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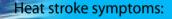
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UPDATES

HEAT WAVE

Temperatures rise; cooling centers open

Heat-related illnesses



• High body temperature above 103 degrees

dizziness
nausea or vomiting

• red, hot dry or moist skin

unconsciousness

Heat exhaustion symptoms:

heavy sweating

• nausea

• fainting

Information gathered from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

s HERC worker gives advice to stay healthy

By Nike Ogunbodede Editor-in-Chief

Charleston will be encased in sweltering heat exceeding temperatures of 100 degrees today and paired with a severely dry summer, Charleston and the surrounding areas are activating the Coles County Cooling Centers today as well as Friday.

The center is located at 119 W. State Street, and will be one of many buildings open to help residents escape the heat.

The centers, which will be open during normal business hours, are the Charleston Carnegie Public Library and the Department of Human Services Office, as well as the Cross County Mall and Mattoon Public Library in Mattoon.

In order to combat today's heat, Amanda Woolard, the assistant director for the Health Education Resource Center, said it is important for people to be aware of body and its' necessities. "During high temperature days, you want to increase your fluid intake—water and sports drinks—no matter your activity," Woolard said, in an email.

During high exercise and activity, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends consuming two-to-four glasses of cold, non-alcoholic beverages hourly.

"Drink fluids—non-alcoholic—before you get thirsty, wear a wide brimmed hat when outdoors, wear sunglasses, apply sunscreen, choose clothing that is lightweight and loosely fitted, stay indoors and avoid the heat," Woolard said.

Drinking fluids is not enough though, she said.

Woolard said people should also try and consume food with high water content.

"A good choice in food is fruits and vegetables—stay away from anything with a high salt content, (which) will actually dehydrate a person," Woolard said.

If a person is not properly hydrated they could experience a variety of heat-related illnesses like heat stroke or heat exhaustion, she said.

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Funeral for student set to occur Friday

By Nike Ogunbodede Editor-in-Chief

The visitation for an Eastern student, 21, who was hit by a driver while crossing the street in her hometown of Bloomington, is talking place today.

Eastern senior Lauren Leffler's visitation will take place today from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Carmody-Flynn Williamsburg Funeral Home, at 1800 Eastland Drive in Bloomington.

The funeral is taking place at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Eastern View Christian Church, at 1500 North Airport Road in Normal.

Leffler and her friend Nicholas Jefferson were crossing the street when they were allegedly hit by Katie Lawson, who allegedly fled the scene shortly after.

Leffler and Jefferson were both taken to Advocate BroMen Medical Center—Leffler was pronounced brain dead at 1:25 p.m. Sunday while Jefferson was released shortly after.

McLean County Coroner Beth Kimmerling completed Leffler's autopsy Tuesday and said preliminary findings pointed to severe head injuries being the cause of

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her death. The re-

port was consistant with that of a pedestrian being struck by an automobile, Kimmer-



ling said. Kimmerling said Leffler and Jefferson were reportedly leaving Elroys when they were hit by a car.

Leffler's family opted to donate her organs, she said.

The coroner's office has ordered toxicology tests and Lawson's arraignment is scheduled for July 6. Lawson's bond was set at \$250,000 by Associate Judge Bill Yoder.

Leffler was scheduled to graduate with a major in family and consumer sciences with a concentration in dietetics on Dec. 15, 2012.

The case is still under investigation.

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Faculty, staff retire in higher numbers

By Seth Schroeder News Editor

Though more Eastern employees are retiring this year than normal, William Weber, Vice President for Business Affairs, said this will not afWeber said most of the fresh faces will found at Eastern's day-to-day staff. He said this would include positions such as secretaries, facilities, planning and management employees, and housing and dining employees.

While many students develop relationships with administrative staff, Weber said the effects of their departure will likely not be noticed by students as much the departure of professors.

Flower to blossom amid weekend heat

Greenhouse plant draws visitors



blocks away," he said.

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By John Downen Opinions Editor

Steven Malehorn expects Eastern to smell like road kill by Friday.

Malehorn, who manages the university's H.F. Thut Greenhouse on Seventh Street, predicts that the facility's titan arum flower will finally bloom by the weekend.

Nicknamed the "corpse flower," the plant attracts many visitors because of its putrid smell.

While Malehorn originally predicted the titan arum to blossom on June 13, he now says he is confident the plant will emerge by Friday afternoon.

"If you want to know how it

you see a dead animal on the

side of the road stop and take a whiff."

Steven Malehorn, greenhouse manager

smells, the next time you see a dead animal on the side of the road, stop and take a whiff," Malehorn said. "Literally, it smells like a dead animal."

After emerging, Malehorn said the plant's distinctive scent will encompass a significant area of Eastern's campus.

"The plant bloomed in 2008 and 2010, and we had people saying they could smell it three Malehorn said the plant's smell can actually be more intense from further away.

"The other plants in the greenhouse can sometimes mask the smell," he said.

Malehorn said a few people have wandered in to the greenhouse to see the plant, but expects many more visitors once the flower blossoms this weekend.

Malehorn said there is currently a live video feed of the flower online, but he plans to take the site down once the plant blossoms.

He also advised that people visit the greenhouse in the late evening or at night, stating that triple-digit temperature forecasts can make the greenhouse unbearably hot during the daytime.

