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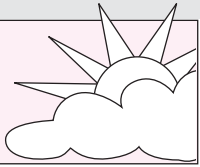
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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

Are the Stars out tonight?

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American's
best do battle
in Cleveland.



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PHOTO COURTESY OF ILLINOIS SENATE

Gov. Jim Edgar signs a bill Monday in Springfield boosting pension benefits for employees of state government and public universities.

Edgar signs retirement bill New plan will increase state workers' pensions

By MATT ERICKSON
Managing editor

Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar signed legislation Monday that will improve pension benefits for state employees — including educators — for the first time in more than 25 years.

The agreement forces employees to voluntarily give up any pay raises for 1998 and all payments for any future sick leave days they may have accumulated to offset the majority of the costs of the legislation.

Edgar said he signed the legislation partly because he believes post-retirement security is essential for employees of the state.

"Illinois state employees deserve an adequate measure of security in their retirement years," Edgar said in a press release Monday. "This legislation puts Illinois state retirement benefits at least on par with benefits offered by most other states."

Eastern President David Jorns was out of town Tuesday and could not be reached for comment on the new legislation.

The legislation provides for a new retirement formula for the State Employees Retirement System (SURS) that will increase pension benefits for the average state worker by a reported 50 percent to 60 percent.

This new formula, under House Bill 110, will affect approximately 63,000 state employees in Illinois. The new legislation will also improve the retirement benefits of the members of SURS.

According to the new formula, the average state employee earning a salary of \$32,311 per year with 23 years of service at the time of retirement would see retirement benefits increase from roughly \$670 a month to about \$1,034 per month — a 54 percent increase.

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Percussion camp invades Eastern

'Hard work' being instilled in participants

By DAN FIELDS
Editor in chief

Individuals ranging from adults to those in junior high are participating this week in the United States Percussion Camp.

The host and founder of the camp is Johnny Lee Lane, an Eastern professor of music.

The camp, which is a week-long summer event, started Sunday and will conclude on Saturday.

There are numerous classes that the students will have an opportunity to learn hands-on experience from. The classes include: Latin Percussion, Marching Percussion, Drumset, Snare Drum and Timpani.

Dustin Palmer, a 13-year-old student from Salem, explained that although the work at the camp is difficult, the rewards are great.

"It's kind of hard work, but it's worth it," Palmer said. "I've never touched anything in Latin before — it's pretty cool."

Sam Hoy, 13, of Paducah, Ky., said the camp is the wrong place to be if you don't want to learn.

"I think it's a real nice experience for beginners as well as experts," Hoy said. "If you just come here to goof off, you're not going to get anything out of it. If you don't practice,

Just be prepared for a week of hard work. You need to be able to read music — definitely."

— Dustin Palmer
Camp participant

you're not going to get very far."

Hoy said he practices nearly every chance he gets.

"I do my practices right before class in the morning, after lunch and in my free hour," Hoy said.

One camper in particular is appreciative of the staff on campus.

Chris Wilson, a 14-year-old from Mediapolis, Iowa, got tangled up with a lawn mower back home. Consequently, he "cut up" a toe on his right foot.

Wilson said that he's occasionally had to use a wheelchair and the staff has accommodated him nicely.

"I have to go around in a wheelchair and the staff is real nice and a lot of fun — they've helped me a lot," Wilson said. "(The camp) is a lot of fun, but it's a lot of hard work too."

When asked to give future students advice about the camp, Palmer explained that students will learn a lot if they come prepared.

"Just be prepared for a week of hard work," Palmer said. "You need to be able to read music — definitely."

Lane was not able to be reached for comment Tuesday evening.

ICTC to raise costs for directory assistance

But increase will allow callers to dial just one number — 411 — for service

By DAN FIELDS
Editor in chief

Area residents will see an increase in costs placed to local directory assistance beginning Aug. 1. But the tradeoff to the increased cost will enable callers to dial 411 for national directory numbers as well as local assistance.

Charlene Homan, spokesperson for Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company, said the increase will help provide more workers to staff the company's expanding directory assistance service.

"We'll be adding more operators for national and local directory assistance," Homan said. "It was approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission. It will only increase by 10 cents for a call — which is not a significant increase."

The decision to raise the rates, Homan said, was made by Illinois Consolidated management. She added that ICTC has 37 towns in its service.

Local directory assistance rates, for listings within the 217 area code, will increase a dime to 45 cents. The last time the rates were raised was in 1994, when there was a five-cent increase.

Homan said Illinois Consolidated was able to offer both national and local directory assistance through the acquisition of a new database.

Homan said ICTC had trouble with its

“Many other telecommunications companies are adjusting prices of services with the cost of providing them to stay competitive while still covering the costs.”

— Rick Hall,
Illinois Consolidated
Telephone Company

database nearly five years ago, and contracted its directory assistance service to Ameritech. But with the new database, Homan said the company will

now be able to handle the service itself, along with being more efficient.

"We're now taking the first step," Homan said. "ICTC thought they could provide better service in the community through this database."

Rick Hall, senior manager for operator services, said in a release that his company's rates for national service is

significantly lower than national rates.

"Callers may pay up to \$3.25 for national directory assistance from other vendors," Hall said. "Consolidated's national directory assistance is priced at 85 cents per call, and an additional 20 cents if the caller wants the operator to complete the call."

Hall added that the Illinois Commerce Commission approved this rate because of understanding from increased labor costs.

"Due to higher labor costs and the addition of enhanced service, the Illinois Commerce Commission approved this rate for the 217 area code calling area," Hall said. "Many other telecommunications companies are adjusting prices of services with the cost of providing them to stay competitive while still covering

Spotlight News

Aloha for gay couples: Hawaii extends benefits

HONOLULU (AP) – Starting Wednesday, many of the benefits available to married people in Hawaii will also be offered to gay couples, siblings and roommates, under a first-in-the-nation law that was enacted to head off homosexual marriages.

