Tunnel to be dismantled

Heavy rains, leaks a blessing in disguise

Halloween weekend sees less crime

David Lopez
Daily Egyptian

Local authorities and students said compared to previous Halloweens, this year was pretty tame.

The Carbondale Police Department released its arrest statistics for the Halloween weekend, which garnered fewer arrests than a typical Carbondale weekend. Just 36 incidents occurred throughout the weekend, which could have been a result of authorities shutting down the Strip for Halloween or the celebration of Unofficial Halloweens Oct. 20.

Police reports indicated 26 incidents on Friday, including 11 counts of public possession of alcohol, 12 counts of underage drinking, one drug and paraphernalia charge, one amplified sound violation and one trespassing charge.

Saturday, meanwhile, was even more tame with just four incidents of public possession of alcohol, four counts of underage drinking, one amplified sound violation and one person resisting a police officer.

“At was a very routine weekend,” Carbondale Police Chief Bob Ledbetter said. “We probably got less calls this weekend than we do most weekends.”

See QUIET, Page 10

Sex offenders face increased restrictions

Eugene Clark
Daily Egyptian

As soon as his students arrive on campus, Jim Berean is there to make sure they are safe from sexual predators.

With 37 registered sex offenders in Carbondale as of Thursday, Berean, principal at Unity Point Elementary School, and other area principals must take extra precaution to keep their kids safe. But relief may be in sight.

See RESTRICTIONS, Page 9

Guard your wallet: trap the heat

Danny Wenger
Daily Egyptian

Although Ameren’s rate freeze ended in January, residents can prevent heating bills from soaring by properly preparing their homes for winter.

Temperatures this week are expected to fall as low as 37 degrees, according to the Weather Channel’s website. Taking the appropriate steps to insulate homes now could save homeowners enough on their electric bills to pay for the upgrades necessary to properly insulate their houses.

David Kolka, executive director of the Citizens Utility Board, said changing the filters on a furnace monthly could reduce heating costs up to five percent.

“The filters on a forced air furnace, they can get clogged, and if that happens they have to operate more, they operate less efficiently,” he said. “So you want to make sure that you change those filters so you’re not paying too much to heat your place.”

Cracks can develop around windows that allow hot air to escape and cold air to enter. Barry Matchett, policy advocate at the Environmental Law and Policy Center in Chicago, said people should check the windows and re-seal them if necessary.

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Brandy Oxford
Daily Egyptian

There will be a little more light in the tunnel behind Morris Library’s façade.

As library construction moves inside, the plywood tunnel known as the “Tunnel of Death” will come down piece by piece.

The tunnel was constructed in April 2006 to protect students from falling debris during removal of the library’s façade and offer an alternative route around the library. The front of the library was fenced off early in the spring 2006 semester.

Carlson said only the middle portion will remain when work is done.

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Boeing approves $7 billion stock program

CHICAGO (AP) — Boeing Co. announced Monday that it will buy back up to $7 billion in common stock, stepping up a program that has seen the aerospace company buy back about $5 billion of its shares since resuming repurchases in 2004.

The new plan follows a $3 billion buyback approved by the board in August 2004, a program the company said in a regulatory filing:

“Our strong financial performance allows us to return value to our shareholders while continuing to invest in our own business and the company’s Chairman and Chief Executive Jim McNerney. “We are executing a balanced cash deployment strategy that’s serving Boeing and its shareholders well.”

Boeing’s stock has climbed steadily since recovering from a slide following the 2001 terrorist attacks, which dealt a blow to its airline customers. Shares have quadrupled since early 2003 and more than doubled from pre-attack levels.

The stock jumped following the announcement and was up 97 cents, or 1 percent, to close at $96.99 Monday. Boeing said the share repurchases will be made on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

The company also declared a regular quarterly dividend of 35 cents a share, payable Dec. 7 to shareholders of record as of Nov. 9.

Loyola Medical Center to test all hospital patients for drug-resistant staph germ

CHICAGO (AP) — Loyola University Medical Center on Monday announced plans to start testing all incoming patients for a drug-resistant staph germ and isolating those who carry the dangerous bacteria.

