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# The DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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## Making 'FutureGen a reality'

**US senator Dick Durbin visits Coles County to address local Democratic party**

**By Thomas Stevens**  
Opinions Editor

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., denounced Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman's recent decision to completely terminate the FutureGen contract as despicable, but still remains openly optimistic.

Durbin toured Coles County this Saturday and informally addressed a crowd of about 75 at the Mattoon Golf and Country Club on Saturday afternoon.

Durbin's visit was a make-up for a canceled Coles County Democrats event in April. His speech touched on issues important to the Democratic Party, the upcoming election and Democratic supporters, but he assured the crowd that FutureGen is still a viable project despite major setbacks.

Durbin said that FutureGen will go ahead as planned only if the upcoming administration will work together. The FutureGen contract officially ended on June 15, but Durbin believes the next U.S. president will revive the project.

"We're going to wait them out," Durbin said. "I'm counting the days when Mr. Bodman will be a private citizen again on January 20, 2009. And we're going to make FutureGen a reality."

"We're going to make sure the next president works with this Congress to bring this plant to our area," Durbin said.

Angela Griffin, president of Coles Together, is "very optimistic that will happen." Coles Together, the FutureGen Alliance and partners involved in the project continue working to bring FutureGen to Coles County.

"Many partners are still working on it," Griffin said, and will continue to work towards the success of FutureGen "until the new administration takes over."

Other stops on Durbin's tour of Coles County included a visit to Lerna to survey tornado damage and a meeting with Coles Together.

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Sen. Dick Durbin, D. Ill., signs a bumper sticker for an audience member following his speech at the Mattoon Golf and Country club on Saturday afternoon.

## A granite memory arrives

**Commemorative bench placed in University Police Department lobby for officer**

**By Ashlei Maltman**  
City Reporter

Sunday was the one-year anniversary of Eastern Police Officer Randy Taggart's fatal heart attack. Randy was 46 years old when he died in his Casey home – just 10 days short of his birthday.

"He came home and he'd been at work all day," his daughter Melanie said. "He was qualifying for his (firearm license). He came home and lied down for a nap and he couldn't get comfortable. He then passed away of a heart attack."



Taggart worked in the Eastern's University Police Department since 1996. His duties included patrol and training, but he was also very interested in community policing, Eastern Police Chief Adam Due said.

**Randy Taggart**

In remembrance of Taggart, a black granite bench was placed in the lobby of the UPD building. Engraved on the bench is his badge, his portrait, and his years of service. Donna Taggart, Randy's wife, said the money for the bench was donated in lieu of flowers.

"I can't even express how much I appreciate that it's going to be here and that people can remember that he was a part of this office," Melanie said. "People can see he was a respected man because he took his job seriously and he loved it."

"He was very dedicated and professional on the job," Due said.

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## Communities still on edge as water keeps rising

The Associated Press

As floodwaters crept higher Monday, some Illinoisans filled even more sandbags to protect their homes and businesses — and hoped rivers would crest where experts said they would — while others recognized the only thing left to do was leave.

From the far north edge of Illinois down to communities that look across the Mississippi River to Missouri, people wondered when rivers finally would crest.

In some spots they heard it would be Tuesday, but others knew it will be later in the week and even next week as water continued to seep south from Wisconsin.

They watched parking lots turn into ponds and streets into what look like boat launches. They stepped on ground so saturated that water was simply seeping underneath sandbags rather than going over them. And some were either staying in shelters or visiting them to see where they might have to go in the event they're forced from their homes.

"It's coming up the street," said Jeneane DeSherlia, who was moving everything on the first floor of a three-story building she and her husband own in the Mississippi River community of Grafton to the higher floors in anticipation of the ground floor being a couple feet underwater within the next few days. "It's getting closer."

In the tiny Mississippi River town of Keithsburg, 185 miles to the north, water had been pouring onto the streets and into homes since Saturday when a levee burst, with water levels climbing higher and higher.

Just between Sunday night and Monday morning, said Alderman George Askew, water went from 3 or 4 feet in some parts of town to sitting as high as 5 feet.

If the river crests there Tuesday just above 25 feet, or about 11 feet above flood stage as the National Weather Service has said, "Our town will be halfway saved," Askew said Monday. "I hope they know what they're talking about."

There also was growing concern about drinking water. In north-

ern Illinois' Antioch Township, for example, some people stopped drinking well water out of concern it is contaminated by flood water, said resident Merry Ladewig.




"We're hoping the Red Cross will come out here soon and bring us drinking water," she said.

About 300 miles southwest, drinking water was of particular concern in Quincy, where there is a water treatment plant. Though officials were confident Monday the plant was well protected from the swollen Mississippi, if floodwater reached the plant, "It could potentially take out the water supply for 40,000 people," said David Rudduck, a spokesman for Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

If residents suddenly found themselves without water, the state has a stockpile of nearly 100,000 gallons that can be sent to communities that need it, according to the governor's office.

At the same time, 600 National Guard troops and 100 Air National Guard troops have been deployed to the western part of the state, as well as more than 200 minimum security prison inmates. Over the weekend, the troops filled a half-million sandbags and placed them along the river and levees.

Monday afternoon, they were in the process of filling another half-million and placing them near the Sny Island Levee, just south of Quincy.