The bill was expected to be signed by Gov. Ben Cayetano on Tuesday.

The law would give any two adults who can't legally marry the right to share medical insurance and state pensions. They would also get inheritance rights, the right to joint property ownership and the right to sue for wrongful death.

"This is an unprecedented

move. It's the broadest recognition of untraditional marriage ever. But this is not exactly what the gay and lesbian community asked for," said civil rights attorney Dan Foley, who represents three homosexual couples who are suing the state for the right to marry.

That lawsuit led to a Hawaii Supreme Court ruling in 1993 that it is unconstitutional to deny marriage licenses to same-sex couples. In response to the ruling, the Legislature passed the same-sex benefits bill along with a proposal that would negate the Supreme Court ruling by amending the state constitution to ban gay marriages.

Pregnancy vitamin theft to cost company millions

DENVER (AP) – A judge has ruled American Cyanamid stole an idea to improve a pregnancy vitamin, ordering the pharmaceutical giant to pay \$45 million to the University of Colorado and two of its researchers.

U.S. District Court Judge John Kane said Cyanamid relied on "stealth and deception" in claiming credit for the reformulation of its Materna vitamin to enhance the delivery of iron to pregnant women.

"Cyanamid defrauded the doctors of their idea, making that idea their own," Kane wrote Monday.

The researchers, Drs. Paul Seligman and Robert Allen, in the 1980s found a better way to deliver iron to mothers-to-be, who risk becoming anemic during pregnancy. The university said they showed their findings to a colleague, Leon Ellenbogen, who worked for Cyanamid.

Cyanamid won a patent for the breakthrough, naming Ellenbogen as the sole inventor.

Seligman and Allen each were awarded \$6 million, and the rest went to the university. A spokesman for American Home Products, the parent of American Cyanamid, declined to comment.

12 hours after their wedding, bride dies in husband's arms

MISHAWAKA, Ind. (AP) – Susie Laatz Mangan stood at her husband's side as they pledged to love each other for the rest of their lives. A few hours after their wedding, she collapsed in his arms and died.

Mrs. Mangan, 24, collapsed as she and her husband, Sean Mangan, were climbing the stairs at a bed-and-breakfast to their honeymoon suite.

Preliminary autopsy results show the avid runner and elementary school teacher died of

apparent heart failure.

"I'm happy for her that she could be married," said Andrea Borgatello, a bridesmaid. "She was so beautiful and she was the happiest she had ever been in her life. This was the most horrifying thing that could happen."

The Glenview native had been engaged since the spring of 1996. She told a friend Saturday that she'd never been more ready to do anything than marry Mangan.

Bible passage is reportedly scrutinized in Ramsey case

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) – From the beginning, the peculiarly exact demand of \$118,000 in the JonBenet Ramsey ransom note has baffled investigators.

Now, police are said to be considering the possibility that the figure was inspired by a Bible passage familiar to the little girl's mother.

The ransom note that Patsy Ramsey reported finding on Dec. 26 demanded \$118,000 for the return of her 6-year-old beauty queen daughter, who was found strangled with a cord in the family's basement about eight hours later.

Investigators initially suspected

the \$118,000 demand was chosen because it was close to the amount of John Ramsey's 1995 bonus.

But according to published reports, police now believe it could be linked to Psalm 118:27: "God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar."

"We have no response," police spokeswoman Leslie Aaholm said Tuesday of the reports in the supermarket tabloid the Globe and the Rocky Mountain News. Police Chief Tom Koby did not return calls from The Associated Press.

Prosecutors know nothing of a

suspected link, said spokeswoman Suzanne Laurion.

Mrs. Ramsey underwent surgery and chemotherapy after being diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 1993. Friends of Mrs. Ramsey have said she believed she healed herself through prayer.

In a December 1994 interview with Colorado Woman News magazine, Mrs. Ramsey touted the book "Healed of Cancer" by cancer survivor Dodie Osteen, who offers "40 Healing Scriptures Used to Win the Battle Over Cancer." Included on that list is Psalm 118:17: "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord."

Wearing leather and crosses, Christian bikers rally in Lincoln

LINCOLN (AP) – Leather and Bibles. Harleys and crosses.

Hell's Angels and Born Again Heathens. When you love motorcycles and Jesus, strange combinations just come with the territory.

Hundreds of bikers are pouring into Lincoln this week for the Christian Motorcyclists Association's annual rally.

Some are former Hell's Angels who have changed their ways.

Others are just working couples who ride on the weekends. But all are dedicated to preaching the Gospel to other motorcycle enthusiasts.

"It's incredible to me that I can have so much fun and still spread the message of Jesus Christ," John Reeder, a Honda rider from Murphysboro, said

Tuesday.

The association, based in Hatfield, Ark., began 22 years ago and now boasts more than 60,000 U.S. members and about 15 chapters overseas.

President Herbie Shreve – a barrel-chested man with a shock of bushy gray hair and a beautiful singing voice – said the organization will give almost \$1 million this week to motorcycle-riding missionaries here and abroad. It also has produced a video, "Thundering Hope," and is buying time for it on cable channels across the country.

The association trains its members in the best ways to spread their message and encourages them to take part in secular biker rallies. They staff the gate at rallies, join in the contests and hang out with the people they hope to save.

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SURS members will see their maximum retirement annuities raised from the current 75 percent of the final earnings rate to 80 percent.

"University presidents across Illinois have told me this change will aid their efforts to recruit the finest educators, which will help our state universities and colleges as they pursue their missions of academic excellence," Edgar said.

The pension changes amount to about 4.5 percent of state payroll costs. According to a release from the Governor's Office, roughly 3.5 percent of these costs will be offset by the employees' agreement to forego cost-of-living pay raises in fiscal year 1998, to end the current policy of state payments for unused sick days accrued after Dec. 31, 1997, and to require retirees after Jan. 1, 1998, to pay part of their retirement costs of health insur-

ances coverage if they have less than 20 years of service for the state.