The 599-bed hospital in Maywood, just west of Chicago, is among the first in Illinois to start universal screening for the superbug. The germ in question is called MRSA, or methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus.

A new Illinois law requires hospitals to test high-risk and intensive-care patients for MRSA.

But Loyola officials said they’re launching universal screening because of recent reports suggesting the germ is becoming more widespread and success with pilot programs that have reduced infections at their hospital.

Several MRSA cases have been reported recently among students at schools in Illinois and around the nation, but health officials say intermittent cases are not unusual.

MRSA awareness has been heightened by the death of a Virginia student two weeks ago, followed by a government report estimating that more than 90,000 Americans get the most dangerous kind of MRSA infections each year.

Most MRSA cases are relatively mild skin infections, but the bug can become life-threatening if it invades the body and becomes bloodstream or vital organs.

Those at risk for MRSA at Loyola include the elderly, children and hospital-based patients undergoing invasive procedures or with weakened immune systems.

Many people can catch the bug on their hands and in their noses with no symptoms, but they can infect others if the germ makes contact with open wounds. These carriers are a focus of the screening and testing.

“IT is an important component of our overall plan to improve patient safety in all areas of care,” said Dr. Paul Whelton, president and CEO of Loyola University Health System.

The program will involve nasal swabbing of all incoming patients. A rapid test will provide results within a few hours. Carriers will then be isolated and treated. The program is slated to be up and running by the end of November.

The nation’s Veterans Affairs hospitals began universal MRSA testing this year. And Evanston Northwestern Healthcare has reported a substantial drop in MRSA cases at its three suburban Chicago hospitals since it began universal testing in 2005.

A theft over $500 occurred between 9 a.m. Monday, October 22 and 12 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, at the University Mall. A gold diamond ring and ear buds were stolen, there are no suspects at this time.

An attempted burglary from a motor vehicle occurred between 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 23 and 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 24 in Lot 23. There are no suspects at this time.

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Students with disabilities stranded in Ocoee River

Group boasts of adventure, positive attitudes in rafting trip gone awry

Brandy Oxford
Daily Egyptian

About 50 people created a human chain that carried seven SIUC students with disabilities up a river gorge and out of the dry, rocky bottoms of the Ocoee River in Tennessee Oct. 20.

Eleven students with disabilities ranging from cerebral palsy to quadriplegia were stranded during a whitewater rafting trip when the Tennessee Valley Authority closed the dam controlling the flow of water onto the river at 3 p.m. — an hour early.

"I had done this before and I kept thinking that the river was rocky, then I saw all the boats stopped on rocks ahead of us," participant Jessi Meyer said.

As Meyers and other participants reclined in the bottom of the boats, Greg Smith, the director of the Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation program at SIUC and High Country Adventure's river guides with the wheelchair lift facing away from the gorge.

"I told them we couldn't go further down the river, but not to worry, that I wanted this to be a positive experience," Smith said.

He said it was immediately clear they could not manually carry each person up the side of the rock and tree covered gorge. The forest service provided a metal stretcher that was tied to a bus parked on the road at the top of the gorge.

"There were some big boys from a church group in Atlanta and they were like, 'You're taking paralyzed people down the river? and they lined their guys up and down this gorge to get everyone out," Smith said.

Participants were strapped to the rescue basket and passed from person to person up the 30 to 40 foot gorge to the road at the top.

"People started rewriting old songs while we waited," Meyer said.

"When we got to the top, everyone was cracking up because they were sitting in a raft on the side of the road."

"As other groups stranded in the river valley the service as they watched the river fill back up and the dam was opened in the morning." Smith said there were no injuries, just a team of positive people, laughing as they worked toward a common goal.

"This was adaptive recreation at its finest," Smith said.

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Israel Prime Minister Olmert is not fazed by prostate cancer

Matt Friedman

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said on Monday that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, but said the disease was not life-threatening and will not disrupt his work as the country’s leader.

The disclosure came at a sensitive time in Middle Eastern diplomacy, with the latest round of talks for resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict still in limbo and Olmert’s re-election campaign struggling to bridge gaping differences among a U.S.-brokered peace conference.