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| <p>TUESDAY</p>  <p>77°   58°</p> <p><b>Sunny</b></p> | <p>WEDNESDAY</p>  <p>78°   58°</p> | <p><b>WEATHER THIS WEEK</b></p> <p>The sun will be out most of this week. Some cloud cover will appear in the middle of the week, but temperatures will stay up near the mid 70's to 80's. Expect storms near the end of the week and into the weekend.</p> |
| <p>THURSDAY</p>  <p>80°   62°</p>                    |   |   |

## Replacing Russert tough task for NBC News

The Associated Press

NEW YORK— Still reeling from Tim Russert's death, NBC News must now contemplate replacing the man who not only dominated the Sunday morning talk shows, but served as chief political commentator and ran the Washington bureau.

The "Meet the Press" host had what was arguably the most important and far-reaching job in television news, particularly in an election year. He died of a heart attack Friday while preparing for another week's edition of "Meet the Press."

NBC wasn't talking about potential successors while planning Russert's wake on Tuesday and memorial service Wednesday that will be televised on MSNBC from the Kennedy Center. Top anchor Brian Williams cancelled an appearance Monday at the Peabody Awards to be with his stricken staff.

NBC has potential successors to Russert on "Meet the Press" already within the company. The decision has big financial implications, since the show reportedly earns more than \$60 million a year in profits with relatively few expenses and often has a waiting list of potential advertisers.

"Hardball" host Chris Matthews is the best-known internal candidate. He already has a Sunday talk show syndicated by NBC Universal that's very competitive with the networks, despite taping on Friday. "The Chris Matthews Show" averages about 2.3 million viewers, less than CBS' "Face the Nation" and more than Fox's show with Chris Wallace.

Matthews, a relentless talker, would have to change his style to fit in to Russert's "Meet the Press" reportorial template. Along with MSNBC's "Countdown" with Keith Olbermann, he represents an opinionated style that would change the course of the show, and already caused controversy this political season by saying Hillary Clinton became a senator and a candidate for president because "her husband messed around."

Matthews' long history of strong opinions is in stark contrast to Russert's nimble, middle-of-the road approach — and could be reason enough for NBC to look elsewhere. And moving Matthews to "Meet the Press" would likely end his syndicated show, another disincentive to

NBC. Washington hands David Gregory and Andrea Mitchell are lesser-known, but fit into the objective reporting format that made "Meet the Press" with Russert the first stop for Washington newsmakers. Outsiders Gwen Ifill of PBS' "Washington Week," a former NBC correspondent, and CNN's John King could fit the same mold.

There's some sentiment within NBC News to have Williams or retired anchor Tom Brokaw — who filled in this past Sunday — to sit in temporarily, perhaps through the election. That course would give NBC the chance to find a new host and build a format around that person's strengths outside the crucible of an election season.

But that could impose a brutal 7-day-a-week schedule on Williams and keep the semi-retired Brokaw busier than he'd like to be.

Russert was a fixture beside first Brokaw, then Williams, on election nights with his contagiously enthusiastic analysis. He was a frequent guest of the "Today" show, explaining the latest political developments.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

## Collision stops traffic



SILAS PEPPE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

An eastbound tractor trailer, driven by Joshua A. Woodward, collided with a white car (above) driven by Edward Walker, at the intersection of 12th Street and Lincoln Avenue at 1:41 p.m. on Monday. According to Charleston Police officer Tony West, no one was injured in the collision.

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# Senate to hear controversial proposals

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

**Rick Kambic**  
Editor-in-Chief

The Faculty Senate meets today for its one summer session. A controversial communication will be introduced among the remaining presentations from the Spring semester.

"Peggy Stockdale, Council of Illinois University Senates, community colleges' proposal to break away from the Illinois Board of Higher Education and offer four year degrees," the senate agenda reads.

Faculty Senate Chairwoman Lynne Curry said she's not sure if the senate will follow-up on the issue when the Fall term begins.

"Item A is quite interesting," Curry said. "Four-year institutions find this potentially troubling, particularly since some community colleges are also lobbying to be able to offer four-year degrees."

"Actually, they are talking about two separate issues and legislation," said Don Severner, deputy director for External Relations, of the senate's agenda item. "House Bill 1434 is the so-called Harper College bill that would allow the college in Palatine to offer two pilot baccalaureate degrees."

The two pilot degree programs would be for a Public Safety Administration and Homeland Security degree and a Technology Management degree.

"The other issue was a series of bills that would have given more autonomy to community colleges and Illinois Community College Board with respect to capital project approval, academic program approval, and budgets," Severner said.



The Daily Eastern News Photo by Erin Matheny

Faculty Senate Chairwoman Lynne Curry interacts with students at the Faculty Forum in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

House Bill 1434 has drawn a lot of attention in getting passed through the Illinois House of Representatives, but it didn't make it out of committee.

"It has been around for about four years and passed the House last year and nearly got to the Senate floor this year," Severner said. "So, it has gained a lot of support since it was first proposed."

Erin Holmes, media relations specialist at Harper College, said the bill will be pursued in the next fiscal year.

"We're extremely dedicated to the bill because it's in need for our community, and the bill's not dead yet," Holmes said. "The point of our

bill was to pursue Bachelor's degrees that nearby four-year schools don't offer."

While Eastern's senate will only be reading the communication and allowing time for discussion, other universities have kept a close eye on the legislation.

"IBHE and the Illinois Community College Board opposed it, as well as public and private universities. The IBHE opposition was based on the belief that it was premature for the legislature to make such a fundamental change in the structure of higher education while the IBHE is conducting a master planning initiative designed to come up with a Public Agenda for higher

education." Colleges and universities have paid lobbyists in Springfield and House Bill 1434 was the target for many of those lobbyists.