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fect students in a profound way.

He said, as of now, 36 members of Eastern's instructional staff and 93 administration staff members will retire this year.

Weber said this is around double the number of Eastern employees that retire during an average year.

He said because the majority of retirees will be administrative staff and not instructional faculty, most students will not notice an abnormal change in the education they receive.

"I don't think students will see a lot of change," Weber said. "There will be some new faces in classrooms, but not to many more than usual."

Blair Lord, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, agreed with Weber, and said in an e-mail that even though there will be several new instructors and professors, this is the case every year.

"The job of academic affairs is to deliver the curriculum. We will do that," Lord said.

Both Lord and Weber said they do not expect a drastic increase in the cost of recruitment to replace the retiring faculty and staff.

Lord said in an e-mail that administrative staff is usually replaced locally and does not require much, if any, money to recruit them.

He said they have always had to annually replace a number of departing faculty members.

"With enrollment still on a downward trend and state funding shrinking, we will be looking carefully at replacements," Lord said. "I do not foresee any dramatic spike in the costs associated with replacing faculty positions."

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EIU weather TODAY WEDNESDAY

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Mostly Sunny Hiah:101 Low: 77

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This Space





MARCUS SMITH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Ron Uphoff and Jeff Moler talking before farmers market Wednesday morning on the noth side of the square. Uphoff said the farmers market is a family affair and even his daughters get involved with it.

Farmers market: nurturing people, friendships, community

By Marcus Smith Online Editor

Mike Knoop, farmers market manager and owner of Roc's, said Charleston's farmers market has been going on since 1981.

The farmers market was started by the downtown merchants with just two vendors. One of those original merchants was Joan Young, a Paris resident, who is still participating 31 years later.

Knoop said his favorite part of the farmers market is talking with people.

"It's not only the produce, but the artwork, it's the social aspect of the whole thing," he said. "Being able to talk to regular customers and drink coffee and tell lies."

He said that the spots are 10 feet by 20 feet and rent out for \$5

a week and the money goes to ad-

vertising. If a resident is involved in the farmers market every year, or on a yearly basis they can pay in advance and reserve a spot.

Charleston's farmers market runs from June to October and is every Wednesday from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., but will be on Tuesday next week to accommodate Red, White & Blue Days.

Kent Lindsey, a Newton resident and independent contractor for Office Max, said he likes gardening and the social aspect of farmers market.

It's something I enjoy doing, I've always had gardens and I was raised on a farm," Lindsey said.

He said the weather and lack of rain has caused his usual yields to go down.

"The berries are usually a little earlier than this and there is usually a lot more," Lindsey said. "The raspberries haven't been real good this year, so we aren't even fooling with the raspberries."

Lindsey said he also goes to the farmers markets in Newton and Olney, and he grows a variety of fruits and vegetables including: blackberries, tomatoes, green beans, zucchini, jalapenos and bell peppers.

He said he even has people come by his house to buy produce.

Mary Crippen, a stay at home mother from Oakland, and her daughter Isabel Magee got involved in working the farmers market to make some extra cash, and give her daughter a place to sell her artwork.

"It's just an opportunity for us to earn a little cash and to get exposure," Crippen said.

Magee said she has been drawing

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since she can remember. She started out drawing anime, but got into doing watercolors also when she and her mother started participating in farmers market.

The watercolor that I am doing is something new," Magee said. "I thought I might as well try it out."

Other items being sold include fresh baked goods and crafts.

George Denham sells hand made cotton wreaths for \$ 2 a piece. He said that because he is handicapped he has difficult time getting around during the winter, so he makes wreaths.

Then when the weather breaks he looks forward to getting out to the farmers market, selling his wreaths and talking with people.

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Man stabbed at Panther Liquors

Staff Report

CRIME

The Charleston Police Department said, a 22-year-old male was stabbed multiple times in the upper torso around 10 p.m. Tuesday at Panther Liquors at 1002 Lincoln Ave., according to a press release The victim was transported to Sara Bush Lincoln Health Center where he was treated and released. His name and, the name of the suspect, is being withheld while the investigation is underway.

According to the press release, police do not believe this was a random act of violence and that the suspect and victim knew each other.

Officers of the Charleston Police Department arrested Ran-

dy Van Tassel II, 27, around 2:50 p.m. Tuesday at 1600 Tyler according to a press release from the department. Van Tassel had two outstanding warrants; one out of Coles County for failing to register as a sex offender and one out of Shelby County for dangerous drugs and sexual assault. According to the press release, officers arrested Van Tassel near the City of Charleston Rotary pool.

Officers spoke with management of the pool them know there was safety concern for the guests at the pool.

Around 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, disorderly conduct occurred at Lantz Gym.

The incident is still under investigation.

Eastern observatory to have public tour, Saturn viewing

Staff Report

According to a press release from the physics department, Eastern's observatory will have a viewing of the planet Saturn at 9 p.m. Friday.

The viewing is open to the public.

The observatory is located southwest of the Campus Pond.

Traffic may have to approach the parking lot from the south because Fourth Street is blocked by construction.

Visitors will get the chance to view Saturn with the observatory's state-of-the-art, 16-inch

When and Where

Time: 9 p.m. Date: Friday Place: EIU Observatory

Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope.

