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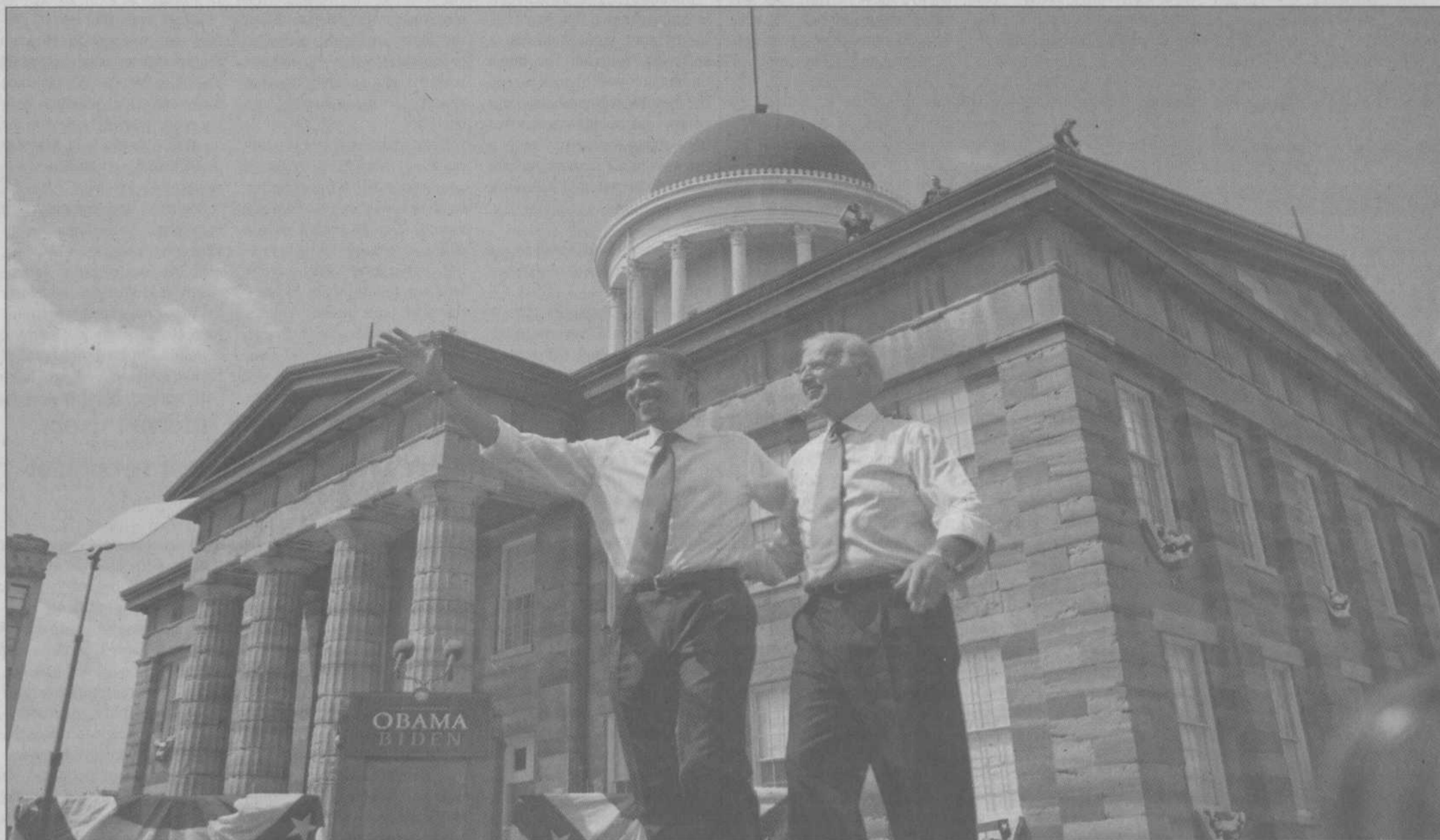
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Democratic presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) take the stage at the Old State Capital in Springfield, Illinois, on Saturday, August 23, 2008. Obama has chosen Biden as his vice presidential running mate.