"Other universities have come out to strongly oppose us and have spent some big money to put up roadblocks on it," Holmes said.

Holmes said Northern Illinois has offered to provide these degree programs on Harper's campus and have invited negotiations between the administrations.

However, Holmes said the college's president isn't sure that an agreement would solve all the potential academic needs of the community.

# Cadets spread their wings at flight camp

Johnson Flight Academy gives Civil Air Patrol teens opportunity to fly

**CHRISTIE DUCOTE** | COMMANDANT OF THE CADETS

**"Balloons are just so peaceful. You are just sort of suspended in the air."**

By Kristina Peters  
Campus Reporter

Conor Clark wants to become a pilot and the Johnson Flight Academy is giving him the experience he needs.

Clark, 17, from Dixon, is a first-time cadet at the academy. However, it is not his first time flying aircraft.

He has flown powered aircraft and gliders before.

"I've always been interested in flight," Clark said.

Clark said his interest in flying began when he was in seventh or eighth grade because a lot of his friends were joining the air force. Clark is also considering being a pilot in the air force or a commercial pilot.

Clark expanded the aircrafts he can fly by operating a hot air balloon at the Johnson Flight Academy this week. The weeklong camp ends Saturday.

"Our mission is to create aerospace leaders," said camp director Rickey Oeth.

It was Clark's first time flying a hot air balloon.

Clark said flying a hot air balloon is different than most would think.

"A balloon drops a lot faster than you'd expect it to," he said.

The hot air balloon was not Clark's first choice, but he said he is happy with it. Clark originally wanted to fly the powered aircraft, but the slots were full.

At the academy, cadets from the age of 14 to 20 can pick whether they want to learn how to fly powered aircraft, gliders or hot air balloons.

Oeth said of the 53 cadets, 25 are flying powered aircraft, six are flying hot air balloons and 22 are flying gliders.

The Civil Air Patrol has a fleet of aircraft and the Johnson Flight Academy is using seven powered aircraft, three gliders and two hot air balloons.

Oeth said there have been a few ups and downs with the aircraft because of maintenance, but that is to be expected.

One glider, while being towed by an airplane, was damaged by the winds and hit a runway light. Oeth said it was no big deal.

"We clean out one or two of those a year," he said.

Some of the cadets at the camp attend year after year, which Oeth said is normal.

"Some students are career minded," he said. "Others are here to say they've done it."

Steve Peters, a Civil Air Patrol colonel, has had three sons who have attended the Johnson Flight Academy. He said the oldest son is now a Black Hawk pilot in the U.S. Army.

"It started here," Peters said. "Time and time again we have so many success stories."

Some cadets even come back to become staff volunteers at the camp.

Christie Ducote, commandant of the cadets, has been coming to flight camp since 2002 and now works as a volunteer.

The volunteers at the academy work for free. "We all pay to be here," Oeth said.

There are about 40 to 50 adults here supporting about 50 cadets.

Ducote said being on the other end of the

camp is very different, but cool.

"It's cool being able to see (cadets) experience what you've experienced," she said.

Ducote has been exposed to flying since she was young. Her father, mother and grandfather all fly for a hobby.

"It's a hobby for me too," she said. While Ducote was at the flight camp, she flew the gliders and hot air balloons.

"Balloons are just so peaceful," she said. "You are just sort of suspended in the air."

Ducote said the balloons are flown at sunrise and sunset – the most gorgeous times of the day.

Ducote did not fly the powered aircraft when attending the camp; however, she does have a license to.

When comparing gliders and powered aircraft, Ducote said gliders take more skill to fly.

"It takes a little more finesse because you don't have the engines to back you up," she said.

Cadets at the camp fly throughout the week, but only some get the chance to fly solo – without a certified instructor in the cockpit.

"One of the coolest things for me is seeing a cadet fly solo," Ducote said.

An instructor will sign off a cadet who has the skills ready to fly solo.

Oeth said that normally happens around Thursday, but does not happen for everyone.

"We don't solo that many students here," he said. "There's not enough time to go from zero to solo in seven days."

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### City Council meeting

At tonight's City Council meeting, an ordinance will be introduced to permit discharges into the city's sewer system. The ordinance will require anyone wanting to discharge water into the City's sewer system near a right of way must have 10 feet of water run through the private yard first, allowing water to sink into the ground, Mayor Inyart said.

A resolution will be passed approving the execution of State Police criminal history record information agreement. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has lowered the cost of fingerprinting from \$24 to \$19.25. The resolution would change the fee within the current agreement.

A resolution appropriating MFT Funds for the re-imbusement of Wal-Mart would also be introduced. The widening and resurfacing work on Route 16 has been completed and it has been paid. The resolution would move funds in the budget to cover the expenses, Inyart said.

A resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement for the purchase of a Knight Spreader will be discussed as well. This will be used to spread organic waste from the Waste Water Treatment Plant that has been treated onto open fields as fertilizer. The spreader will be purchased from Mattoon.

The Mayor will announcing the appointment of Phil Fanale and Gary Fritz, and the reappointment of Jackie Wilen to the Historic Preservation Commission.

The City Council approved the proposed historic district on Sixth and Seventh streets at the March 4 meeting.

The historic district would require property owners to receive a certificate of appropriateness prior to any major structural changes.

Changes would include adding on to the property, adding a porch or enclosing a porch.

Interior work, paint color, siding, landscaping and fencing would not require a certificate.