Speaking calmly before a packed hall of reporters, Olmert said the disease was caught early and that he would have surgery. "There are about 1,700 regular or vocational high schools nationwide, according to an estimate by the National Center for Education Statistics. The Clintons have long argued that cuts in education funding are wasteful and disruptive to students’ education, especially in low-income communities. The Head Start program, which provides early childhood education services to low-income families, has been subject to criticism and debate over its effectiveness and funding levels. However, the program has been seen as an important means of providing children with a strong start in life, especially in areas with high poverty rates.

Blackwater bodyguards given immunity in deadly Baghdad shooting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department promised Blackwater USA bodyguards immunity from prosecution in its investigation of last month’s deadly shootings in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, the Associated Press has learned.

The immunity deal has delayed a criminal inquiry into the Sept. 16 killings, and could nullify any possible charges against U.S. security contractors for their role in the incident.

"You have immunity, you can’t take it away," a senior law enforcement official said on condition of anonymity.

Both Justice Department spokesman spokesman Kathleen Kenealy declined comment.

In a statement released to Washington late Monday from Baghdad, where they have been trying to fre...
Citizen complaint decision postponed

Language review in citizen’s complaint process is delayed for more information

David Lopez

A misunderstanding in rhetoric spurred a Monday meeting at City Hall.

The Carbondale Board of Fire and Police Commissioners met Monday morning to discuss a proposed review of the language in the citizen’s complaint process concerning city employees. After a long discussion, the attendants decided to hold off on making a decision until further information is gathered, said City Manager Jeff Doherty.

The review came after Elbert Boddie, a member of the Board, looked over the procedures outlined for complaints and felt there was a problem in the language of the process. Simon felt the text of the procedure downplayed the role of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

“’It’s completely toothless,’” Simon said at the meeting.

John Boddie, a member of the Black Affairs Council, said he felt there was still something lacking with the process. Boddie and other students had raised concerns about police brutality about two months ago. Even after filing a complaint, Boddie said he did not feel justice was served.

“’For a while they wouldn’t even speak to us unless we gave them a complaint, when we did, they looked it over, and they put the whole department under review, which did nothing,’” Boddie said. “I don’t even know if they’re still under review or still under investigation or anything. I never got any information.”

The procedures state that any citizen can file a complaint about a city employee with Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty, the Carbondale Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, or the Carbondale Police Department. Once a complaint has been filed, it is reviewed and the final decision is up to Doherty.

However, if the one who filed the complaint disagrees, or a disciplined city employee disagrees, an appeal can be made with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and a recommendation is made to Doherty. The problem was with the language used in the manual, which some members of the board felt was vague.

Doherty said he had previously revised the rules, splitting up what was previously one chapter into two — one about the citizens’ complaint process and another regarding the employee disciplinary process. “If someone makes an appeal to the board, they conduct their own review and present a recommendation, then of course I consider it with a lot of weight,” Doherty said.

Doherty insisted that the complaint and appeals process is already in place, and his decision-making power is the standard way power is distributed in a Council-Manager form of government, which is the way Carbondale operates.

Doherty also stressed that any revision made would only apply to the wording of the rules and not actual procedures.

Boddie said he would like to see a different system where the final decision does not rest on the City Manager alone. Still, he said he felt the review of the language was still a good start.

“This is a step in the right direction,” he said.

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A question of medical equality

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From the stand-selling T-shirts at Family Hall to Illinois’ First Lady recently calling for women to avail themselves of the new state screening program to the whole month devoted to its awareness, breast cancer is a topic that we should all be familiar with. In fact, as far as informational action campaigns go, the breast cancer awareness and treatment campaign has had a significant impact.

And while no one would want to backtrack, over the years, this success has come at significant cost, namely, in the diminished public attention, research dollars and energies with respect to prostate cancer research. The reality is that while breast cancer research and screening programs enjoy the focus of the public eye, the male segment of the population is left to languish with their own gender-specific cancer that is paid only cursory treatment by the media, state and federal health officials.

While the average person is no doubt familiar with the existence of prostate cancer as being a cancer that affects men, this familiarity does not translate into a social or medical imperative for robust expenditure for treatment on the level enjoyed in breast cancer research and screening programs.