The balance of these costs, about 1 percent of annual payroll costs, will be paid through state funds.

The agreement between State Employees Retirement System and the Governor's Office was the result of informal talks and negotiations between Edgar's office and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31 (AFSCME) and other organizations representing state employees. The SURS agreement was the result of talks between the Governor's Office and officials from state universities.

The new legislation raises state employees' pension benefits for the first time since 1971. AFSCME Executive Director Henry Bayer said the agreement was for the ben-

efit of state employees.

"Only a decent pension can assure a dignified retirement for working people," Bayer said. "This bill . . . will provide that assurance to state and university employees. Everyone involved in this process should take pride in this historic agreement."

Edgar said one of the benefits of the new agreement is it is a "pay-as-you-go" provision, which allows the employees to contribute to their pension benefits.

". . . we have also made this a pay-as-you-go plan with employees voluntarily relinquishing pay raises next year and other benefits in the future to pay the bulk of the costs." Eastern's University Professionals of Illinois president Laurent Gosselin could not be reached Tuesday for comment on the new pension legislation.

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Making progress

Workers dug a hole in Seventh Street near Buzzard Building to connect the building's chilled water piping with the rest a campus. Seventh Street between, Hayes and Garfield Avenues, will be closed until the end of next week.

Chicago trying to fix schools

CHICAGO (AP) – Paul Vallas knew what was wrong with Chicago's schools when he was brought in to fix them: Nearly everything.

"No focus on academics at all," he declares. "Did you have cronyism? Did you have corruption? Did you have lack of standards – lack of accountability? All those things."

All those things, plus dismal student scores on standardized tests and a dropout rate around 40 percent. Chicago's public schools, said former Education Secretary William Bennett, were the nation's worst.

But that was then – before Mayor Richard M. Daley took control of the schools, and put it

in the former city budget director's hands.

This is now: Students have posted higher test scores for a second straight year. Falling enrollment at the 557 schools in the nation's third-largest district has leveled off, at about 424,000 students.

Experts say it's too early to pronounce the plan an unqualified success. But authorities in New York, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Baltimore and other cities with troubled school systems are taking note.

The game plan combines a back-to-basics philosophy with a produce-or-else approach toward principals, teachers and students alike.

Twenty-five percent of Chicago's eighth-graders – 7,392 in all – were warned recently they will flunk and have to repeat unless they get test scores up by the end of summer school.

Some parents are pained. "I know that there are people who think that threatening kids is the way to get them to do better, but I'm not that kind of parent," says Julie Woestehoff, mother of an eighth-grader and a high schooler.

But many say it's high time the schools stopped sending kids to high school even if they weren't at grade level. And while students may grumble about the new approach, they admit they are working harder.

Upper-crust pet shop has brisk sales

NEW ORLEANS (AP) – Pawlines, anyone? Perhaps a ciao-wow pizza? For pet owners who want the top treatment for their precious pooches, Three Dog Bakery is the place. The shop in the French Quarter gladly handles dog parties, weddings or even just a yappy hour.

"Business is good. We've had a tremendous response," said Anne Rogers, 32, who opened the bakery in March with her mother, Jane Rogers, 54.

Trays of doggie delicacies with names like mutt muffins are shelved in wicker baskets trimmed with ribbons and dried flowers, all out of dog's reach.

The goodies are all low-fat, made from a wheat flour dough baked with garlic, peanut butter or honey cinnamon. Some are dipped in unsweetened carob or sprinkled with spices and cheese.

If it sounds good, there's a reason: The bakery employs a full-time pastry chef. Lapping it up are

Anne's golden retriever, Gratz, the maitre d'og, and Jane's West Highland white terrier, Lacie, the executive treat taster.

The Rogers got the idea for their store from a magazine article about Dan Dye and Mark Beckloff, who opened the original Three Dog Bakery in Kansas City, Mo., in 1990. The men own nine other bakeries in the United States and one in London.

The New Orleans bakery is the only one that holds pooch parties.

Zetta and Bob Hearin are planning a "south of the border" birthday bash for their Tibetan terrier, Shagi. The \$500 fiesta will include miniature sombreros for Shagi and his six guests, a Mexican buffet for the dogs – and for the people – and a live Mariachi duo.

"We're very excited," Zetta said. "One of the guest dogs is getting her nails done and bows put in her hair."

Frugal Gourmet laying low these days

SEATTLE (AP) – For years, Jeff Smith, known to millions as the Frugal Gourmet, seemed to be as omnipresent as he was omnivorous.

On 300 public television stations, the white-goated Smith delighted in tasting recipes from around the world, from Armenian meat pie to spaghetti tonnata. He promoted Columbia Crest wines and KitchenAid mixers, and his 10 cookbooks have sold 7 million copies.

But nowadays, the merry host

of the most popular cooking show in TV history is lying low, accused of molesting eight men when they were teen-agers.

Gone are the book signings that drew long lines, and the speeches and banquets that raised thousands of dollars for charity.

A religious cable channel reached its boiling point and pulled the plug on the Methodist minister's most recent cooking series, "The Frugal Gourmet Keeps the Feast." It focused on

biblical foods and their spiritual significance.

"We felt it would be best to discontinue airing the show ... until such time as the Rev. Smith has answered to those charges and cleared himself," said Portia Badham, a spokeswoman for the Odyssey network.

Frugal Gourmet sightings are more sparse, and rumors about Smith's health abound at the Pike Place Market, where he lives much of the time in a condominium that contains his test kitchen.

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Grant can only help university with new program

Following its tradition of helping as many financially needy students as possible, Eastern will continue that trend this fall. The university has been awarded an additional federal grant of \$180,000.

The new monies will be earmarked for a new student support program. The new program will be designed to provide aid to students who are the first in their family to attend college, are from low-income families or are disabled.