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Obama-Biden team previews campaign strategy

By MIKE DORNING and JAMES OLIPHANT (MCT)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Barack Obama returned Saturday to the place he launched his improbable campaign for the presidency 18 months earlier to introduce running mate Joe Biden as a tough-spirited champion of the working class tested by personal tragedy.

Though Biden is seen as providing an important advantage by adding foreign policy heft to a candidate criticized for inexperience, Obama and Biden instead kept their debut as a team focused on deepening the Democratic ticket's connection to white, ethnic, working voters, a constituency that has been hesitant to embrace Obama.

Their first appearance together provided a clear preview of what voters can expect going forward. Biden, a skilled debater known for delivering cutting attacks while flashing a wide smile, slashed sar-

castically at Republican John McCain, relishing the traditional vice presidential role of assailing the opposition.

For a campaign themed on hope and drawing inspiration from Obama's barrier-breaking life story, Biden's biography was presented as a mirror-image, aspirational story of white ethnic America, an American Dream rooted in the traditions and conventions of the old working-class backbone of the Democratic Party. It provides a harder edge for a campaign that increasingly is focusing on economic struggle in tough times.

Biden jogged out in shirt-sleeves and tie onto a platform in front of the Old State Capitol after Obama praised him as "that scrappy kid from Scranton who beat the odds; the dedicated family man and committed Catholic...the kind of fighter who I want by my side in the months and years to come."

Even Biden's many years mixing with international leaders as chairman of the Senate

Foreign Relations Committee were presented in pugnacious terms, with Obama describing him as someone who "has stared down dictators."

While Obama's oratorical eloquence can come off as cool, aloof and intellectual—sometimes creating distance with blue-collar voters—Biden's debut was hot, earthy and visceral.

"Champ, it's not how many times you get knocked down, it's how quickly you get up," Biden quoted his father as saying. "Ladies and gentlemen," he added, "that's your story. That's America's story. It's about if you get up, you can make it."

He pivoted from a story about kitchen-table economic issues to lampoon McCain, who recently stumbled by telling an interviewer he did not know how many homes he owned, for his "seven kitchen tables."

Shortly after the Obama camp announced his choice of running mate Saturday morning, the McCain campaign

turned criticism Biden had made of Obama during their primary battle against the new Democratic ticket.

"There has been no harsher critic of Barack Obama's lack of experience than Joe Biden. Biden has denounced Barack Obama's poor foreign policy judgment and has strongly argued in his own words that Americans are quickly realizing—that Barack Obama is not ready to be president," said McCain campaign spokesman Ben Porritt.

Biden, who has a reputation as a loose cannon, made his first gaffe as running mate, flubbing Obama's name at one point and referring to him as "Barack America." A joke he made about his wife's doctorate being a "problem" also fell flat.

Obama also made his own blunder, introducing Biden as "the next president" before correcting himself.

Biden, 65, has been a fixture in the Senate since 1973 when Obama was 11 years old.

But Obama, who has based his campaign on discontent with the status quo in Washington, described Biden as "that rare mix—for decades, he has brought change to Washington, but Washington hasn't changed him."

Obama stressed that Biden had made a practice of commuting home every night to Delaware to be with his family, a choice he made after his first wife and a daughter died in a car accident just before he took office in the Senate. For a time, he raised his two sons as a single father, with help from his sister, until he met his second wife, Jill, a teacher he has been married to for 30 years.

"Tragedy tests us—it tests our fortitude and it tests our faith," Obama said. "Here's how Joe Biden responded. He never moved to Washington. Instead, night after night, week after week, year after year, he returned home to Wilmington on a lonely Amtrak train when his Senate business was done."

With Biden's Foreign Rela-

tions Committee chairmanship comes access to power that was not enjoyed by any other contender for the No. 2 slot on the ticket. For example, Biden last weekend traveled to Georgia to observe the conflict with Russia first-hand and perhaps boosted his vice-presidential chances in the process.