The question here is: Why not? On average, more men are diagnosed with prostate cancer annually than women are with breast cancer. While the fatality rate is higher for breast cancer — about 40,000, compared to prostate cancer's 31,000 (these figures averaged due to discrepancies in the multiple reporting sources) — the funding disparity is beyond debate. According to the National Prostate Cancer Coalition, “only about 7 percent of federal cancer research dollars are spent on prostate cancer research.” That is about $485 million for prostate research, compared to nearly $870 million for breast cancer research, or, if broken down per fatality, equals, $21,800 per breast cancer fatality, as opposed to $16,700 per prostate cancer fatality.

It is difficult to explain this gross disparity under the lens of equality. In fact, it is near impossible to suggest (in the light of the data) that there is not some form of sexism at play. You think not? Why should the male population be so short-changed when it comes to research dollars with respect to a verifiably fatal affliction? Just as women in our society deserve the best we can do, so do men (a rarely appreciated concept). This lack of equal treatment is profound.

The dollar amounts cited above reflect reality — the inefficacy of the current funding disposition. To all who would stand tall to demand gender equality, I submit to you that this should be considered unacceptable and plain wrong. Men don’t deserve a diminished chance at life than do women. As a married man, my wife’s health is very important to me, and while I fully support breast cancer research (and the dollars currently allocated), as a man, I am disgusted and angry that an affliction that could kill me is paid only passing lip service on a societal and institutional level.

Quite simply, the money for prostate cancer research needs to be increased. Equality is not a concept of convenience, especially when it comes to people’s health. Breast cancer is no more important in screening and treatment as is prostate cancer, but with the help of an enormously successful informational campaign, our society has little to say about prostate cancer. I guess, men should just act like men, face their mortality, and take it? No, we deserve a level of funding that is representative of the danger. While I applaud all those involved in prostate cancer research, I hope they will not begrudge me if I emphatically speak for them, and all men, in demanding an equal share (or at least an amount reflective of the statistics) so that we have a fighting chance to beat this terrible affliction. And if you think this is asking too much, think about your father, brother, husband or boyfriend, and ask yourself if they don’t deserve to have the same medical funding and energy spent on them as is for you.

Kulhaneck is a senior studying paralegal studies and administration of justice.
A ‘thank you’ to the DE

Dear Editor:

Like many, I was shocked to hear about the passing of my good friend and paintball teammate, Alex Booth. What was a tragic accident has now turned into a political farce. Blame is going in every direction—from the police, hospital, campus administration, and the DE. What people fail to realize is that the DE did a lot to protect the integrity of my friend. Reader comments were made on the DE Web site as to how Alex died. Ignorant people speculated a drug overdose. The comments infuriated me, all of Alex’s friends and teammates.

The DE took those comments down. We now know that Alex died of a brain aneurysm, not an overdose. I want to thank the DE for removing the harrasing comments made by people who did not even know Alex. The DE is not perfect, but what newspaper is? MISTAKES were made on all sides, such as the picture on the front page, and no one notifying Alex’s parents. He passed away on school property, in his residence hall, you cannot just have the medical personnel take away his body and then sweep away what happened under a rug. It is the school’s responsibility, and whatever rule that says it is not needs to be changed. Get on it Mr. President and Mr. Chancellor.

Aaron Ragusa
Senior chair in information systems and technologies

Voices

Poshard issues whitewashed

Dear Editor:

Unlike many of your letter-writers, I applaud the DE for its recent coverage of the Glen Poshard cover-up and whitewash. After all, we already have in Carbondale one spineless, vacuous, bootlicking newspaper, there’s no reason for the DE to duplicate that effort.

No tantrum, but deadly serious

Dear Editor:

In his Oct. 23 column “The power of a word,” Todd A. Kulhanek presented a misleading analysis of recent developments in northern Iraq. The members of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers Party) are not only members of a separatist organization, but are internationally recognized terrorists. They have trained in northern Iraq, infiltrated into Turkey and conducted terrorist activities against the Turkish military and civilians since 1984. From 1998 to 2003, the Turkish military crossed the Iraqi border in response to terrorist activities, and as a result, the PKK threat was weakened. It was after the United States invaded Iraq that PKK terrorists reorganized. The U.S. provided protection to Kurds in northern Iraq, where PKK is stationed too. The PKK took advantage of the situation to increase its campaign of terror.