According to the press release, even if the sky is cloudy the observatory will be open for tours. Those looking for more infor-

mation can call the physics department can call 217-581-3220.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Girl Scouts to be honored for Red, White & Blue days

By Marcus Smith **Online Editor**

Country musician Jake Owen will be the headline act at Red, White & Blue Days July 3-4 in Morton Park.

Other acts featured this year will include Jason & The Haymakers and Bluemoon swamp, a Creedence Clearwater Revival and John Fogerty tribute band.

Betty Coffrin, a Red, White & Blue Days committee member, said the Girl Scouts organization will be recognized at this years celebration.

"It all started out as recognizing the returning veterans from Dessert Storm, 22 years ago, since that time we have done the fire departments, veterans groups, citizens groups and

any number of organizations," Coffrin said. "This year we are recognizing the Girl Scouts, since it is their 100th anniversary, this year."

Red, White & Blue Days will begin on Tuesday with Jason & The Haymakers at 6 p.m. After Jason & The Haymakers, Jake Owen will perform at 8 p.m., with Farmer of the Year, Lil Miss Firecracker and Lil Mr. Firecracker being recognized in between concerts.

The Fourth of July festivities will begin with a parade at 1 p.m., the bell ringining ceremony and Bluemoon Swamp opening the rest of the afternoons activities at about 2:15-2:30 p.m.

Coffrin said the start of the afternoon events will depend on what time the parade ends.

Coffrin said they work with a talent agency, Variety Attractions, to book the main act, while Mike Ziebka, owner of Z's Music & Sound, lines up the other performers.

She said the fundraising for Red, White & Blue Days is a year round effort and the money comes from tshirt sales, ice cream, popcorn, donations and various other sources.

"We basically beg for money all the time," she said.

Coffrin said she is partial to the bell ringing ceremony and it may be her favorite activity of Red, White & Blue Days.

"If I had to pick one thing it's probably just the few minutes after the parade before the entertainment

in the afternoon, and that's at the bell ringing, you know, it's just pretty special," Coffrin said.

She said that is what the holiday is all about.

Habitat for Humanity will host Four on the Fourth at 6:30 a.m. Four on the Fourth is a four mile run/walk. The Coles County Arts Council will have the Great Chalk In from 9:30 a.m.-noon.

Other activities include \$2 all you can eat ice cream, food vendors, inflatable games, foam pit and fire safety house.

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July 3

6 p.m. Jason & The Haymakers 8 p.m-Jake Owen

July 4

6:30 a.m.-Four on the Fourth 9:30 a.m.-noon Great Chalk In 10 a.m.-2 p.m.-inflatable games 1 p.m.-Parade 2 p.m.-bell ringing ceremony 2:15-2:30 p.m. Bluemoon Swamp fireworks at dusk

STATE **Chicago OKs tickets for** small amounts of marijuana

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Chicago's City Council on Wednesday passed an ordinance that allows police to ticket people found with small amounts of marijuana instead of arresting them, saying aldermen had to do something to keep officers on the street where they can combat the surging homicide rate and not be tied up for hours doing paperwork.

The 43-3 vote in favor of the ordinance, which allows officers to write a ticket for \$250 to \$500 for possessing as much as 15 grams of marijuana or about 15 marijuana cigarettes, was expected after a council committee voted 13-1 last week to approve the measure

But aldermen still debated about two hours before passing the ordinance, with many saying they were not comfortable with a measure that could be seen as sending a message that they are condoning drug use.

Others said they needed to act to protect an increasingly nervous city where homicides are up 38 percent this year compared to the same period last year.

"The calls I get at 2 o'clock in the morning are not about marijuana possession, they're about someone who's been shot in my ward," Alderman Will Burns said before the council voted Wednesday. "I want those calls to cease and the way we do that is to make sure our police are fighting violent crime.'

Alderman Edward Burke, a former police officer, said he was concerned about what the ordinance, which goes into effect Aug. 4, would say to the city's youth. However, he said he was more troubled by the fact that only 1,000 of the 20,603 people arrested for small amounts of marijuana in the city last year were white compared to 15,862 blacks.

Drawing for cash



Ilsabel Magee, an Oakland resident, draws at the farmers market Wednesday on the north side of the square. nounced.

STATE Prosecutor's racial remarks during trial

By The Associated Press

firearms, he said "in the black com- furor over his closing arguments, I do."

ing how he believed blacks carried ty's top prosecutor, downplayed the ple don't have the same philosophy a "cold-blooded, cowardly murder-

er" who shot an unarmed victim seven times before fleeing to Chicago, where he was arrested three days later.

ST. LOUIS — A black man serving an 85-year prison sentence on a murder conviction deserves a new trial because of racial remarks that a longtime southern Illinois prosecutor made while summarizing the case for the all-white jury, the inmate's appellate attorney said Wednesday.

Chicago attorney Steve Greenberg said the closing argument from Williamson County State's Attorney Charles Garnati during Marcus Marshall's 2011 trial in Marion injected racially charged language.

At one point, Garnati said he didn't want to generalize about blacks who make up roughly 4 percent of the overwhelmingly white, 18,000-resident city of Marion.

"There are some very good lawabiding citizens in that community here," Garnati told the panel, as first reported Wednesday by the Chicago Tribune.

Garnati also made reference to "our white world," according to the trial transcript. Later, while describmunity, that is where they keep their handguns ... in their waistbands, ladies and gentlemen, with something covering it."