The program will provide assistance to students who need assistance in succeeding in college – whether it be academically or just figuring out how to adjust to college life.

This is the first year that Eastern has been awarded the grant. The grant money will come from the U.S. Department of Education's Student Support Services Program.

The particular grant Eastern is receiving is only available every five years.

The program will be administered by Johnetta Jones, who is Eastern's director of minority affairs.

Using the money to free up additional funds for students is a wise move by Eastern – especially considering the students eligible for the grant money make up a crucial part of Eastern's student population.

Jones told the *Times-Courier* she believes the program will aid in improving student retention rates and graduation rates at Eastern.

"We already have great rates, but we can always graduate one or two more," Jones said.

According to the *Times-Courier*, Eastern's graduation rate is at 69 percent. That is 13 percent above the national average of 56 percent for NCAA Division I universities.

Coming up with additional funds to aid financially needy students shows Eastern cares about its future and its students.

today's quote

Knowledge is power . . ."

– Francis Bacon

A sexy, new scent could invade campus

For those who thought they couldn't get a date, there's still hope.

Imagine putting a few dabs of a liquid substance around your neck. Easy to think of. Now visualize someone walking toward you, explaining they are turned on not only because of your mere presence, but also from this scent that surrounds you. The next thing you know, the individual wants you to make passionate love to them right there. Now.

So now imagine ... well, we'd better stop there.

Believe it or not, someone has actually schemed up some type of cologne/perfume – whatever-you-want-to-call-it – that will do just this and put it on the market.

The name of the product is "Score." Insert your own joke here.

True story. Maybe you've heard the radio ad, the one that says this product is made to bring out the "animal attraction" in you. If this is the case, heavy breathing and ripped-open clothes will be the new trend around these parts.

The company that's dishing this out claims the secret ingredient in this strange brew is called pheromones.

Never heard of it before? Same here. That's why I checked out Webster's Student Dictionary, and this is what it had to say about it: "An external animal secretion having a taste, smell, or other characteristic that stimulates a behavioral or physiological response in members of the species that produces it."

But does it really work? As much as I'd like to shell out the plastic for a bottle of this, I'm a little skeptical. I figured I'd better ask a professional on this one.



DAN FIELDS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"If this is the case, heavy breathing and ripped-open clothes will be the new trend around these parts."

Susan Woods, a professor of health studies who teaches human sexuality, said that unless you're literally an animal, you might want to initially hold off on shelling out your hard-earned cash.

"It looks like there has never been demonstrated evidence that pheromones affect human beings," Woods said. "On animals, it may affect them. But to my knowledge, there has never been documented evidence that it works on humans."

So why wouldn't this product work on a species that complains about going to class, yet spends nearly \$6,000 a year to do it in the first place?

"Pheromones are undetectable scents," Woods said. "Human beings no longer have the capacity to detect them. They do give off a scent, but it's undetectable."

But Woods said she'd be more than happy to try a few samples herself, just to see if it really works. Just don't ask her to pay for it – yet.

"If someone wants to give me some samples, I'd be happy to test it in the Coles County area," Woods said. "However, my credit card won't be out unless there's evidence that it works on humans."

Seems like sound advice to me.

But if you see some unusual activity around town – like if two people are going at it like animals – there may be a different reason behind it.

You've been warned.

– Dan Fields is editor in chief of The Daily Eastern News. His e-mail address is dan.fields@reporters.net



Clinton's efforts against racism should be noticed

President Clinton recently announced an initiative to address the issue of race in America, and empaneled a commission to study an report on race relations and diversity.

His effort was met by a curious combination of criticism and nonchalance, as some took the position that nothing would come of it, and others that too little would.

I think his effort deserves support and encouragement from all Americans of good will.

There is ample evidence that, for all the progress toward the elimination of racism in our country, we remain a sharply divided people on the issue.

A recent poll suggested a level of pessimism among black and white Americans that anything could be done to further the cause of racial jus-

your turn

tice, and that the question was simply too intractable and multifaceted to permit cogent public debate.

Such pessimism is part of the problem. In historical terms, great strides have been made in the last 50 years, far and above the changes of the first 200 years of American history.

In my lifetime alone, this country has gone from a state of de jure, that is to say, legalized racism and apartheid, to de facto, or racism by custom, to an expectation that racism by custom, to an expectation that racial discrimination is suspect and not "American."

The great victory of the civil rights movement was not only that it changed the mind set, the expectations of Americans with regard to the issue.

That great victory set the predicated of the problems and issue which remain.

The horrors of American slavery were not limited to the South, nor

were its effects limited to the 19th century. We have a duty to all those who gave their lives, who sacrificed in behalf of the ideals of this country, to continue the progress toward the complete elimination of racism.

My mother used to say, "It doesn't matter if you came here on the Mayflower, or a slave ship, or a steamer to Ellis Island, we are all in the same boat now."

It is in that vein that President Clinton has taken the step of addressing the issue head on. He should be applauded and encouraged by all of us, as we create the climate for the next victory of the fight against racism.

Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." This new initiative is a step in the right direction. It will take all of us to make it an important one.

Carol Moseley-Braun
U.S. Senator

Blood drive falls short of goal

Summer donations down because of lack of students on campus

By **MATT ERICKSON**
Managing editor

The American Red Cross was on campus Tuesday for a one-day-only blood drive. And judging by early donor numbers, the Red Cross had to go into a state of near red alert.

With only an hour and a half before the drive was scheduled to end at 4 p.m., the Red Cross had

only 60 donations. The organization's goal for Tuesday: 200 pints.

The Red Cross has urged the entire nation to donate blood. Summer months traditionally pose a concern for the Red Cross due to school closings and vacations.

The only possible explanation for the significant fall in totals in this summer's one-day drive and last summer's, which netted 202 pints, is the apparent drop of

enrollment at Eastern.