Biden is also a former chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, serving as the Democratic point man in the bruising Supreme Court confirmation hearings of Robert Bork and Clarence Thomas. He helped defeat Bork's bid for the high court, earning him the enmity of conservative activists and suggesting that Biden could play a large role in future high-stakes judicial nominations.

He has proven to be a reliable moderate on crime issues—particularly where narcotics are concerned—and was a principal author of the 1994 crime bill which sought to put 100,000 more police officers on

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College helps veterans navigate life after combat

By CYNTHIA HUBERT (MCT)

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Day after day, the soldiers march into Catherine Morris's office at Sierra College in Rocklin, Calif.

They bring the familiar baggage of student life: Worries about whether they are majoring in the right subjects. Concerns about juggling work and classes. Questions about how they might improve their English grades.

They also bring Iraq. Most of the young men and women who visit Morris have done time in combat. Their scars run deep, but are not always visible.

Looking into their eyes from behind her neatly organized desk in the school's campus center, Morris sees more than most. A former Marine

who keeps a photograph of her younger self in uniform on a shelf, she runs a year-round program specifically designed for veterans going to school under the GI Bill.

About 350 veterans are studying on Sierra College's sprawling campus, Morris said, and more than 200 of them served in combat zones in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Statewide, about 22,000 veterans are going to school under the GI Bill, including 300 at Sacramento City College and 575 at Sacramento's American River College. Each of the schools offers a range of veterans services.

But few colleges in the country, Morris said, have a program like Sierra's with a counselor dedicated full time to helping veterans navigate life after combat. Sierra even has a social club for veterans, and

courses in English and physical education adapted for men and women who survived the war zone.

When fall classes begin later this month, Morris will see new faces, but many of the same problems. Besides helping veterans map out an academic path and untangle the red tape of military benefits, Morris, who herself went to school under the GI Bill, guides them through the emotional fallout of coming home.

"Readjustment is not like a light switch that comes on automatically when they get home," said Morris, who spent 15 years in the military and is trained to counsel veterans who suffer traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress. "It's phenomenal for them to be home, but they don't feel con-

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College students should take care to protect their information

By PAMELA YIP (MCT)

DALLAS—Amid all the back-to-school activities and tasks that college students face, one of the most important is to protect their identities.

They have such busy schedules that they may unknowingly expose themselves to identity theft and fraud, particularly when they're making online purchases or engaging in social-networking Web sites.

"They're living in an extremely open environment where free flow of information is the norm, as opposed to the exception," said Adam Levin, co-founder of Identity Theft 911, which provides identity-theft products for compa-

nies and helps victims of the crime.

College students also move often, and their mail delivery can be interrupted if they haven't filled out a change-of-address form ahead of time.

"All these things make this group vulnerable," said Thomas Harkins, chief strategy officer of Secure Identity Systems, which offers identity theft prevention products for consumers and financial institutions.

To protect themselves, college students should take these precautions:

—Don't post or share personal identifying information online and don't leave sensitive data exposed in your dorm room.

—Don't store personal infor-

mation on your computer.

—Be careful what you carry in your backpack. Carry your wallet in your front pocket instead of in your back pocket.

"Carry as little as possible that identifies you," said Levin, former director of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs.

—Don't fill out credit card applications at displays set up on campus because that exposes your information to a large mass of people.

"If you want to get a credit card, go to where you're banking and get a credit card," said Linda Foley, co-executive director of the Identity Theft Resource Center. "Then you know it's a legitimate source."

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LEAD STORY

"What was once a gentleman's hobby among a few dozen enthusiasts at the turn of the 20th century," wrote The New York Times in July, "has evolved into a multimillion-dollar industry," namely, collecting strands of hair of famous people. Mastro Auctions of Chicago sells \$100,000 worth of hair a year, and in October, a tuft of Che Guevara's went for \$119,500 (and John Lennon's recently for \$48,000). Westport, Conn., Americana dealer John Reznikoff (who owns strands of Lincoln, Washington, Napoleon and Beethoven) appraised Britney Spears' locks (after her 2007 head-shaving) at "only" \$3,500. Reznikoff told the Times that, while he advertises his trade in books and autographs, the hair is low-key: "I'm concerned clients might not take me seriously if they see me selling a lock of Charles Dickens' hair."