Calling such comments "disgusting," Greenberg has taken on Marshall's appeal at the request of the inmate's wife and already has filed a notice with the Mount Vernon, Ill.based 5th District Appellate Court that he'll be challenging Marshall's conviction.

"I agreed to help this person hether they pay me or not because what happened there is so offensive to every notion of fairness and a fair trial. I'm speechless," Greenberg told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "I think the prosecutor and the defense attorneys (during Marshall's trial) are a disgrace to the legal profession."

He said attorneys "have obligations not just to make a good living but to do the right thing, regardless of our living."

Garnati, who is seeking his eighth four-year term as Williamson Coun-

telling The Associated Press on Wednesday that, "I spoke thousands of words during that trial, and a couple of sentences have been taken out of context."

Noting he has prosecuted 32 murder trials, Garnati dismissed any insinuation that he was racist and said it's not uncommon for attorneys to question later "whether we could have said things more artfully."

Greenberg said he planned to file the appeal after his work as a defense attorney in next month's scheduled trial of Drew Peterson, a suburban Chicago police officer charged with murder in the 2004 drowning death of his third wife.

Peterson also is suspected in the 2007 disappearance of his fourth wife, though he has denied involvement in either death.

Marshall's trial attorney, Thomas Mansfield, initially declined to comment Wednesday, insisting "I don't think any attorney should comment about a pending case, but some peo-

But he said later in the day he felt compelled to publicly respond after reading criticisms of him in the Tribune story.

Mansfield said his occasional objections about Garnati's remarks were rejected by the trial judge, and that he resisted subsequent protests for strategic reasons.

"All of my objections were overruled, and at some point you don't want to turn the jury off by objecting too often," he told the AP.

Mansfield said his request for a new trial before Marshall's sentencing also included protestations of what he called Garnati's "improper and prejudicial" closing arguments, but the trial judge also denied that. Jurors deliberated a little more than two hours before convicting

Marshall, 32, last summer in the August 2010 shooting death of La-Ouinn Hudson, who also was black, at Hudson's Marion home.

Garnati, during the July 2011 trial's infancy, told jurors Marshall was

Mansfield countered that his client wasn't the assailant.

The 85-year sentence Marshall got last September was the maximum, and he is serving the term at the Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet.

After the conviction, Mansfield pledged to appeal, insisting the jury's impartiality was compromised because one juror reportedly was followed home by someone on the third day of the trial.

Mansfield said then the possible stalking left jurors scared and nervous, and he believed a mistrial should have been declared.

Greenberg told the Tribune he was so troubled by the language in Garnati's closing argument that he wrote to Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Kilbride, saying he felt an "ethical obligation" to bring the matter to the state's highest court.

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staff editorial Illinois pension woes disastorous for currrent and future teachers

It's said that the first step to recovery is admitting there is a problem.

While that may be true, rehabilitation still necessitates some type of step forward afterward. Identification seems a logical starting point, but simply recognizing a problem's existence does little towards progress.

Merely stating that one's house is on fire does not extinguish the white-hot embers—recovery only comes through direct and concentrated action.

Unfortunately for teachers in Illinois, that lesson seems lost on the state's government.

As of the release last week by the Pew Center for the States, the severity of the gaping hole in Illinois' pension program was finally recognized.

Currently, the state's funding level for pension programs is a dismal 45 percent—the worst in the nation.

Over the last decade, Illinois' pension program has come under well-deserved scrutiny, yet representatives in Springfield still have not come to terms on an adequate solution.

In all reality, they have yet to even propose where to begin in their pursuit of a solution.

The Illinois General Assembly has been engaged in a game of political "hot potato," and has yet to do more than admit that there is in fact a problem.

Granted, this is what today's politics has come to—finger pointing and blame placement—but considering that Gov. Pat Quinn actually stated that he was "put on earth to fix the pension mess," the fact that no legitimate solution has emerged from Springfield is incredibly discerning.

Unfortunately, the state's politicians will hardly feel the repercussions of neglecting pension woes—that consequence will fall on the state's teachers, as well as the countless number of students who so admirably chose education as career paths.

As a university so dedicated to nurturing future educators, that fact should be reason for panic.

Should this problem go unaddressed, the state will pay itself into an early financial grave.

Granted, there is no truly simple solution to pension discrepancies. Basic proposals to alleviate the mess include raising the age of retirement by two years, to 67, reducing cost-of-living adjustments, and requiring retirees to pay for a portion of their healthcare, of which only ten percent currently do.

The true quagmire in the state's pension problem is actually its own constitution, under which the state cannot diminish or impair the benefits of any person already receiving pension.

It's difficult to advocate that we strip retired teachers of the benefits they have long-since depended on, but at the same time, it's even more difficult to argue in favor of bankrupting the state.

With 17 percent of the state's expenditures geared at pension funds, Illinois is now in what many call "the final hour," and to avoid a larger, looming financial disaster, our state legislators need to do more than simply recognize the problem. We don't pay firefighters to tell us when our houses are aflame, nor do we pay police officers to agree that crime exists. So why should we pay our politicians to acknowledge a problem, yet offer no solution?

COLUMN

Healthcare is important, but reading is boring

By the time these words hit paper, nine men and women will hold hostage the attention of the nation.