The Turkish government repeatedly and unsuccessfully requested that the U.S. either respond to the PKK’s terrorist activities, or grant Turkey access into northern Iraq to defend itself. Turkey’s patience finally wore out and it passed the long-overdue legislation to authorize a military incursion into northern Iraq. Although the legislation has been passed, Turkey is still in communication with the U.S. and trying not to act unilaterally.

Turkey is not, as Mr. Kulhanek says, “throwing a tantrum” about the U.S. House Foreign Relations Committee resolution about the alleged genocide of Armenians by the Ottoman empire in 1915. Turkey did not authorize a military incursion in reaction to the U.S. resolution. The recently escalated murders and destruction by the PKK are the reasons for the Turkish parliament’s action.

The issue of genocide is not as simple as Mr. Kulhanek suggests. Historians continue to debate the events of 1915. Norman Stone, a respected historian, offers the following suggestion in his article “Armenian Story has another Side,” which appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Oct. 16: “Congress should not take a position, one way or the other, on this affair. Let historians decide. The Turkish government has been saying this for years. It is the Armenians who refuse to take part in a joint historical review, even when organized by impeccably neutral academics.”

Readers who are interested in reading fair and balanced accounts of this period of history should refer, among many others, to the two most recent publications: “Armenian Massacres: New Records Undercut Old Blame” by Edward J. Erickson, and “World War One: A Short History” by Norman Stone, which was published by Allen Lane.

The U.S. should not still show a loyal, long-term ally like Turkey for the temporary assistance provided by the Kurds in northern Iraq and for political contributions of the Armenian lobby. Let’s remember that Turkey was alongside the U.S. in Korea, Somalia, Bosnia, the Middle East and Afghanistan.

Faith Senel
Graduate student studying computer science

William Douglas, said it well (and I quote, heh heh): “Since when have we Americans been expected to be submissive to authority and speak with awe and reverence to those who represent us?”

If there’s hope left for any greatness in this country, it lies in our unwillingness not merely to question authority, but to aggressively disrupt it.

Jim Glover
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Senate Bill 1397, which takes effect June 1, 2007, puts harsher restrictions on sex offenders, including lessening the allotted time offenders have to inform police departments of modifications in their routine. The purpose of the bill is to further protect area kids from sex offenders.

Tracy Newton, supervisor of the sex offender registry for the Illinois State Police, said the new bill shortens the amount of time sex offenders can report any movement in residence, or change in school and work from five days to three days. It also includes the offense of aggravated child pornography as a sex crime, she said.

Newton said the bill also adds to the current Community Notification Law by adding public libraries and social service agencies as places county sheriffs are obliged to report information about sex offenders, she said.

Despite already existing laws that protect children, Berezow said the school has its own protection policies.

Unity Point implements a bullying policy that reports any verbal, emotional or physical issues that could be construed in a sexual nature, Berezow said.

Students are also not allowed to walk home from school. They are required to be either picked up by a parent or ride on a school bus to get to and from school.

Berezow said he thinks sexual offenses should be taken seriously and that a first time offender should be severely punished.

“You're a sex offender, it is a pretty serious crime,” Berezow said. “Our children are our most important resource we have, so I don’t think we can be too lenient about it.”

Kelly Vasquez, a first-year medical student from New York, said as a mother of two young children, she feels safe from sex offenders because either she or someone she knows always supervises her children, she said.

Vasquez said a sex offender should be required to live further than the required 500 feet from school area.

“That is roughly two blocks from school and if your kid walks four blocks home your kid is at risk,” Vasquez said.

Victoria Taylor, a sophomore from Chicago studying elementary education, said she feels the Carbondale community is safe for her 7 year old daughter. However, Taylor said she thinks the Evergreen Terrace community is a “little too relaxed.”

“It seems like the community doesn’t focus on the possibilities of something happening to the other children,” Taylor said. “They allow kids to just be outside on their own free will and it’s not safe.”