But this summer's enrollment is actually up from last summer's, although summer figures have declined in the past five years.

"We're trying to figure out why it is so low," Ida Caldwell said. "We've stood on street corners in pizza suits, we've put flyers on cars. We've been in almost every building on campus trying to get people to donate blood."

Helen Gwin said the American Red Cross' goal for the Missouri-Illinois region is 1,000 pints per day. With final figures for Eastern's drive falling well short of the 200-pint goal, the difference will have to be made up elsewhere.

"We'll have to have a drive somewhere else to make up for (the low totals here)," Gwin said.

Caldwell said Eastern is typically a donation-friendly campus, and the Red Cross can usually expect around 10 percent of Eastern's enrollment to donate blood.

"This is a really good campus," Caldwell said. "People here really donate. We usually do 10 percent, so if Eastern's enrollment for this summer was, for example, 1,000 students — we'd almost be on target."

Jill Dickerson, a Red Cross intern from Eastern, said the lack of students on campus might necessitate a lower initial goal for future summers.

"There's just not as many people down here," Dickerson said, who hadn't given yet herself because her blood pressure was not yet at an acceptable level. "Our bigger drives have a 1,200-pint goal. So maybe 200 pints is too much for the summer."

But even though enrollment on campus decreased this summer's



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Sandra Russell (right), a phlebotomist, takes the temperature of Sandy Schonk, an Athletic Department secretary, as part of the screening potential donors must go through.

drive total, members of the community still come out with great regularity. Nancy Darnier of Charleston has been giving blood for nearly half a century.

"I first started giving blood in 1950," Darnier said from her cot with a bandage stuck to her left arm. She said any pain normally associated with giving blood has never affected her. "It's never bothered me," Darnier said. "I'm doing something useful (by giving blood). And I try to come back every time — but you can't hit every blood drive."

Red Cross blood drive nurse Angie Dirks said often giving blood makes donors feel better physically than before the needle went in.

"Sometimes, it makes people feel better because they're getting rid of the old blood and bringing in

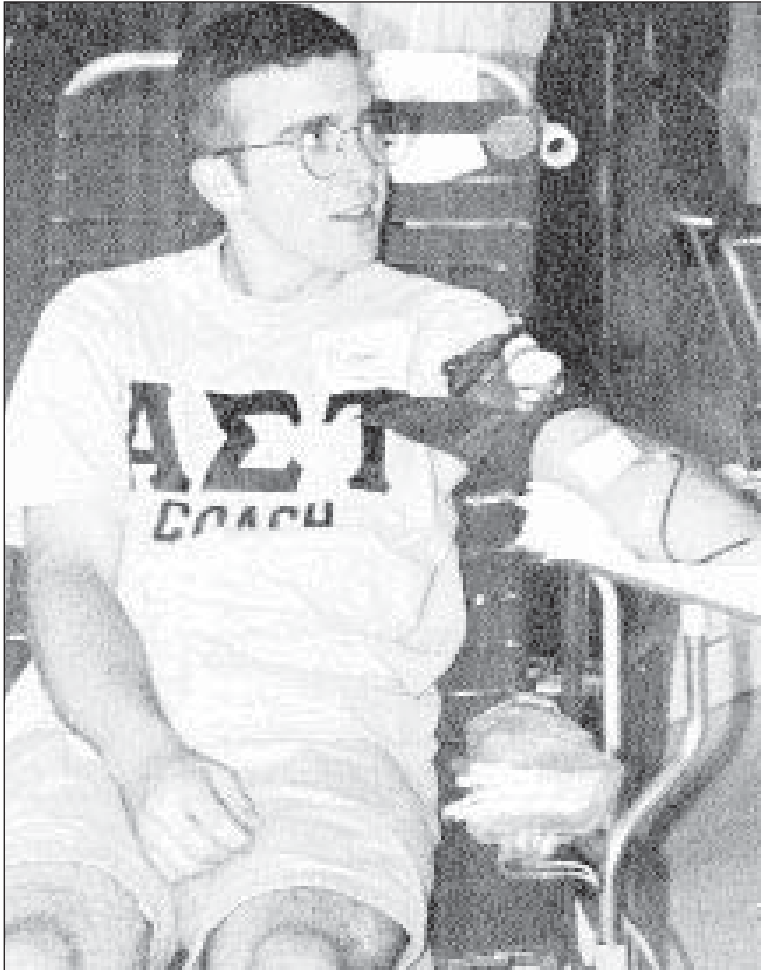
the new," Dirks said.

Even if Tuesday's drive didn't reach the pre-set goals, Caldwell said high school students on campus for summer camps have come in and expressed interest in giving blood. Although they are not yet eligible, their interest bodes well for the future.

"Some of them want to donate, but they can't yet," Caldwell said. "But at least that's a positive for the future."

Caldwell said Eastern's Blood Drive Committee, chaired by Brian Miller, is still seeking out volunteers for the committee for the fall semester. Those interested can contact Miller at the Physical Science building for more information.

The next scheduled blood drive in Charleston will be Wednesday, July 30, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 921 Madison Ave.