By the time these words hit paper, the United States of America will be engaged in a frivolous game of "I told you so."

Fingers will be pointed, allegiances questioned, names called and signs toted.

By the time these words hit paper, the Supreme Court will have finally announced their decision on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

If that bill doesn't sound familiar, I'll give you the name by which it is more commonly, albeit fearfully, known: the dreaded "Obamacare."

Of course, if you've turned on a television in the last month, read a newspaper or talked politics with anyone over the age of 60, then I need not describe to you the ills of Obamacare.

The general consensus is that this "affordable care" act is more so veiled Socialism than it is wellintentioned legislature.

However, the length of the actual bill has made true, unequivocal analysis a rather daunting task. In fact, some of the very nine people who will ultimately decide on the bill's constitutionality this morning have admitted to not reading the bill in its entirety.

Yes, you read that right—the handful of people



John Downen

presiding over the fate of the nation's healthcare system *have not even read through the full bill.*

For an even more despicable reaction, I present the qualms of Justice Antonin Scalia, who erupted at a lawyer's suggestion that the Court decide which parts of the bill might be unconstitutional:

"You really want us to go through these 2,700 pages?" asked Scalia. "What happened to the Eighth Amendment?"

Sadly, the latter part of Scalia's question was in regards to the Constitutional prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment.

In what is probably a drastic understatement, I think it's safe to say that Antonin Scalia doesn't like to read.

Apparently, neither does Justice Stephen Breyer or Chief Justice John Roberts.

Math was never my strong suit, but if a majority vote in the Supreme Court takes precedent over national law, it seems rather odd that one-third of justices have publicly admitted to not reading through the bill.

Keep in mind, those are only the justices who have simply admitted to neglecting the bill—one could assume that at least one or two more justices have done the same, but chose to save face by not admitting to negligence.

Again, I was never good with math, but that could very well mean half of the Supreme Court will vote on the PPACA without a complete understanding of it's actual ramifications.

In 7th grade, I failed a book report because my teacher knew I hadn't actually read the end of "Freak the Mighty."

At 14, I was held to a more intense standard of responsibility than the supposed upholders of American law and justice.

At 14, my assigned book was much smaller than this bill, though I admit to having little influence on the healthcare of 15 million Americans.

The same cannot be said for the Judicial branch of our government, and regardless of your thoughts on Obama's healthcare policy, that fact should be quite discerning.

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JOSHUA BRYANT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Out of sight, with fear on the mind

There are some sick individuals in this world. Former Penn State defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky is one of the worst.

If for whatever reason you aren't up to date on this disgusting joke of a man, I'll bring you up to speed quickly.



any child of mine.

If my kid wanted to join a club or play a sport I'd get to know everyone involved in the organization, and if I sensed anything funny I'd have them quit and join another one.

Beyond that, I'd be sure to communicate with

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Sandusky is a child molester.

Let's say a nurse didn't have the medicine needed to induce vomiting in a poisoned patient. All that nurse would need to do is have the patient read the Grand Jury report in the Sandusky trial, and I guarantee that patient would puke everywhere.

Plenty of parents have dreams for their children.

Their kids may display some form of talent at an early age, and they may wish for them to be coached early to gain an advantage later in life.

Some just want their little ones to develop social skills and make friends.

Whatever the case, in most instances, the child is out of the parent's sight for a significant amount of time and in the hands of a stranger.

Imagine the anger you'd feel if your kid, who means more to you than anyone, was abused by a psychopath like Sandusky.

The fear of such situations in some scared parents can bring up the option of home-schooling

Joshua Bryant

or social seclusion.

I don't think that is any way for a child to grow up. So many reflect on their childhood as the best times they ever had. Playing sports, camping, art, music, reading clubs, etc.

Why take that away?

I doubt there are many Jerry 'Tickle Monster' Sandusky's out there ready to ruin childhoods, but there are some.

So it's up to the adult community to keep the risks limited to scraped knees and flu bugs that come from playing around.

I know nothing of parenting since I have no children of my own. But I do have my own parent's example to use as a postulate for the future, if need be.

Not to knock anyone who does, but I know for a fact I'd never hire a random babysitter to watch my child about my life, so they'd feel comfortable doing the same with me in return. And again, if I sensed anything out of whack, I'd act accordingly.

Still, you can't be there all the time. Adults have responsibilities. But people have to do all they can to keep kids safe. If we can't even protect our own children from evil people like Jerry Sandusky, then society is faiing, and failing miserably.

The safety of the youthful is a number one priority. My parents and other good, responsible adults protected me until I was smart enough and strong enough to do so myself. If you're an adult and reading this, I hope you feel the need to protect as well. Where there's smoke there's a fire. If you know 100 percent that a kid needs help, you don't need anyone's permission to step in.

I'm sure you'd want someone to do the same for your own.

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Charleston resident, Jeff Rutledge, looks out at the Tundra after hitting a golf ball Monday evening. Rutledge said he has never practiced on Eastern's campus before even though he lives across the street from it. He said he has played golf for many years. "In my early 20s some friends invited me out and I've been hooked ever since," Rutledge said.

TEMPERATURES, from page 5

Signs of heat stroke include having a high body temperature above 103 degrees, dizziness, nausea, red, hot dry or moist skin and unconsciousness, according to the CDC.