Taylor said she doesn’t allow her daughter to be outside by herself and also gives her an emergency cell phone in case anything happens to her while out in the community.

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principal of Unity Point elementary school

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What you're doing for the university might have been expected, but this is still good news,” Carlson said. “The closer you get to finishing, the better away it seems.”

“We’ve done an analysis over the last few days and there are no hard facts on the third floor. It’s all good news,” Carlson said. “The heavy rain last week was actually beneficial because it revealed the problem early on and now we can fix it.”

Cannon said the leaks would not delay construction although contractors will have to add caulk to the affected windows. Construction began in January of 2006 and all but six floors and seven are scheduled for completion in July 2008.

“I think we found it in two, maybe three, locations. We still have concrete floors and no wall surfaces were damaged, so it didn’t cause any substantial damage,” Keith said.

He said electric heaters and blowers were being held in reserve heating system is installed. He said electric heaters and blowers will provide adequate heat for the time being.

“Dungeon to get you to finish the project away it seems,” Keith said. “The last lap of the race is always the most laborious because you can see the end but you’re not there yet.”

Carbondale's Department of Housing and Residential Life Director Laura Rutherford, a weatherization assistant specialist at Crosswalk Community Action Agency in West Frankfort, recommended people seal around light sockets.

“The closer they examine a home and try to determine where heat or electricity is being wasted, the findings and suggestion could help save money,” he said.

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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday. Travel looks good this year, except for a few minor annoyances. Always have a back-up plan and a hidden toothbrush.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5 — Don't feel bad if you're just plain tired. It happens to everyone. Find yourself a cozy cane and hole away for a while.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — As is usual this time of year, appearances can be deceiving. Don't believe half of what you hear and most of what you see.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — Pay attention while shopping and you can get an absolutely marvelous deal. Others will think you spent much more. You don't have to tell.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Your sense of humor's returning, even if the problem persists. It's OK not to take it to seriously. Maybe it'll just go away.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — This is a clean-up day, with some urgency. At least one item in your stack of stuff is perilously overdue.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — You can help out a friend by providing hugs and maybe cookies. Comfort food is recommended. Providing money is not.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — Would you like to have more authority? More status? More money? These are only the first few test questions. They'll get harder. Think before you answer.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — Travel looks relatively good. There will be minor glitches, but you can get where you want to go. Carry your toothbrush with you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — With half your brain tucked behind your back, to make it fast, you'll trounce the opposition. You could also win a nice prize.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — You and your partner have a way of communicating without words. Rely on that now if the words seem to be getting in the way. Hugs and cookies, for example.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Put the daydreams and day trips on hold. It's time to get back to work. Something absolutely has to be done, and you know what it is.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 9 — You should be in a marvelous mood, feeling surrounded by love. Overdo a silly remark, even if it's hurtful. Take it as a joke, whether it's meant as one or not.

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Solution to Monday's puzzle

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Dear Hollywood: In tragedy, choose your words wisely

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It seems as though it just keeps happening. Just four years ago, California fell victim to the largest wildfire the state had ever seen, burning more than 200,000 acres of land. Now, a similar tragedy is once more as a wildfire of similar proportions chases the southern part of the state.

And once again, a celebrity who had nothing better to do than stack her foot in her mouth when addressing the disaster. As the Los Angeles Times recently pointed out in a story about Los Angeles actress Jamie Curtis, who had once more had the unenviable task of addressing a natural disaster.

“Consumers identify with shows as well as TV channels,” said Curtis. “They feel involved, as if they had some say in the outcome.”

Curtis went on to say that she would like to see more shows about the environment, and that “we really need to get people involved.”

However, Curtis’s comments were met with ridicule by many, who felt that the actress was using the disaster as an opportunity to put herself in the spotlight. “It’s not about the environment, it’s about her career,” said one critic.

Curtis’s comments were not the only ones that were met with ridicule. Many other celebrities have been criticized for using natural disasters as a way to gain publicity.

Celebrities should introduce their opinions in ways beneficial to both their cause and those affected by their cause.