The Continuing Crisis

•As Denton, Texas, Pizza Patron employee Stephanie Martinez complied with a disguised robber's demand for money at closing in July, a co-worker jumped the man, knocked him down, and began beating on him. As the robber's sunglasses and wig fell off, Martinez recognized him: "Don't hit him again! That's my dad!" Police later charged Stephanie's father, mother and husband with the attempted robbery, concluding that Stephanie had been kept completely in the dark about the heist.

•Made for "Law and Order": David Steffen was convicted in Cincinnati in 1983 of murdering a 19-year-old woman and sentenced to death because the jury found that he also raped her, a violation that was an added devastation to her parents. Steffen confessed to the killing but vehemently protested for almost a quarter century that he did not rape her, and, finally, a 2007 DNA test of semen backed him up, disturbing the family even more (and calling Steffen's death sentence into question). In July 2008, the prosecutor learned that the DNA belonged to 55-year-old Kenneth Douglas, who is not a suspect in the murder but who was a morgue assistant in 1982 when the woman's body arrived and, said the prosecutor, had sex with it. Though the statute of limitations likely prevents prosecuting Douglas, the woman's parents seemed somewhat comforted that, after all, their daughter was a virgin.

•Among the losers in the recent housing crash was The Shire in Bend, Ore., which was to be a village of 31 homes in the style of those in the "Lord of the Rings" series, with (according to a report in the Bend Bulletin) "unique stonework, artificial thatched roofs, terraces, gardens, and a network of streams and ponds with a pathway to ... 'The Ring Bearer's Court.'" One of the only two houses completed has a "hobbit hole" for storing garden supplies. Developer Ron Meyers said he hopes the new owner will respect the concept.

•Nevada Political Babylon: Greg Nance, 49, resigned from the state Board of Education in August after complaints about his ignoring a policy discussion at a public meeting by cooing with his new, 20-year-old wife of 12 days. (When a colleague complained that the woman should not have been seated with Nance at the board table, Nance replied, "Bite me.") Nance's replacement will be named by Gov. Jim Gibbons, whose approval rating hovers in the 20 percent range, in part because of rumors of womanizing. Gibbons filed for divorce in May, but his wife of 22 years has refused to leave the governor's mansion, and, instead, Gibbons has moved out.

Family Values

•Former British glamour model Jayne Bennington, 31, says she spends the equivalent of \$600 a month on treatments and frills to make her daughter Sasha, 11, into the beauty queen she almost was herself, according to a July profile in London's Daily Mail. However, Mom has done such a good job that Sasha can't get work because she no longer looks like a child. Asked her self-assessment by a BBC documentary crew, Sasha responded, "Blond, pretty, dumb (but) I don't need brains." (At that, Mom roared with laughter.)

Unclear on the Concept

—Chutzpah! Philadelphia Traffic Court Judge Willie Singletary has been facing charges since April from the state Judicial Conduct Board based on a 2007 political appearance. At a meeting of motorcyclists, Singletary was captured on video begging for campaign donations by asking, "You're all going to need me in Traffic Court, am I right about that?"

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The skinny on your web browser



By **JONAS DEES**
Tech Columnist

Do you really have the scoop on your favorite web browser?

Secunia, the Danish firm that is widely known for their ability to spot vulnerabilities in software, released the latest findings on web browsers, and the results will probably surprise you. Secunia measures how many security holes a browser has, and what percent needs to be patched. Here are their findings:

- Opera 9.x - Affected by six Secunia advisories; unpatched 0%
- Internet Explorer 7.x - Affected by 13 Secunia advisories; unpatched 54%; Most Critical Unpatched; the most severe unpatched Secunia advisory affecting Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.x, with all vendor patches applied, is rated Moderately Critical.
- Safari 2.x - Affected by 6 Secunia advisories; unpatched 67%, Most Critical Unpatched; The most severe unpatched Secunia advisory affecting Safari 2.x, with all vendor patches applied, is rated Less Critical.
- Firefox 2.0 - Affected by 12 Secunia advisories; unpatched 67%, Most Critical Unpatched; with all vendor patches applied, is rated Highly Critical.