Also, according to the CDC, signs of heat exhaustion vary from heavy sweating, nausea to fainting.

People who are more likely to experience heat stroke or sunburns are infants, young children, the elderly and those with mental or physical illness, Woolard said.

To avoid sunburns, Woolard said it is important to use skin protection like sunscreen.

"The proper SPF is 15 and above," she said. "Follow directions according to the bottle (and) apply regularly to ensure you are covered." Looking for the right type of sunscreen is also key, she said.

"The most effective sunscreens are those that say broad spectrum or UVA (and) UVB protection," Woolard said.

In extreme heat, the CDC said to limit outdoor activity to the morning and night hours when the temperatures tend to be at their lowest. Woolard agreed.

"If you must be outdoors, rest frequently in shady areas," Woolard said.

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Eastern honored for service

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dents perform at least 100 thousand

hours on an annual basis by June

2013," Nadler said. "We exceeded

this goal in April 2012, with EIU

students completing 108,545 hours

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He said since the university be-

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What is wonderful about this

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only 42 thousand hours per year.

Fisher also noted that, only just

She said this year, the university was able to capture many stories

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'Our goal was to have EIU stu-

of community service efforts.

By John Downen Opinions Editor

Last week, the Corporation for Nation and Community Service and the U.S. Department of Education recognized Eastern for its dedication to student service, placing the university on an honor roll.

Rachel Fisher, director of Student Community Service, said Eastern was recognized through the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll because of the university's commitment to "meaningful, measurable outcomes in the communities they serve."

The CNCS recognized a total of 642 schools, of which 513 were admitted to the program's honor roll.

Eastern's honoring came as a result of the university's increasing focus on developing long-term commitments to service within the community.

This year marks the first time Eastern Illinois has been recognized by the CNCS, which was created in 2006 to honor the work of college students following Hurricane Katrina.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said over the last

Weber said the university will

likely save money on salary costs

since openings in hire positions are

frequently filled with entry level

employees such as a professor being

replaced with an assistant professor.

the reasons so many employees are

retiring this year is because of the

recent changes made to the Illinois

state pension system and the ongo-

ing pension reform debate at the

was in how the state calculates a

government employee's pension.

The recalculation would result in an

average seven to eight percent drop

in most state employees' pension

Weber said the primary change

state legislator.

funds, Weber said.

Both Lord and Weber said one of

RETIRE, from page 5

He said this change will take affect next Monday and a number of people who would have been affected chose to move up their retirement date up to this year.

Weber said another factor of pension reform is Senate Bill 1313, which was signed last week by Governor Quinn. The bill changed health insurance benefits of retirees, Weber said.

Under the old law, the state government subsidized five percent of a state retiree's health care per year of employment, Weber said. This meant that if a state employee worked for 20 years or more, their entire cost of health care would be subsidized by the state upon their retirement. She said Eastern's students work with over 50 different community partners around Coles County, and that the university's outreach is "continually spreading."

Nadler agreed, citing student participation in multiple programs and organizations, including the American Red Cross, Special Olympics, the Coles County Salvation Army and the Big Brother-Big Sisters program.

However, the university's commitment to volunteerism will not subside due to the award.

Both Nadler and Fisher cited plans for the university to continue its volunteer work and community service.

"We will continue to build and foster relationships with human service agencies in Charleston, Mattoon, the state of Illinois and the region," Nadler said.

Fisher said she would continue building strong foundations of services, and hopes the university's volunteer work will "reach to new levels and heights."

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Weber said Bill 1313 does away with this formula, and now the Director of Central Management Services revises the amount of subsidized health care on an annual basie

Lord said the large number of retiring employees is caused by factors other than pensions as well.

"We are looking at a retirement bubble cause by the hiring many years ago of faculty who came of age as a result of the post-war baby-boom," Lord said. "There is simply a large cohort of faculty who are getting close to retirement age right now."

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FLOWER, from page 5

"It's usually about 15 degrees hotter inside the greenhouse than it is outside," he said. "That means that if it's supposed to be 104 degrees this weekend, it could be 119 degrees in the greenhouse." Malehorn said even he avoids working in the greenhouse during the day.

He said he tries to water the plants during the morning or early evening, as a means of avoiding what he said was "brutal" heat.

While the flower has bloomed twice in the last four years, Malehorn said he does not know if that pattern will necessarily continue.

"Every plants has its own personality and growing conditions," he said. "They all blossom at different intervals."

Malehorn said the titan arum's

growth can never really be predicted.

"At Kew Gardens, they waited ten years for theirs to bloom the first time, and then waited another 35 years for the second," he said. However, Malehorn said Eastern has been very fortunate to have the flower bloom to frequently.

"Either I'm really lucky, I'm treating the plant very well, or it just hates me and really wants to get out of this place," he said.

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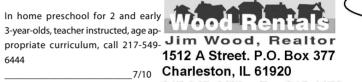


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The Illinois Liquor Control Commission has permanently revoked the Penalty Box Bar & Grill of their liquor license. Owner Peter Christos can never own a liquor license in Charleston again.

Commission revokes Penalty Box license

By John Downen **Opinions Editor**

Following a hearing in front of the state board earlier this month, The Illinois Liquor Control Commission has permanently revoked the Penalty Box Bar & Grill of its' liquor license.