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News Corp., NBC to launch YouTube-style video site

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LO ANGELES — NBC and News Corp. are set to launch an advertising-supported online video site that hosts programming from varied entertainment companies as well as user-generated content. The site, developed by News Corp. and NBC Universal, is a unit of General Electric Co., offers free viewing of full-length films and TV episodes.

It will host programming from the two networks, as well as TV shows and films from Sports Illustrated, MTV, and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. “Another kind of show with shows and films,” rather than networks, Hulus chief executive officer, said. “When you aggregate great content together, it makes things easier for the user.”

Hulu’s debut comes amid tensions between entertainment companies and pay-fee networks, such as HBO and MSNBC, who are unhappy with unauthorized clips from shows often appear.

In his book, “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart,” YouTube has said it follows copyright laws by removing protecting videos upon request.

Hulu will legally offer hundreds of episodes of current shows such as NBC’s “The Office” and Fox’s “Beverly Hills, 90210.”

The shows will be available on Hulu.com, as well as on distribution partners’ Web sites, such as AOL, MSN, MySpace, Yahoo and Comcast.

It will provide viewers with tools that let them embed full episodes on their own blogs, Web sites or personal profile pages. Users would also be able to select short clips from shows, such as Jay Leno’s monologue on “The Tonight Show,” and e-mail a link to the content to friends.

The services give Web users unprecedented flexibility to legally republish copyrighted content, observers said.

“The technology they’ve put forward is not only good for the user, but it also benefits the networks,” said one observer.

Hulu will offer some premium content not available on NBC or Fox’s local Web sites in a move at odds with some other networks that have tried to direct viewers to their own online content.

The services allow for a more interactive experience, where users can rate and review content, and leave comments on episodes.

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Hulu also offers more flexibility to users, who can watch full episodes on their own time, and customize their viewing experience.

But Hulu faces a number of challenges, such as the expense of hosting content and limited legal control. "Celebrities should introduce their opinions in ways beneficial to both their cause and those affected by their cause."
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MAUCK

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“Tennis isn’t anything that comes up that he hasn’t experienced and doesn’t have a good answer to, and that’s what’s been great,” Limegrover said. “He’s been like having a two-year coaching clinic with him around.”

In a playing career that spanned 13 seasons, Mauck played one season with the Colts after being drafted by them in the 13th round of the 1969 NFL Draft — a round of the draft that doesn’t exist any more.

What it came down to, Mauck said, was the belief that he could make it.

“It still comes down to what happened between those white lines out there,” he said.

In Baltimore, Mauck played with Johnny Unitas, a Hall of Fame quarterback.

Mauck said Unitas was an amazing person who treated everyone on the roster the same, but never imagined playing with Unitas after watching him while growing up.

“When I was 11 years old, I watched him win the NFL championship in sudden death overtime in New York Yankee Stadium against the New York Giants, and 10 years later I was playing with him,” Mauck said.

Mauck also started the first playoff game in the Miami Dolphins’ history in the 1970 season, then played with the San Diego Chargers from 1971 to 1974 and the Houston Oilers from 1975 to 1981.

With San Diego and Houston, Mauck accumulated 136 starts in a row, and played in the AFC championship games with the Oilers in 1978 and 1979.

Mauck blocked for Hall of Famer running back Earl Campbell in Houston, helping clear the way for Campbell during his four Pro Bowl seasons.

Mauck said blocking for the 232-pound Campbell was like standing in the path of a speeding freight train.

“You go out there on that damn railroad track right there and you close your eyes, and when a train comes by, when you were blocking for Campbell, that’s what it sounded like,” Mauck said.

When his playing career ended after the 1981 season, Mauck said he didn’t think he would ever coach, because of the hours coaches work. Before becoming an offensive line coach for New Orleans in 1982, under then-coach Bum Phillips, Mauck was starting a radio show in Houston.

Mauck said his persistent style of play coupled with his modest beginnings as a 13th round draft pick aided his transition from player to coach.

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Mauck’s presence on the field was felt by his players.

Senior left tackle Darren Marquez said he wouldn’t feel his blocks, because he couldn’t hide his aggressiveness.

“I don’t sugarcoat anything for nobody,” Marquez said.

Seniors Aundrea Tailfeather and Sahnie Tsila Mvilongo said Mauck is an experienced and knowledgeable coach.