There was little discussion as the council approved the district between Eastern and the square by a 4-0 vote.

Compiled by City Reporter Ashlei Maltman.

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## Other views on news

## ON DETAINEE'S RIGHTS

Some of them have been held for as long as six years without charge, but the Supreme Court decided last Thursday that detainees being held at Guantanamo Bay could indeed appeal their detention in U.S. Federal courts.

Many critics claimed that extending full habeas corpus rights to Guantanamo prisoners would be setting a precedent to give such rights to prisoners being held in actual warzones (say Iraq or Afghanistan).

It is not clear just how important this Supreme Court ruling will turn out to be.

Still, it is important that the Court has at least set the record straight. The most disappointing part of the ruling was not that it came so late but rather that it was such a close decision.

Justice Anthony Kennedy joined Justices John Paul Stevens, David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer – generally considered to represent the more liberal wing of the court. They formed the majority against the more conservative Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia as well as John Roberts and Samuel Alito – Bush's own two appointees.

The fact that this was a 5-4 decision does not make it easier to swallow when one closely examines the arguments of the dissenters. John Roberts included plenty of harsh words for "judicial activists" whom he claims were taking powers rightly vested in elected officials. Justice Roberts should keep in mind that even though judges can cause problems by entangling themselves in tricky public policy issues, courts cannot stand by without ruling against something clearly unconstitutional without committing a different kind of sin – one that is more the equivalent of judicial inactivism.

Nathan Dixon  
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## Toothpaste for Dinner



## STAFF EDITORIAL

Our thanks to local  
emergency crews

June rains have brought tragic floods to the region and more dismay is yet to come. Times are bad when Charleston residents have to drive boats to their homes.

Other areas have been hit harder than here, and emergency response crews throughout the state need to be commended.

The June 5 rescue attempt of Mattoon resident Ralph Idleman by nearly a dozen different city, county and state emergency agencies was commendable, despite being unable to save his life.

Sometimes, the current is too strong. However, the effort and resourcefulness of area residents and emergency crews alike proved that when the time comes, help is on the way.

Compounding the problems caused by the storms was the tornado that touched down outside of Lerna on June 6 and affected residents when it tore through town.

The Red Cross' response time was short and their services were a welcome source of relief to those who were struck by the sudden storm.

Lately, there's been a lot of news about natural disasters, which are never in our own backyard. It seems that we're immune or at least lucky enough to dodge them for what seems like forever.

That's not the case, as we were reminded recently. It's reassuring to know that when these unforeseeable events occur, we're in good hands.

Our hats go off to anybody who assisted in any way, shape or form. Knowing that there are individuals nearby who are willing to help in times of need helps us rest easier.

Sen. Dick Durbin came to Coles County over the weekend and personally surveyed local areas that suffered damage from last week's storms. He is back in Washington D.C. trying to secure funding to aid area residents.

Even the governor recognized the need of area residents.

"The state has been working closely with local emergency management officials to assess their needs for assistance," Rod Blagojevich said last week.

After all the harsh accusations of Blagojevich for his irresponsible fiscal spending, he did

## OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** The recent devastating storms are passing as each day goes by, but they're still fresh in the minds of Coles County residents.

• **Stance:** Emergency crews and citizens alike jumped into action and helped their own neighbors. We commend their brave actions.

the right thing this week. He cut through the red tape.

Our sympathies go out to those who experienced tragedy from an unlikely source, within Illinois and beyond our borders.

The University of Iowa has been closed due to rising floodwater creeping into campus buildings and scholarly activities have been disrupted. Eastern's classes were not cancelled or suspended.

Iowa's campus museum had to be evacuated to preserve priceless artifacts for future learning opportunities. Eastern only suffered split tree limbs and trunks. Our campus was fortunate compared to fellow institutions of higher education.

We can only imagine the chaos or overwhelming confusion that would rip through this campus if such a natural disaster occurred during the Fall or Spring terms when the campus is full.

Leaders of Eastern's student body banded together to collect donations

for students at Union University who lost two-thirds of their residence halls on campus after a Feb. 5 tornado ripped through Jackson, Tenn.

After several tornados roamed the region, 55 people lost their lives. However, Union University only lost materials and Eastern was there for them with donations.

There's no doubt that such generosity would be present in Charleston, and neighboring communities, during major catastrophes. The resulting flooding didn't result in major casualties, but Eastern students would be there to help during any time of year.

Though the recent storms are relatively minor in comparison to other world-wide catastrophes that have been plaguing people recently, it is evident that people care. Thank you.

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BOB BAJEK

Importance  
of sports

Growing up, it wasn't school, a musical instrument or even Nintendo's Mario that defines who I am today. That designation belongs to sports.

Sports have always enthralled me as far as I can remember. I was never the one to sit down and do nothing. I liked to run and jump and play.

I used to play basketball in the backyard with my brother Lou when I was five or six. We would have dunking contests on our six foot hoop, emulating Michael Jordan or any other 90s Bull. Sometimes I still have trouble keeping my tongue in!

Lou and I also would also play baseball every day in the summer. We used a plastic ball and bat. A make-shaft pitchers mound developed.

The unfortunate aspect of our games is that we would argue every call and various physical shuffles would develop.

After a while, we grew tired of our fists and finally acquired some sportsmanship around when I was nine.

I wasn't involved in any organized sports because I was very small. However, my family and I were involved in Sokol, a gymnastics program founded in the Czech Republic in 1862.