Brian Bower, Charleston city attorney, said the tavern violated five different city ordinances, including the sale of liquor to an underage person, the sale of liquor to an intoxicated person, and filing false reports.

The Penalty Box was also cited for not maintaining the food to alcohol ratio required for Charleston restaurants.

Bower argued before a state board, advocating that the establishment have its license permanently revoked.

"It's not a restaurant, but a bar with a restaurant license," Bower said. "Their general business never fit or could have fit into the plan for a restaurant.'

Bower said the city's restaurant license required the bar to sell at least 51 percent food and less than 49 percent alcohol.

City Comptroller Heather Kuykendall testified that when reviewing initial reports from the Penalty Box, the amounts were exactly 51 percent food and 49 percent alcohol.

After reviewing price sheets and invoices, however, Kuykendall estimated the restaurant was selling around 74 percent alcohol.

Because of the city's strict licensing ordinance, Bower said the Penalty Box was not allowed to apply for a different license, which would have better fit their business model.

"They weren't even trying to be a restaurant, and they weren't maintaining any plans for a restaurant," he said. "As a city, we haven't classified a need or basis to create more bars, and because the venue never abided by their actual license, it was a sim-

"Because the girl had used a fake I.D., the venue had an affirmative defense against that charge." Peter Christos, owner

of the Penalty Box

Christos declined to make a statement on the verdict, citing both personal and legal issues.

"We won't be commenting on anything until the fall, when students return to campus," Christos said.

Sadie Baird, 19, testified that she had used fake identification in order to enter The Penalty Box on Sept. 11, 2011.

Later that night, Baird had to be assisted out of the tavern by a friend.

She was taken to a hospital to be treated for alcohol poisoning, and said she did not remember much from the evening.

Christos testified that he was not aware of the situation until October, when an official complaint was filed.

The citation for selling liquor to Baird was dismissed, Brower said.

"Because the girl had used a fake I.D., the venue had an affirmative defense against that charge," he said.

However, Bower also said testifying against the bar did not alleviate any legal punishment for Baird.

Bower said Baird received multiple citations, including underage consumption and use false identification.



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Lt. Col. Brian Collins, an instructor for the Civil Air Patrol, and Ryan Lewis a cadet with the patrol from Oklahoma, prepare to fly a Schweitzer 233 glider Wednesday at the Coles County Memorial Airport.

Cadets take flight in training

By Seth Schroeder **News Editor**

A soft breeze blows through the Coles County Memorial Airport as cadet members of the Civil Air Patrol practice landing Schweitzer 233 gliders.

from the glider's tow planes, but not much else.

Tom O'Shea the cadets' academy director said the airport is very quiet.

"That's why we're here," he said. "Where else can you find a place with 5,000 feet of runways and there's no one here?"

O'Shea said the airport sees plenty of traffic in and out and he does not mean to insult it.

"But it's so safe," he said.

The Civil Air Patrol is an auxiliary to the Air Force that focuses on cadet programs, aerospace education and emergency services.

The patrol offers a two-week cadet program each summer at the Coles County Memorial Airport. While participating in the program, cadets stay in residence halls at Eastern.

O'Shea said this summer will the patrol's 46th year at Eastern and the community beds over backwards to accommodate them.

He said the university gives the cadet's housing and dining and the airport is basically given over to the program as well.

While attending the program, the cadets are split into two

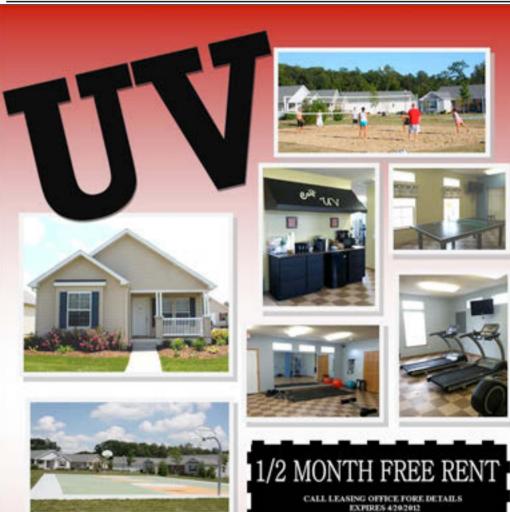
groups. O'Shea said one group will attend ground school while the other spends time on the runway or in aircraft.

Throughout the day the groups will switch places.

O'Shea said the first week of the program has participants from throughout the state but the current week has students from across the nation.

He said over 33,000 cadets have participated in the overall program and each one has to pay a \$1000 registration fee which does not include transportation.





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The city and state's decision negated any chance that the restaurant's owner, Peter Christos, could ever receive another liquor license in Charleston.

She was treated like anyone else would have been," he said

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VIOLATION

Jacksonville State receives post-season ban

By Dominic Renzetti Staff Reporter

The Jacksonville State men's basketball team snuck into the Ohio Valley Conference tournament last season, but will be watching the tournament from home this year.

The OVC team was one of ten, including 2011 NCAA tournament champion UConn, to receive a post-season ban from the NCAA because of low academic progress rate.

The APR measures the eligibility and retention of student-athletes competing at the Division-I level, based on a two point system.

One point for academic eligibility, and the other for academic retention.

A team's score is based on a scale to 1,000 over a four year period.

This year's APR takes data from the 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 academic years.