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Michael Bracken, a business administration graduate student, waits patiently as he gives blood Tuesday in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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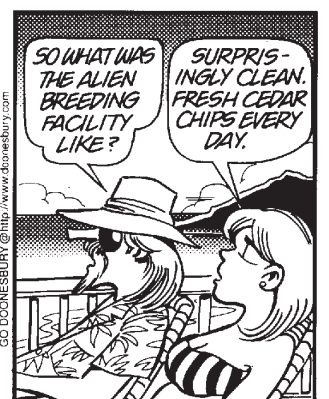
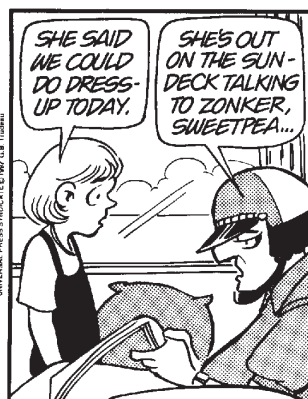
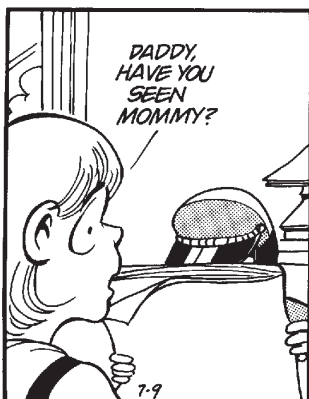
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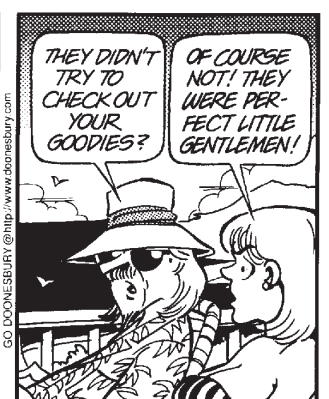
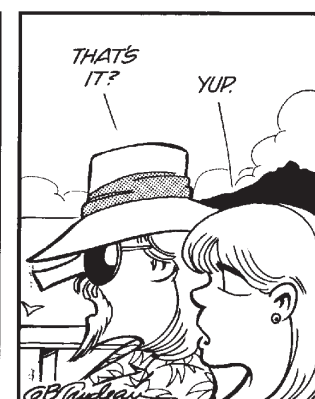
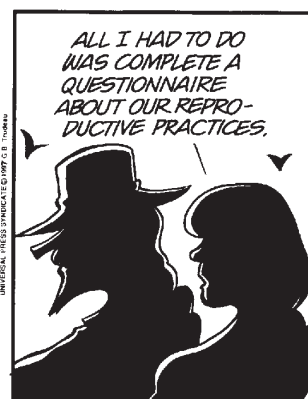
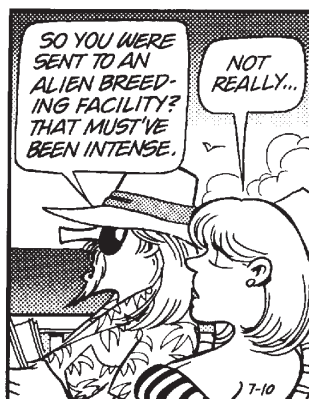
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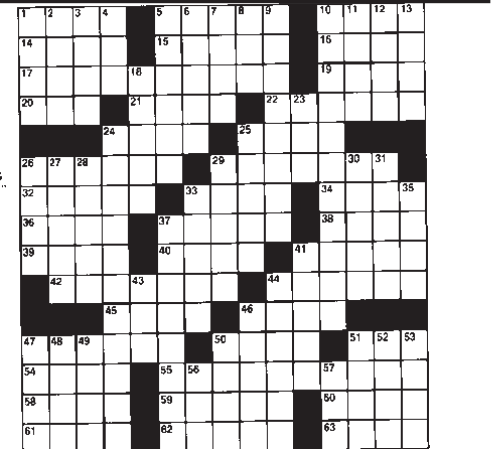
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Alzheimer's disease, gene linked to boxers, study says

CHICAGO (AP) — A gene linked to Alzheimer's disease might also explain why some boxers sustain permanent brain damage and others can take blows to the head for years without serious effects, researchers say.

The finding, described as preliminary, raises questions of whether athletes should be screened before being allowed to box, the researchers said.

Previous studies have shown head injuries increase the risk of Alzheimer's, especially in carriers of the implicated gene, called APOE-4. The gene is present in about 20 percent of people.

A study in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association suggests that boxers who inherit APOE-4 — especially those who have been punched a lot — are predisposed to developing chronic traumatic brain injury, a disorder characterized by memory loss and reduced mental capacity.

The findings have "extraordinary ramifications for

the regulation of health and safety in boxing and other high-risk sports," wrote the authors, led by Dr. Barry Jordan, a neurologist who did the research while at Cornell. He is now at Charles J. Drew University of Medicine in Los Angeles.

The presence of APOE-4 "would not necessarily preclude a boxer from participation but could be an indication to minimize or more strictly limit exposure to the sport," the researchers said.

Jordan's findings were first presented in May at a conference in Aruba on boxing medicine and were reported by The Associated Press.

Jordan, an adviser to the Association of Boxing Commissions, and his colleagues performed tests on 30 professional boxers in the New York area. They also did neurologic tests to determine the extent of brain injury.

They found that three fighters with severe chronic traumatic brain injury were all carriers of the protein.

Lobo's win streak finally ends

Streak dated back to junior season with Connecticut

PHOENIX (AP) — Even in individual sports, few athletes have had longer winning streaks than Rebecca Lobo's.

She went 102 games without a loss. Then came Monday night when her New York Liberty were beaten 69-50 by the Phoenix Mercury of the WNBA.

"She's a winner," said Nancy

Lieberman-Cline of the Mercury. "I mean, Magic Johnson won a championship in high school, won one at Michigan State and won championships in the NBA.

"But to do what she's done over the last three to four years at that level and not lose ... show me somebody else who's done that."

In a losing locker room for the first time in three years, Lobo, a consummate team player, wanted no part of talk about her.

"It just feels awful to lose, streak or no streak," she said.

"We wanted to be 8-0. My streak never crossed my mind until you guys started mentioning it. I wasn't worried about it. Right now, all I want to do is start another streak."

Lobo's junior season at Connecticut ended with a

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- Nancy Lieberman-Cline, on Lobo's winning streak

loss to North Carolina in an NCAA regional final on March 26, 1994. The streak started with Connecticut's first game the next fall.

By the time the season ended, Lobo and the Huskies were 35-0 and national champions. She then played on the U.S. national team that won 52 straight. She won

eight more in the Olympics and took the Liberty to a 7-0 start.