So it seems, with Safari's stability safe behind the security of the stalwart Mac, that Firefox is the most insecure web browser?

Here's some more info
The most popular web browsers claim to be the fastest, the exception being Internet Explorer—apparently Microsoft knows better than to make such claims. If every other web browser claims to be the fastest, how does a potential downloader know for sure? What does "fastest" even mean? Does it matter?

The answer to the latter is no, there are more important factors to consider when choosing a web browser.

While Internet Explorer might not be the fastest it is the most often used computer program by the most amount of people around the world—right up there with solitaire. While IE has a market share that would make TV executive's head explode—61% according to W3schools—it doesn't necessarily mean it's the best browser out there.

What is the best web

browser? The Secunia stats listed above don't necessarily explain all the facts.

The top four browsers used worldwide are Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari and Opera. Funny names aside, these browsers all have different features and options that make each one different. But the most important elements to consider when choosing a browser are security, system resources management, and usability.

Browser security prevents malicious attacks to a user's computer and information, such as credit cards and passwords. Being secure while online is pinnacle to the browsing experience and anyone who has fallen victim to identity theft can attest. While a person browses the Internet, the browser is using the computer's system resources the entire time, so how a browser

"...over 600 million Internet users don't even use the latest version of their browser."

uses these resources should also be considered. This holds especially true if you are using an older computer with less RAM. Usability is important because if a person can't use the browser correctly, the other issues don't even register.

The average user might not even think about what browser they are using. As long as they can get check emails, login to Facebook and see sports scores on ESPN, life is great. While those online actions seem pretty harmless, if done with the least current version of a browser, they could allow others access to their personal information.

Google just released an article detailing how over 600 million Internet users don't even use the latest version of their browser. Security issues that were dealt with in most current browser updates are still a problem to someone using an older version. The most important thing to do is check to see if the browser being used is the most current version. While this won't prevent all security issues it is one of the few measures a person can take against those trying to do harm.

According to Nielsen the average time a person spends online a day is two and a quarter hours. During this time a browser can use a lot of memory, slowing down the entire process of browsing and the computer in general. How a browser manages memory is

important, especially to those who browse for more than the average time. Sam Allen from dotnetperls.com tested all four of the current browsers in regards to memory usage over time and he found that Firefox 3 outperformed Opera 9.5 and IE 8 beta.

Safari was the worst performing browser in regards to memory usage. Safari claims to be the "World's best browser", which should probably read "World's best browser on Mac, World's best browser on PC when not crashing your system".

Security and memory are not always the deciding factors when choosing a web browser, usability also plays an important role. If a person cannot use the program on their computer there is no point in having it installed. On the other hand, if features and techniques have been adopted by all browsers,

it is up to the users to adapt as well. Tabbed browsing might have been a difficult concept for some to grasp a few years ago, now it is the norm and should be treated as such. Usability sometimes overlaps into accessibility. Accessibility is the concept to make the Internet as accessible to the most amount of people. Web developers have been dealing with funky browsers for years but efforts are being made, by groups like the Web Standards Project to ease accessibility based on recommendations by the World Wide Web Consortium.

The only real test to gauge web standards is the Acid3 test. This test allows users to see how well a browser complies with certain web standards. On a scale of 100, Opera 9.52 received the best score with 83; Safari 3.1 is next with 75; then Firefox 3.0.1 with 71. The most surprising score is Internet Explorer 7.0 with a score of 14.

Web Browsers will change and update all the time but the majority of people must begin to demand a better and safer product. Ultimately the decision falls on the primary user of the machine which browser to use but don't keep using a browser because it came pre-loaded with the computer. Make use of the pre-loaded browser to find and download a better one, or at least the most recent version.