Jacksonville State's men's basketball team scored an 889, making them ineligible for post-season play by NCAA rules.

By NCAA rules, a team must have a minimum APR of 900.

In addition to the loss of postseason eligibility, Jacksonville State University will also lose two scholarships and face reductions in practice and playing time.

Jacksonville State will be limited to 16 hours of in-season athletically related activities per week with an additional required day off, limited to 4 hours of out of season athletically related activities per week, 10 percent reduction in contests and length of season, as well as financial aid penalties.

Jacksonville State's men's basketball team finished with a record of 15-18 last season, losing in the first round of the OVC tournament.

By OVC rules, Jacksonville State's NCAA ineligibility makes it ineligible for the OVC tournament.

According to article 4.3.4 of OVC Constitution, member schools must meet the scheduling, minimum number of participants, grant-in-aid minimums and eligibility requirements of the NCAA and OVC in conference championship sports.

An institution will not be considered eligible to compete for the conference championship in a particular sport if an NCAA decision or "I believe strongly that this is a game changer. (The decision) sends the message to our teams and to our critics that we mean business."

Walter Harrison, chairman of the Committee on Academic Performance

in that sport, according to Article 4.3.4 of the OVC Constitution.

Jacksonville State president William A. Meehan said in a press release that the university is already taking plans to improve the university's academic success.

"We are certainly disappointed with today's announcement of our post-season ban in Men's Basketball," Meehan said. "We are taking significant steps to improve the academic success of our men's basketball program with an APR Improvement Plan to ensure that we meet and exceed the NCAA's APR standards in the future."

The plan includes adding a new position to Coach Green's staff that will direct men's basketball operations, including student-athlete support services for members of the team, he said.

The new position will also include the monitoring of increased hours of academic support activities and increased tutoring, as well as academic mentoring and senior mentoring.

Along with Jacksonville State an UConn, other teams receiving postseason bans from the NCAA included Towson, Mississippi Valley State, North Carolina-Wilmington, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Toledo, Arkansas-Pine Bluff, California-Riverside and California State-Bakersfield.

California State-Bakersfield will remain under review because it entered Division-I as a full member in 2010-11. Walter Harrison, chairman of the



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Jacksonville State University's B.J. Miller, junior guard, attempts to steal the ball as Shaun Pratl, sophomore forward, goes for the basket during Jan. 29, 2011 game at Lantz Arena. Jacksonville State received a post-season ban because of a low academic progress rate.

NCAA's Committee on Academic Performance, told *The New York Times* that the bans send a message to teams.

"I believe very strongly that this is a game-changer," Harrison said. Harrison also said that he hopes the bans will make teams reconsider who they recruit.

"Those teams not eligible for the postseason need to think hard about who they recruit and how they supThree years ago, the university's football team was banned from the Division I-AA playoffs.

Dominic Renzetti can

policy renders the institution ineligible for an NCAA Championship "It sends a message to our teams and to our critics that we mean business." port their student-athletes," he said. Jacksonville State is no stranger to NCAA bans. be reached at 581-7942 or dcrenzetti@eiu.edu.

TESTING

NCAA compliance keeps Panthers clean

By Joshua Bryant Sports editor

Other Ohio Valley Conference competitors, the Jacksonville State Gamecocks, have failed to meet the Academic Progress Rate once again, the first time being in 2009 with their football program and now with their basketball team.

The Gamecocks hoops squad will miss the playoffs and have its season reduced by 10 percent.

In a statement, JSU President Dr. William A. Meehan said he is "certainly disappointed" by their postseason ban and is taking "significant" steps to improve its APR score. But what keeps our own President Perry from having to make these types of statements?

Eastern has never had NCAA sanctions stemming from APR issues due to proper procedures, plenty of communication and good recruiting.

Director of Academic Services Cindy Tozer lends a hand along with many others see that it stays that way.

"We monitor academic progress by sending out grade reports to the faculty members a few times each semester," Tozer said. "We also meet one-on-one with our at-risk student-athletes to stay informed on their progress."

Beyond this, certifying officers in

the Records Office step in to shed light on eligibility issues that one may have.

"Our compliance staff communicates regularly with our student-athletes," Tozer said. "Our coaching staff is then notified of any eligibility issues."

If a team's multi-year rate (APR score) falls below 900, the NCAA will step in and hammer an institution with increasing severity each year that they fail to improve.

"Some of the sanctions include restrictions on scholarships and practice time (Year 2), loss of postseason competition for the team (Year 3) and restricted membership status for an institution (Year 4)," Tozer said.

Any worse, and the school's entire athletic program will be stripped of its title as an NCAA Division I institution.

This beginnings of this process is coming up soon for all institutions, with the moment of truth to follow.

"The NCAA opens up the APR portal in mid to late July and the data is kept in a secured database online," Tozer said. "The APR data is due in 6 weeks after the census date on campus."

At the end of the day, it is up to every piece of the institution and its student-athletes to step up and surpass the standard laid down by the NCAA. College can be hectic at times with athletics in the picture for some, so when issues arise, they must be nipped in the bud before a slippery slope becomes even more slippery.

"I think APR is everyone's responsibility," Tozer said. "The student-athletes, the coaches, academics, compliance, etcetera. However, we must recruit student-athletes that are students first and have that be their number one priority."

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