“ợi has been working with people who have never been in this situation,” Tailfeather said.

Mvilongo said Mauck has family and grandchildren in Tanzania — where he plans on moving after the season.

“Thi is smart husband, he would know you are wasting your time,” Mvilongo said.

Mauck said his future would be different than the present.

“Life is a battle, he said.

“The future holds for me the same thing it held for me when I came here,” Mauck said. “I don’t get up in the morning. I’m going to battle somebody as until the damn day is over, I don’t know who’s as it is, but I’m going to be battling.”

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**Saluki Insider**

With their victory Sunday, the Boston Red Sox won their second World Series in four seasons. The New England Patriots have won three Super Bowls so far this decade, and are undefeated so far this season. With the Boston Celtics offseason acquisitions, do they have a chance at becoming the next modern Boston dynasty?

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

Carl Muck

"G. and Ray Allen’s addition to the lineup will no doubt fill up more seats at the Garden, but — as Jerry Buss proved in 2004 — money may buy the rings, but it doesn’t guarantee you’ll get the chance to wear them. The superstars’ last long-lasting hunger for those rings may take them out of the East, though."

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**GUEST COMMENTATOR: KEVIN DORAN**

"It’s a good start and they should put up a lot of wins this year. If those three stay healthy they should have a good chance of winning, and fans admit "the way you start dynasties is with acquiring players like that."

— SIU cross country runner Kevin Doran

**VOLLEYBALL**

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**Sports**

**DENVER — Three World Series sweeps in the past four years, with a league-best 95 wins this season, and a hotter-than-ever Colorado Rockies got under way, the big boys from the American League easily dispatched their NL counterparts again.**

"To go through this from Day 1 until now with people that you really, really care about makes it really special," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said Sunday night after his team closed out the Rockies with a 4-3 victory at Coors Field.

Still, for many fans, the only real excitement this month came in the AL championship series as the Red Sox slogged from a 3-1 deficit to defeat Cleveland in seven games. Once the World Series got under way, the big boys from the American League easily dispatched their NL counterparts again.

Starting with Boston’s sweep of St. Louis to end an 88-year title drought in 2004, AL teams have dominated three-dynasty Series in the last four seasons. The Chicago White Sox swept Houston in 2005, and the Red Sox outscored Colorado 29-10 this year.

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**The Associated Press**

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Mauck’s curtain call

Former NFL player, coach wants final season to end with championship

Scott Mieszala

Carl Mauck didn’t think he would last long when the Baltimore Colts switched him from linebacker to center during training camp in 1969.

Mauck, now the tight ends coach for the SIU football team, had played middle linebacker for the Salukis from 1966 to 1968. But in making his switch to center, he played 13 years in the NFL, which led to his stint as an offensive line coach in the NFL for 24 years.

Now, after serving as an assistant coach at SIU for the last two years, Mauck plans to retire at the season’s end, and his goal is to help the No. 6 Salukis (7-3, 3-1 Gateway) win a national championship in his final year.

Mauck isn’t pushing the Salukis harder than he normally would, he said, and it hurt when SIU lost on Oct. 13 at Northern Iowa, 30-24.

“When Northern Iowa beat our ass, it hurt just as much as the first damn time I ever got beat in my life,” Mauck said. “I don’t like to lose. I hate to lose. The thought of losing drives you — drives me more than the thought of winning.”

Offensive line coach Matt Limegrover said a lot of the Salukis have learned to think just like Mauck.

“His aura about him is just intense, and she brings it. I know it makes me play better and I think it does for the rest of the team,” said senior middle blocker Chandra Roberson.

Though the Salukis (12-12, 4-9 MVC) lost both weekend matches against the top two teams in the conference, Berwanger’s return marked a step in the right direction, teammates and coaches said.

Berwanger, the team captain, is a clear vocal leader on the court and, as one of the most tested players on a young squad, a valuable asset to her teammates, sophomore middle blocker Chandra Roberson said.

“It’s definitely obvious that when she comes back on the court that something changes about us,” Roberson said. “Her aura about her is just intense, and she brings it. I know it makes me play better and I think it does for the rest of the team.”

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