On Monday night, Lobo, a 6-foot-4 forward-center, missed seven of 11 shots, including her three attempts from 3-point range, and finished with eight points. She had five rebounds after pulling down 35 in the four previous games.

Lobo did not go to the free throw line in a game in which 54 foul shots were attempted. She was so frustrated by the tripping and fouling she picked up a technical foul early in the second half.

She declined to comment on the officiating, saying any criticism would just increase the fine for her technical.

"I said a curse word, and I deserved to get it," she said. "I lost my composure, and that was wrong."

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gowns or insult Mormons. He doesn't charge his opponents and try to bite their ears off.

The closest Tiger has come to controversy was being accused of telling a joke offensive to lesbians in the back of a limo during an interview with *GQ* magazine. But that blew over. Oh ... and he was at the Tyson fight last week. Hardly enough to raise a ruckus.

Tiger is the consummate role

model. He's the Jordan of golf — before Jordan had alleged ties to the mob and was an addicted gambler. Tiger is what not only golf, but sports in general, needed.

How else can you explain how a sport as "boring" as golf — in terms of event attendance, anyway — now draws more fans over the course of a tournament than the White Sox draw in 10 games? The Western brought in just about 200,000 fans over four

days.

At Cog Hill, that can be largely attributed to the phenomenon that is Tiger Woods.

Tiger is on the prowl, all over the world. He's conquered America. Next week, he'll conquer Europe at the British. He's even been compared to the Beatles.

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Sports Shorts

Van Gundy's contract extended by Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) — Even Jeff Van Gundy is surprised he's still coaching the New York Knicks nearly a year-and-a-half after replacing Don Nelson.

"There are 29 of these jobs in the world and to think that I would ever have a chance to have one when I came into the NBA eight years ago was so far-fetched I never even dreamed about it," said Van Gundy, who owns a 70-35 regular-season mark and is 10-8 in the playoffs.

When Van Gundy was given the Knicks job in March 1996, it was expected he was just keeping the seat warm until another high-profile replacement could

be found. After all, prior to Nelson, Pat Riley and Rick Pitino coached the Knicks.

On Monday, the team rewarded Van Gundy, the self-described career assistant, with a contract extension worth a reported \$7 million over three years. Last season, the Knicks won 57 games, the most ever under a first-year coach.

"To think it would happen with a franchise like the Knicks is way beyond anything I could have imagined," said Van Gundy, who finished the 1995-96 season with a 13-10 record and a loss to Chicago in the second round of the playoffs.

Pro Bowl to remain in Hawaii for 4-5 years

HONOLULU (AP) — The NFL has agreed to keep the Pro Bowl in Hawaii for another four years, possibly more, but there's a window of opportunity for other suitors for future games.

At a news conference Monday, Gov. Ben Cayetano announced the state had successfully fended off a serious challenge from Orlando, Fla., in keeping the post-season game.

"This is fabulous for the state, especially considering the Pro Bowl's huge impact on our visitor industry, which ranges from filled hotel rooms to national

television exposure, as well as the \$80-\$100 million impact it has on our economy," Cayetano said.

Under terms of a Letter of Agreement signed by the NFL and Mufi Hannemann, who was designated by Cayetano to negotiate on behalf of the state, Hawaii will pay the NFL a renegotiated \$2.5 million for the 1998 game. Under the original agreement signed four years ago, the state was to pay \$1.8 million for the game.

The following two games will cost the state \$3 million in 1999 and \$3.5 million in 2000.

Broadcaster Doggett dies

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Jerry Doggett, who broadcast Los Angeles Dodgers games from 1956-87 and announced Ryder Cup golf and Southwest Conference football, has died at 80.

Doggett died of natural causes Monday, the Dodgers announced Tuesday.

Among Doggett's broadcast partners were Vin Scully, Connie Desmond, Al Helfer and Ross Porter.

"He's one of my closest friends in the world and the best partner anyone could ever have," said Scully, who was elected to

broadcasters' wing of the Baseball Hall of Fame. "I will miss him forever."

Among Doggett's other announcing assignments were NBC-TV basketball broadcasts, the 1961 Major League All-Star game on radio, and the 1959 Ryder Cup golf tournament on television.

Doggett began his announcing career as program director for KFRO in Longview, Texas. In 1941, he moved to WRR in Dallas, beginning a 15-year career as the play-by-play announcer for the Dallas Rebels of the Texas League.

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Sports



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Tiger on course to be top sports role model ever

I was in Chicago over the Fourth of July weekend, often only a stone's throw away from Lemont — site of the PGA Motorola Western Open. Although I didn't get to Cog Hill's Dubsread course to catch a glimpse of 21-year-old sensation Tiger Woods, it was impossible not to feel his presence. Everywhere I went, Tiger seemed to be the biggest conversation piece.

The Western is now in the record books as another sign of Tiger's dominance over the golf world. But the 104th Western also proved how thoroughly he can dominate the real world.

So rarely does an athlete come into our midst who can give us glimpses of absolute perfection in the game. Rarer still does that athlete win our praises and hearts outside of the sport. Tiger has done that, despite his youth, mind you.

Tiger has arguably more confidence than any athlete of his generation has ever exhibited, save for perhaps Michael Jordan. But he manages to keep both feet entrenched firmly just on the other side of the putting green from conceit.

Not until after he sunk his final putt did Tiger wing his ball into the crowd and fling his arm into the air. But that celebration didn't last long. Tiger is all business, and he was probably already thinking about his next tournament — the British Open.

Sunday, after putting out on the 18th for a three-stroke victory and a \$360,000 pay day, Tiger talked of the man he has already replaced as golf's top legend — the Golden Bear.

"Jack Nicklaus had it," Woods said. "Every time he'd tee up, he felt he was going to beat everybody. And I think that's the mindset you have to have if you want to be able to win."

