Hill a steady target in the second tier of

MSU's defense.

SIU's special teams again was big-play bent for the fourth straight week. Junior safety A.J. Wallace, who was named the Gateway Conference Special Teams Player of the Week, blocked a second-quarter punt that shifted momentum back to the Salukis after a costly MSU error.

The Salukis trailed 10-3 after a 12-yard touchdown return of a John Randle fumble but bounced back with a short-field touchdown drive that began with the blocked punt recovery at the MSU 39-yard line.

Arkee Whitlock's grinding, second-effort dive to the pylon netted the Salukis a game-tying, 8-yard score with 4:39 remaining in the first half. Whitlock needs 27 yards rushing in Saturday's game at Youngstown State to pass 1,000 yards for the season.

Senior kicker Craig Coffin rounded out the Salukis' scoring with two field goals, including the final SIU score of the game.

The win was much-needed for a team that effectively began its post-season push Saturday. A third loss with games against Northern Iowa and Youngstown State remaining on the schedule would have crippled the Salukis' chances for a fourth consecutive Gateway title.

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Sports Briefs

Mohamad wins MVC title Saturday

Sophomore Mohamed Mohamed became the first Saluki cross country runner in 10 years to win the Missouri Valley Conference individual title.

Mohamed claimed first place Saturday at the MVC Championships in Lincoln, Neb., with a time of 24 minutes, 56.85 seconds, finishing 11 seconds ahead of the rest of the field.

Thanks to Mohamed's performance, the SIU men finished third out of nine.

The last SIU runner to claim the MVC individual title was Stelios Marneros, who did so in 1996.

Fueled by senior Sarah Rinker's 10th-place finish, the SIU women's team captured second place out of 10 teams.

Rinker finished the 5K in 18:21.25.

Three other Salukis finished in the top-20 for the women's side, with strong performances from junior Brittani Christensen (11th), senior Katie Birn (16th) and senior Lindsay Wagner (17th).



The U-Card is the Undergraduate Student's opportunity to win a \$300 Gift Certificate to the University Bookstore just by attending fun activities around campus.

U-Card Events for the Week of October 30 - November 5

October 30:
Screaming Queens: The Riots at Compton's Cafeteria* & Harsh Beauty (Films & Discussion)
Student Center Mackinaw Room - 7:00pm
Cultural Activities Category
Sponsored by: Multicultural Programs & Services - 453-5714

October 31:
Halloween Pops
Shryock Auditorium - 7:30pm
Performing Arts Category
Sponsored by: Shryock Auditorium - 453-2787

November 1:
Native American Heritage Month Kick-Off: Bison Bluff Farms**
Student Center Ballroom A - 7:00pm
Educational Program Category
Sponsored by: Multicultural Programs & Services - 453-5714

November 2:
Gambling and the College Student
Student Health Center Auditorium - 5:00pm
Educational Program Category
Sponsored by: Wellness Center - 536-4441

Indian Country Diaries: Spiral of Fire (Film)**
Student Center - Mississippi Room - 7:00pm
Educational Program Category
Sponsored by: Multicultural Programs & Services - 453-5714

The Penelopiad
The Marion Klein Theater - 8:00pm
Performing Arts Category - \$5
Sponsored by: Speech Communications - 453-5618

Crippling Language: Disabling the Body
Klein Theater, Communications Bldg - 8:00pm
Performing Arts Category
Sponsored by: Multicultural Programs & Services - 453-5714

November 3:
SIU Jazz Ensembles
Shryock Auditorium - 7:30pm
Performing Arts Category - \$5
Sponsored by: SIUC School of Music - 536-8742

The Penelopiad
The Marion Klein Theater - 8:00pm
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* Denotes Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Month Event
** Denotes Native American Heritage Month Event

November 4:
The Penelopiad
The Marion Klein Theater - 8:00pm
Performing Arts Category - \$5
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FOOTBALL



Saluki tight end Braden Jones runs the ball around MSU linebacker Derrick Byrd during Saturday's game.

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FOOTBALL

Coach Kill's presence is inspirational



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Every Saluki football fan knows Jerry Kill is a blue-collar type of guy. But what he did Saturday was remarkable.

Just one week ago, Kill was admitted into Memorial Hospital of Carbondale after suffering a seizure. On Tuesday, he was transferred to a St. Louis hospital for special treatment. Two days before Saturday's game against Missouri State University, it was doubtful he would leave his home for the game.

Twenty minutes before game time, though, Kill was in the locker room.

The sixth-year head coach made the trip to Springfield, Mo. — just two days after being released from the St. Louis hospital.

And this is the second time he has made a game only days after a seizure.

The Salukis presented Kill with the game ball after their 27-17 victory against Missouri State University.

Only a select few in attendance, mainly coaches, knew of Kill's plan to take a jet to Plaster Field — not even the players knew.

"I didn't tell any of the kids because we still weren't sure about the travel plans," said defensive coordinator Tracy Claeys, who took on head coaching duties in Kill's absence.

Kill's plot was reminiscent of President Bush's unannounced trip to Baghdad to spend Thanksgiving Day with U.S. troops in 2003, a motivating and inspiring visit.

SIU players acted in the same fashion, many of them saying that knowing Kill was in the press box was moving.

"I knew all week long he was going to be here," said junior quarterback Nick Hill. "I didn't know of anything that would stop him from being here. He is the toughest guy I know."

Many players adorned T-shirts with the Coach Kill Cancer Fund slogan, "Tacklin' the Tough Times," or had similar wristbands in honor of their coach.