The gym we went to was Sokol Naperville, only a five minutes drive from my house. There are many Sokol gyms located around Chicagoland, the nation and even the world.

I learned how to do cartwheels, forward rolls and events like the rings. Under the guidance of my coaches Bob and Joe Kucera, I was able to go to Level 5, a respectable skill level.

My best moves were the flyaway dismount and handstand on the parallel bars. I also won some medals in the district competitions.

As I got older, I wanted to teach gymnastics. I went to National Instructors Course in 2003 and learned how to teach kids. For the next four years, I enthusiastically taught young children Sokol gymnastics.

Being a gymnastics teacher was a phenomenal learning experience. I had to overcome my shyness, gain confidence in my abilities and relax.

These lessons I continue to take with me to college and beyond.

Sadly, athletic activity is down throughout the country. Many kids are getting overweight and lazy.

Athletic inactivity doesn't only help a child physically. It could teach him or her to be hard working, fair, confident and respectful.

Kids should be active in youth sports or even recreational play.

One solid youth organization is the National Youth Sports Corporation. According to their Web site, more than two million kids have been involved in the program.

One study, posted on the University of Purdue's news service Web site, states that children enrolled in this program between the ages 10-16 showed positive changes in their views about education, self-perceptions and sportsmanship.

I hope every kid gets involved in a sport either competitively or just for fun.

The benefits aren't only physical but extend to important life lessons that a child will not forget

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» Memory

FROM FRONT PAGE

"Off the job, he was a very genuine person and he took interest in others families and lives."

Randy and Donna were married in 1987, and it would have been their 20-year anniversary last year.

Donna said she was reluctant when Randy wanted to become a police officer but later realized he wore his uniform and carried the badge with pride.

"He always tried to remind us that he knew what he was doing (at work) and that he was always going to be careful," Melanie said.

Donna said they were childhood sweethearts. He was a big football fan and he loved rock and roll.

Before becoming a police officer, Randy was an ordained minister.

"He was always there to talk and always there to listen," fellow UPD officer Ryan Rysinger said.

Donna said the family cherishes the comments that people wrote in his guest books.

"The stories are what keeps us going," Donna said. "His memory is all over campus. In my heart, he is EIU and everything EIU stands for."

"Now that I know that peo-

ple knew who he was, I try to meet those people to hear those stories, to hear something new about him," Melanie said.

Donna and Randy had two children together, Matt and Melanie-both are Eastern graduates.

"I have learned so much in the past year (about him)," Melanie said. "It's hard to go day to day, but having so many people remember him makes it easier."

Melanie earned her bachelor's degree and is currently in the graduate program for the physical education department.

Her older brother is an Eastern alumnus who works for an insurance company.

Melanie remembers riding to and from campus with her father, fighting over the radio stations. She said one day they heard Josh Turner's "Long Black Train" three times in a row. The song was later played at his funeral in remembrance of him.

"There were a couple times I would walk through the Union and I would see him," Melanie said. "I miss those days."

Melanie keeps her father close by wearing his identification bracelet he gave Donna when they were dating.

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ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Melanie Taggart, a physical education graduate student, tells stories about her father, Sgt. Randy Taggart, while sitting on a bench dedicated in his memory.

» Durbin

FROM FRONT PAGE

While in Charleston, Durbin stopped by TRACE Photonics, Inc., a local research lab whose major customers include the U.S. Army and The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

"I believe that he was impressed with our contribution to our national security technology and he has encouraged us in our work," said Ken Bower, president and founder of TRACE Photonics.

Durbin's Director of Communications, Kristina Angerola, said that he has returned to Washington DC, and is working to secure funding for the aid of Illinois residents recently affected by severe weather.

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# Son of deported immigration activist returns to Chicago

The Associated Press

Chicago— The 9-year-old son of an immigration activist who took sanctuary at a Chicago church for a year is returning to the city for the summer.

Saul Arellano is Elvira Arellano's son and a U.S. citizen.

Elvira Arellano defied a deportation order by living at the Adalberto United Methodist Church for a year. She was arrested and deported to Mexico last year after attending a rally in Los Angeles.

Saul will live with his legal guardians in the U.S. They are the church's Reverend Walter Coleman and his wife, immigration activist Emma Lozano.

Coleman says Saul will visit old friends and will also participate in immigrant rights events.

On Friday, he'll attend a vigil in front of a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention center in McHenry County.

# Utah announces 'major' dinosaur find

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY— A newly discovered batch of well-preserved dinosaur bones, petrified trees and even freshwater clams in southeastern Utah may provide fresh clues about life in the region some 150 million years ago.

The Bureau of Land Management announced the find Monday, calling the quarry near Hanksville "a major dinosaur fossil discovery."

Several weeks of excavation by a team from the Burpee Museum of Natural History in Rockford, Ill., have revealed at least four long-necked sauropods, two carnivorous dinosaurs and possibly a stegosaurus, according to the BLM. Nearby, there are also animal burrows and petrified tree trunks six feet in diameter. It doesn't contain any new species — at least not yet — but offers the chance to learn more about the ecology of that time, said Scott Foss, a BLM paleontologist.

The fossilized dinosaurs are from the same late Jurassic period of those at Dinosaur National Monument and the Cleveland-Lloyd quarry near Price.

It could be a decade or so before the full importance of the Hanksville quarry is known, Foss said.

"It does have the potential to match the other major quarries in Utah," Foss said. "Or it may not."

Burpee Museum officials visited the site for about a week last summer and returned this year for a three-week excavation.