Notice Tiger's use of the past tense. Jack "had" it. But he doesn't any more. Tiger has it now. He'll still have it 30 years from now. Forty years. Fifty years from now, Tiger will still have that psyche that he's unbeatable.

And that is what will continue to put him so far ahead of the rest of the pack. The PGA Tour can look forward to Tiger hunting, but Woods — barring some serious lapse of his killer instinct mentality — will remain the elusive predator.

Off the course, Tiger is shaping up to be the type of role model athlete our nation, with newfound love of "family values," was seeking out. To our knowledge, he doesn't drink, smoke or swear. He hasn't been in prison. He hasn't been accused of forced sodomy. He doesn't die his hair, dress up in wedding

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Sandy Alomar fuels AL All-Stars

Catcher earns MVP on home field after game-winning homer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cal Ripken showed he can still pick it at a different position. The other guys around him did a pretty nice job, too.

The American League demonstrated Tuesday night that the bottom line in baseball doesn't change in the All-Star game. Pitching and defense win regular-season games and All-Star versions, too.

The National League managed only three hits — one a homer by Javy Lopez — as the American League churned out a 3-1 All-Star victory the old-fashioned way.

While Sandy Alomar provided the most crowd-pleasing moment

with his game-winning homer and Randy Johnson provided the signature moment by throwing a pitch over Larry Walker's head, the AL's pitching and defense decided the 68th All-Star game at Jacobs Field.

The AL took hits away with swift glove work, throttled the NL's best hitters with its pitching and took advantage of a huge NL miscue.

The glove work wasn't as spectacular as Alomar's shot, but it proved the difference right from the start.

There was second baseman Roberto Alomar — Sandy's brother — diving to steal a hit from Craig

Biggio with a runner on first in the third inning. Bottom line: NL doesn't score.

Ripken, who made a reluctant move to third base from shortstop this season, took two more hits away in the fifth as the NL's futility grew. He made a backhanded stop on Ken Caminiti's grounder and threw him out, then charged Jeff Blauser's weak grounder and made a barehanded catch and throw to nail him.

Bottom line: still a zero on the board for the NL.

Finally, Joey Cora ranged deep into right field to grab Tony Gwynn's grounder and throw him

out in the sixth, keeping the NL's best hitter hitless after three at-bats.

Bottom line: another zero on the scoreboard.

The NL's best rally of the game also got snuffed out by defense.

With Barry Bonds on third and Mike Piazza — last year's All-Star MVP — on first base and one out in the fourth, Piazza tried to advance on a ball that bounced in front of catcher Ivan Rodriguez.

Bad move. Rodriguez recovered quickly and threw him out at second, resulting in a familiar bottom line.

No runs, no hits.



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Swingin' away

Cory Ford, 11, of Charleston, hits a two-out fly to center driving in two runs Monday night on the Seaton Sports Complex's Panther Field. His hit gave Styx Baseball Club a one-run lead against the CCAR Baseball Club, which it never gave up.

Cardinals a big dud at the All-Star break

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The All-Star break doesn't figure to be too relaxing for the St. Louis Cardinals. Not the way they're playing.

"I'm sure it's something that will be aggravating to the guys," manager Tony La Russa said after the defending NL Central champions got swept by the Pittsburgh Pirates over the weekend.

The NL Central is there for the taking, but the Cardinals just keep backpedaling. Last fall they were one game shy of the World Series, but at the break they're 41-45.

They'd be buried deep in any other division in the majors.

They're lucky there's plenty of time for redemption — they trail the overachieving Pirates, who are 43-43, by two games.

Injuries to key starters Brian Jordan, Donovan Osborne and Tom Pagnozzi have held the team back somewhat, but inconsistent hitting from the heart of the order and bad timing has hurt

more.

"It's been mediocre playing," said Osborne, who injured his groin May 2 and began rehab assignment with Triple-A Louisville on Monday.

"We've got a ways to go," center fielder Ray Lankford said.

"We've got some things we definitely need to work on." Where to start? Ron Gant is a good spot. The highest-paid Cardinal, in the second season of a five-year, \$25 million deal, leads the league with 97 strikeouts — one shy of last year's total.

Even when he makes contact, not much is happening. Gant, who sat out the series finale against Pittsburgh with a sprained right ankle, is batting .229 with 12 home runs and 40 RBIs.

He's miscast in the second spot and he's also been shaky in left field. He gave away one game in the Pirates series when he allowed a ball to sail over his head with two outs in the ninth inning.

Kansas City could join NL, Pacific, Mountain teams in same division

CLEVELAND (AP) — Kansas City could switch to the National League, and baseball's eight Pacific and Mountain time zone teams could be grouped together if the sport switches back from six divisions to four next year.

As many as 14 teams could change divisions and leagues next year under the most radical of the plans discussed Tuesday by baseball's realignment committee.

"The major objective is to put teams together geographically so that it would enhance the rivalries," said committee chairman John Harrington, the chief executive officer of the Boston Red Sox.

With the addition next season of Arizona to the NL and Tampa Bay to the AL, baseball's current plan calls for two 15-team leagues in 1998 with three divisions in each.

But Harrington said owners might change to a 16-team league and a 14-team league, with two divisions in each. In that scenario,

Anaheim, Arizona, Colorado, Oakland, Seattle, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco may be grouped in a "Pacific" Division.

"It's a longshot. It's a stretch. But it's possible," Harrington said on the field prior to the All-Star game.

Among other possibilities:

■ Montreal, Toronto and Detroit could be grouped together in a "Northern" Division.

■ Houston and Texas could be grouped together in one division.

■ Florida and Tampa Bay could be placed into the same division.

"We have two or three alternatives that we're push-pulling on," said Harrington, who intends to discuss the viability of his committee's latest ideas. He hopes to hold another committee meeting in about 10 days and a special meeting of all owners late this month or in August.