Kill made visits to the locker room before and after the game and during halftime.

"He came in the same old guy," Hill said. "If he was going to get on you, he was going to get on you. If he didn't like something from the press box, he was going to let you know."

Claeys said he expected nothing less of his long-time co-worker, and coming to the game may have relieved Kill's health issues.

"It is good therapy to be around those kids," Claeys said. "It is good for him to be around football and our kids. It wasn't a shock to me, and it wasn't a shock to any of our players."

Saluki fans should consider themselves lucky to have a coach with such desire and passion in not only producing a winning product on the field but also making sure the program contains stand-up characters.

Coaches with this type of will do not grow on trees.

Kill has oftentimes joked around during interviews by saying that God will not judge him on how many wins or losses he has, rather by what he does as a person.

Kill should pass by either measure.

Salukis step up play in win

Offense, defense and special teams come back to life

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Offense, defense, special teams.

For the first time in three weeks, the Salukis (6-2, 3-2 Gateway) won all three areas in Saturday's 27-17 win over Missouri State.

Head coach Jerry Kill watched the win — SIU's first since Oct. 7 — from the coaches' booth.

Tracy Claeys, acting as interim head coach during Kill's recovery from a seizure on Oct. 22, said Kill's presence was not a surprise to him or the team.

"He loves the game of football," Claeys said. "That's why he has what he has."

And what Kill has after the win is a team that put it all together when it needed it most. The win answered critics of the team's performance in its previous two games and kept SIU's postseason hopes alive.

SIU rediscovered itself against the Bears (1-8, 0-5).

The Saluki offense shook off the disappointment of its previous two outings with a balanced performance that netted 337 total yards — 165 through the air, 172 on the

ground. The Salukis controlled the clock for more than 31 minutes and exploited MSU's eight-man defensive fronts designed to slow SIU's running game.

Quarterback Nick Hill proved a difference maker with 222 total yards of offense on a day without a 100-yard rusher. Hill, a junior, completed 15 of 19 passes for 165 yards and a touchdown. His 57 yards rushing were second to senior running back Arkee Whitlock's game-high 84 yards and two touchdowns.

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“The coaches really did a great job. We were one short all week, and they put together a great game plan.”

— Nick Hill
SIU quarterback

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Saturday at Plaster Field

SIU (6-2)	0	17	7	3	—	24
MSU (1-8)	3	7	0	7	—	17

SIU Individual stats

RUSHING — Arkee Whitlock 20-84, Nick Hill 13-57, John Randle 10-28
PASSING (comp.-att.-yards int. TDs) — Nick Hill 15-19-165 0 1
RECEIVING — Braden Jones 7-90, Arkee Whitlock 2-15, J.T. Wise 2-10

MSU Individual stats

RUSHING — Michael Cooper 13-42, Ramel McIntosh 3-25, Tyler Horner 12-(-25)
PASSING (comp.-att.-yards int. TDs) — Tyler Horner 24-40-221 0 0
RECEIVING — Tamar McElvane 6-62, Payne Hall 5-73, Chris Geisz 4-28

TEAM STATS	SIU	MSU
1st downs	18	18
Rushes-yards	44-172	28-42
Passing yards	165	221
Comp.-Att.-Int.	15-19-0	24-40-0
Return yards	60	98
Punts-Avg.	5-43.6	5-37.6
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-1
3rd down efficiency	4/12	5/15
4th down efficiency	1/1	1/2
Penalties-yards	7-57	3-20
Possession	31:31	28:29

SCORING SUMMARY

1st QUARTER	SIU-MSU
MSU 10:46 Nathan Stokes 27-yd field goal	0-3
2nd QUARTER	
SIU 13:32 Craig Coffin 22-yd field goal	3-3
MSU 10:37 Rone 12-yd fumble recovery (Stokes kick)	3-10
SIU 4:39 Whitlock 8-yd run (Coffin Kick)	10-10
SIU 1:02 Jones 9-yd pass (Coffin Kick)	17-10
3rd QUARTER	
SIU 1:52 Whitlock 4-yd run (Coffin Kick)	24-10
4th QUARTER	
SIU 8:47 Coffin 31-yd field goal	27-10
MSU 2:39 Horner 1-yd run (Stokes Kick)	27-17

Hill leads Salukis back to winning side against MSU

Brian Feldt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nick Hill has silenced the critics — at least for one week.

The junior quarterback played a major role in the Salukis' 27-17 victory over Missouri State University on Saturday, ending a two-game losing streak.

Hill has received much criticism lately after his play in SIU's two consecutive losses to Illinois State University and Western Kentucky University.

Through the two-game skid, Hill only averaged 79.5 passing yards per game and threw the first two interceptions of his collegiate career.

If there was any need for panic on Saturday, Hill could not see it.

Hill said that before the MSU game, a long season would give him a chance to redeem himself before the Salukis' game against Missouri State.

Hill broke out and garnered 222 yards of total offense in the Salukis' win over MSU. His 165 passing yards were his second highest on the season.

He credited his performance to a well-rounded game plan and his coach's ability to get him into a



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Saluki quarterback Nick Hill runs past Missouri State University safety Chris Harris during Saturday's game.

rhythm early.

"If you can get into a rhythm, it is a lot easier than just throwing the ball," Hill said. "Sometimes it's hard when you just throw the one (pass) every two periods, but today I was able to get into a rhythm early."

Defensive coordinator Tracy Claeys, who served as head coach in Jerry Kill's absence, said Hill did a better job Saturday because of his ability to run the ball when needed.

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