The area, part of the Morrison formation, has long been known to locals and BLM officials as a dinosaur haven. No one knew of the site's magnitude until excavation began.

The dinosaur bones were found in a sandstone channel of an ancient river.

"The preservation of these dinosaurs is excellent," Foss said.

The Hanksville-Burpee site, as it's being called, is roughly 50 yards wide by 200 yards long.

The mix of dinosaurs, trees and other species in the area may help scientists piece together what life was like 145 million to 150 million, including details about the ancient climate, Foss said.

The site will be closed in the next week or so as the BLM begins an environmental assessment for continued work in the area. The agency and the Burpee Museum are also developing long-term plans for research and education at the site.

The BLM isn't disclosing the exact location of the find out of con-

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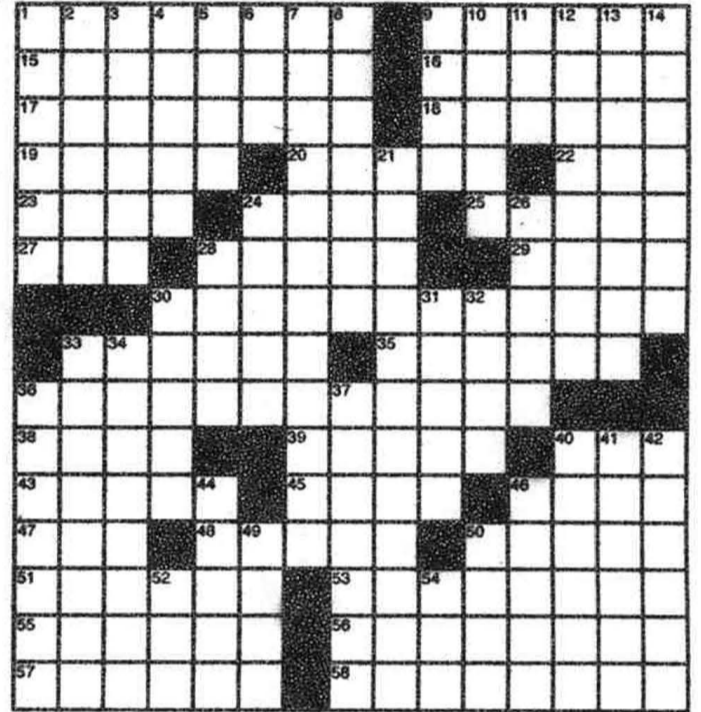
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Tournament organizer's concern
  - 9 Cheerleaders' doings
  - 15 Hombre-to-be
  - 16 Bring out
  - 17 Accurate
  - 18 Simple inflorescence, as in a lily of the valley
  - 19 Outlook
  - 20 Zero-star movies
  - 22 "\_\_\_ Kommissar" (1983 pop hit)
  - 23 Much often follows it
  - 24 Future star athlete who debuted with the Rangers in 1989
  - 25 Food described in Exodus
  - 27 Start to salivate?
  - 28 Dr. Seuss book, with "The"
  - 29 He was succeeded by his archdeacon Hilarius
  - 30 With 36-Across, shortsighted
  - 33 Disappear, in a way
  - 35 Run out
  - 36 See 30-Across
  - 38 Editorial cartoonist Hulme
  - 39 Work out
  - 40 She played Fantine in "Les Misérables," 1998
  - 43 Piece of cake in school
  - 45 Programming command
  - 46 "T. J. Hooker" actor Adrian
  - 47 Its logo is a goateed man in an apron
  - 48 Two strikes?
  - 50 In on
  - 51 Plug
  - 53 Landmark on the Chicago shoreline
  - 55 Fill up with gas
  - 56 Rushing home?
  - 57 Some natural history museum attractions
  - 58 Its dome was designed by Michelangelo

**DOWN**

- 1 No Oscar contender
- 2 Encounters
- 3 Is temporarily
- 4 Raps



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- 5 \_\_\_ Sea (arm of the Arctic Ocean)
- 6 Thing that keeps track of the beat?: Abbr.
- 7 Long-running Art and Chip Sansom comic strip
- 8 In a manner of speaking
- 9 Dinar earner
- 10 Tissue material
- 11 Need to get hitched: Abbr.
- 12 Some are sweetened
- 13 Mountain, e.g.
- 14 Inflammation reducer
- 21 Fictional secret agent
- 24 Sequel title starter
- 26 \_\_\_ number (set theory concept)
- 28 Dirty
- 30 Iloilo's island
- 31 Helen Keller's "The World \_\_\_ In"
- 32 Response facilitator: Abbr.
- 33 Urged persistently
- 34 Come home more often than?
- 36 Views through a keyhole
- 37 Gunpowder alternatives
- 40 Masked official
- 41 Streaker with a tail
- 42 Trims
- 44 It's never right
- 46 "Shut your pie hole!"
- 49 Goons
- 50 1995-2001 House Judiciary Committee chairman
- 52 Irene's Roman counterpart
- 54 Kind of lounge

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**Golf intensifies with U.S. Open**

Tiger Woods gives a face to the saying "no pain, no gain," as he won the U.S. Open for the third time on Monday afternoon.

Woods beat Rocco Mediate in a 19-hole playoff.

Mediate probably would have been the Open Champion last Sunday, if Woods hadn't made a birdie on the last hole.

He probably would have won again on Monday if Woods hadn't once again made a birdie on the 18th hole.

Woods did all of this on a new knee.

He had not played since April 15, when he underwent knee surgery on his left knee.

Doctors had even warned Woods not to play because he could risk further injury to his knee.

Of course, that didn't stop Tiger.

This goes to show that golf is a sport that needs to be respected.

It seems like people only associate golf with rich people who belong to a country club, and golf as a social thing.

You see these stereotypes all of the time in movies and television shows.

Also, the only time you see golf is the occasional tournament on television, and several snippets on ESPN's Sportscenter.

Just because there is no contact or blood, doesn't mean that golf isn't an intense sport.

You have to be so precise on where and how you hit the ball.

One false move, and you could lose it all.

However, it doesn't stop at Woods.

Mediate has a story himself.

He has the story of the underestimated underdog, who comes in and gives the champ a run for his money.

Two weeks ago, Mediate had to undergo a sudden-death playoff just to qualify for the U.S. Open.

He came into the tournament ranked 158 in the world.

At the age of 45, Mediate went into the tournament searching for the win.

However, he definitely left the tournament a well-respected athlete.

The rollercoaster ride of ups-and-downs for both golfers will probably go down in history as one of the most exciting tournaments ever.

It all came down to the last hole, and to who really wanted it more.

The only problem was: they both wanted it bad.

Just hearing about the tournament made me wish I had watched it.

This goes to show that golfing isn't just about the fancy clothes they wear.

It is an actual sport with intensity that also takes patience and years of training.

**SUMMER CAMP | UPDATE**

# Summer time: play time

**EIU summer camps help out athletes and coaches**

By Molly Clutter  
Sports Editor

It's that time of the year where kids trade in their bathing suits for athletic gear, and for coaches to put their whistles back on.

The baseball camp will start on Wednesday, but the tennis and football camps started Monday afternoon.

Most people might think that the campus is dead in the summer; however, that is not the case at Eastern with its hosted summer camps.

High school kids can be seen walking around campus to and from their camp activities.

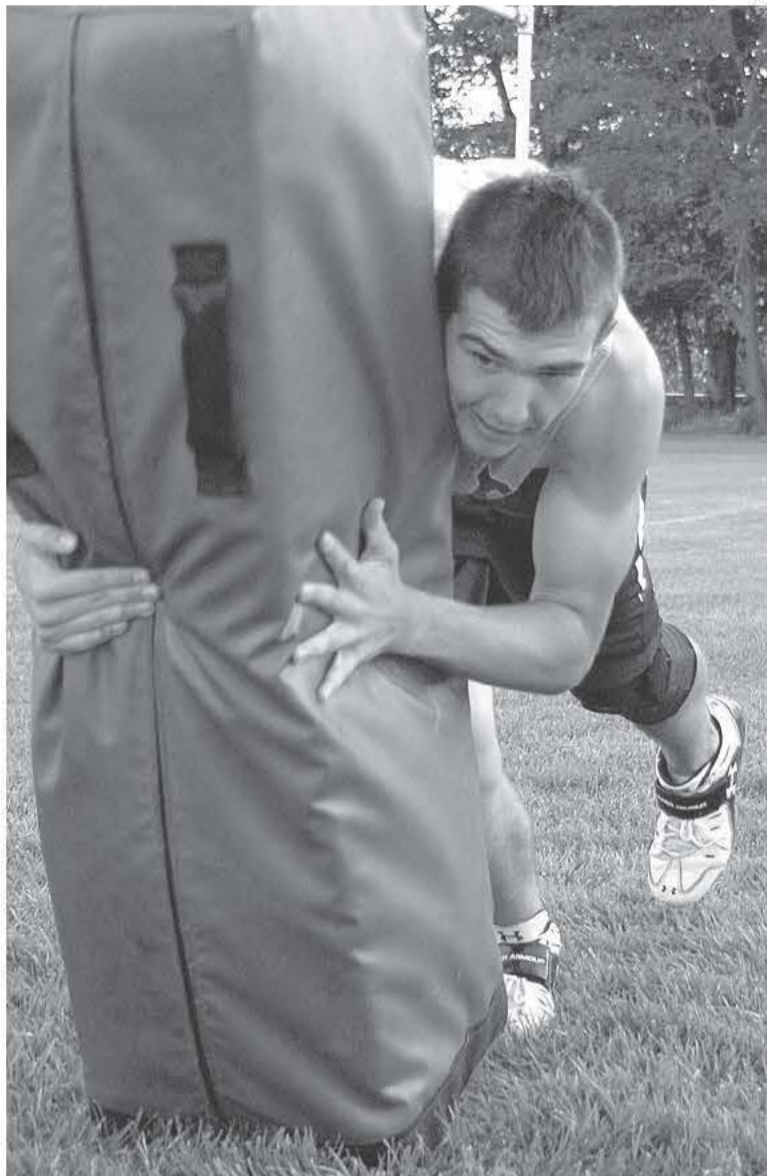
It is rare to see that many athletes walking around during the summer because all of the collegiate sports are in their off-season, so that means most of the Eastern athletes are back at home enjoying their time off.

Despite their youthful looks, the athletes are noticeably not used to the surroundings because they are walking around in groups of five in sweat filled cut-offs, making their way to a dining hall, so they can re-energize for their next practice session.

The months of June and July are packed with athletic summer camps for ages ranging from five all the way to 17.

Seven camps will begin in June, and they will include football, baseball, softball, track & field, tennis and soccer.

However, that is only half of them, because six more camps will begin in July.



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A member of the Bob Spoo Football Camp runs through the lineman obstacle course Monday evening in the practice field outside of O'Brien Stadium.

**Camp is a process**

First, the coaches have to fill out a form with Housing and Dining Services, so they can reserve rooms

in residence halls for overnight campers.

Eastern coaches must have their camp dates into Housing and

Dining by the fall semester of that academic year.

After that, the coaches have to wait for the campers to sign up.

For most camps there is a choice to commute, which means campers have to drive back-and-forth, or they can choose to stay overnight in the residence halls.

The campers' fee depends on whether or not they decide to stay on campus.

"First the university takes a fee off the top of the profit," Eastern Baseball Coach Jim Schmitz said. "Then the athletics department takes a fee. Then the rest is to help pay for the food and (residence halls) costs, and to help pay for the coaches' salaries."

**For more than money**

"It's a good PR for our university," Schmitz said. "It's a community way of helping young people learn the game."

Eastern Tennis Coach John Blackburn uses the camps to recruit.

"It's a good time to look at potential players," Blackburn said.

Both coaches said that it is also a chance to put Eastern on the map.

"It's a great opportunity to showcase EIU to the region," Blackburn said.

Schmitz also uses the camp to help out fellow coaches.

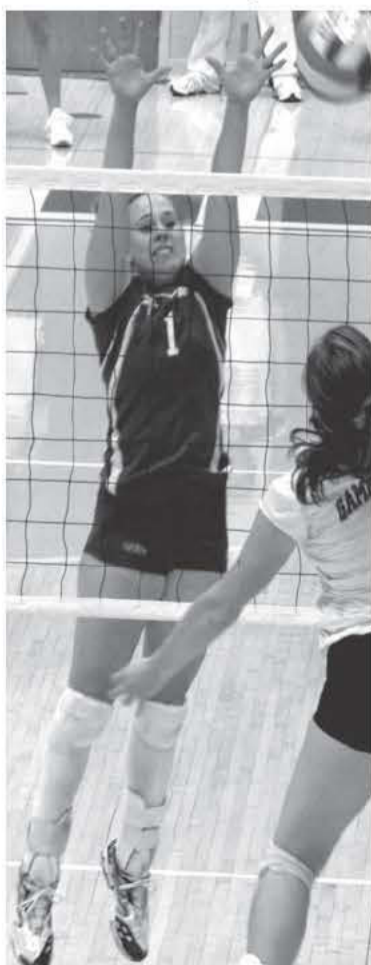
"We try to hire junior college and high school coaches so we can help supplement their income," Schmitz said.

Also, depending on the numbers, Schmitz may have a few players from the Eastern team help out.

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**VOLLEYBALL | UPDATE**

# Volleyball lands big tournament



FILE PHOTO

Eliza Zwettler blocks the ball against Jacksonville State.

**Panthers to play in Ole Miss Mangolia Tournament**

By Bob Bajek  
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Eastern's volleyball team has added the Ole Miss Mangolia Tournament to the 2008 schedule in order to better prepare for the Ohio Valley Conference schedule.

The Ole Miss tournament will be held at Oxford, Miss., on Sept. 12-13. This tournament replaces the Ball State Classic in September that Eastern played in 2007 leading up to conference play.

Eastern also has the North Carolina Central and EIU Panther Tournaments. Last year, the volleyball team played in three tournaments.

Ole Miss' head volleyball coach Joe Getzin invited the Panther volleyball team to attend the tournament last season, according to head volleyball coach, Lori Bennett.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Eastern wasn't able to play at the tournament. Bennett made an effort this year to compete because Ole Miss has Georgia Tech and Southern Methodist University competing in the tournament as well.

According to Ratings Percentage Index, which is a combination of team winning percentage, opponents average winning percentage and their opponents winning percentage, Georgia Tech was 62 and SMU was 138 out of 324 teams last year.

Eastern was ranked 224, while Ball State Classic opponents Illinois State and Ball State were 52 and 254, respectively.

Bennett believes that the strength of Georgia Tech and SMU as opponents will greatly benefit the Panther's endurance.

"It will prepare us for playing our conference schedule at a very high level," Bennett said.

When making the schedule, Bennett likes to balance their opponent by strength.

Georgia Tech is a very strong offensive team. They went from 1,753 kills in 2005 to 2,023 in 2007. Georgia Tech has also increased its digs from 1,761 to 2,030 in that same period.

However, Yellow Jackets struggled with blocking kills. They were out blocked two out of the last three years 302.5-327 in 2005 and 294.5-363 in 2007. Errors are another weakness with a total of 828 last season.

SMU has extremely solid defensive skills. The Mustangs compiled

2,026 and 2,103 digs from the last two seasons. They have out blocked opponents 296-233 in 2006 and 272-252 in 2007.

The Mustangs' vulnerability is offense. They haven't scored more than 1,800 kills in the past two seasons. In 2006, they were outscored 1,784-1,797.

The Panthers compiled an overall record of 22-36 and an 8-28 OVC record since 2006. Bennett attributes this to having a young team.

Eastern began the 2007 season at a blistering 8-1. However, they soon cooled off.

"The starting lineup had two or three freshmen at a time," Bennett said. "Maintaining that level of play every game takes experience."

The Panthers only have one junior and three seniors for the 2008 season and Bennett said that she has five recruits joining the team. The roster will have 14 players.

The coach's goal is for Eastern to qualify for the OVC Tournament for the first time since 2005. To qualify, the Panthers need to finish in the top six of the conference.

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