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Through application process, some would-be China protesters sentenced to hard labor

By MIKE JENSEN (MCT)

BEIJING—The park around the Temple of the Sun—built four centuries ago for ritual sacrifices to the sun—buzzed with modern activity, including badminton and table tennis. A boy ran around with a toy helicopter. Little kids bounced on a trampoline.

The park was one of three sites in Beijing set aside by the Chinese government for legal protests during the Olympics. The only discontent spotted here one morning this week came from a young boy upset that his mother wouldn't let him keep chasing a butterfly.

There was no protest zone ever set up. The China Daily, an English-language outlet for the Chinese government, had a headline this week: "77 requests, no protests at Games." The newspaper went on to say: "Up to yesterday, 74 applications had been withdrawn after amicable settlement between the parties and authorities."

If anything, the protest application process has made it easier for China to arrest dissidents.

Several Chinese applicants have been detained after applying to protest. Two elderly women, 79 and 77 years old, were ordered to spend a year in a labor camp, a relative told the Associated Press.

Two Philadelphia-area men were also detained, according to family members and Students for a Free Tibet, though there was no indication they had applied for permission to protest.

Brian Conley of Philadelphia and Jeffrey Rae of Wayne, Pa., were still being held Saturday.

Rae's father, William, said by phone Saturday that he had spoken with a U.S. embassy officer, who indicated Conley and Rae had been given 10-day sentences. The embassy official said embassy personnel had met with Rae.

"He said he was being treated well and felt OK," William Rae said. The embassy official, William Rae said, told him his son was one of 10 people in a cell, with another American in the group and that Jeff Rae sees Conley at times during the day.

The Associated Press reported Saturday that Chinese police have sentenced at least 10 foreigners to 10 days of detention for protesting during the Olympic Games, according to activists and officials.

Beijing's Public Security Bureau did not immediately respond to requests Saturday for comment, according to AP. The bureau issued a statement Thursday that said a separate group of six foreigners who were arrested Tuesday were ordered to serve 10 days of detention. Police did not identify the detainees, but Students for a Free Tibet said Conley and Rae were among that group of bloggers, artists and activists from the United States.

As the Olympics nears its close, China is almost assured of winning more gold medals than any other nation. But China has fallen short of opening itself to dissent and even dialogue, as it promised when the International Olympic Committee awarded Beijing the Games in 2001.

The IOC "has completely mishandled the human-rights issues in these Games," said

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nected anymore."

Terry "T.J." Boyd sought out Morris after he returned from the battlefield in 2005.

The former Marine sergeant, who spent 18 months fighting in Iraq as part of an elite counterterrorism unit, came home to a hero's welcome in his small Midwestern town. But after the parties ended, he was a lost soul.

"I thought, 'OK, the ticker tape's over,'" said Boyd, who is 28 years old, with broad shoulders and a disarming smile. "What do I do now?"

Boyd was haunted by images of mortar fire and shrapnel wounds, yet he missed the adrenaline rush of battle and the camaraderie of his fellow Marines. His college classes and bartending job in Illinois seemed meaningless. He fell into a deep depression.

During a night of heavy drinking, a suicidal Boyd got a phone call from a friend in Sacramento. Within a few weeks, he had packed his bags and headed west. He met with Morris, who helped him choose a career path and deal with his stress.

Now Boyd works as a personal trainer and is pursuing an exercise science degree at Sierra.

"I still have my 'spells,'" he said, "but I'm doing OK. I have my life on track."

Like Boyd, Cody Conway found life after Iraq to be strange and disorienting. Morris and Sierra College are helping him find his way in the civilian world.

Conway, 25, enlisted in the Marines before the terrorist attacks of 2001. "I absolutely loved everything about it," he said.

In 2003, he was called to Iraq, and his unit faced immediate resistance in the form of flying bullets and mortar fire. During a fierce sandstorm one day, he and his men were using a crane to lift the engine from a damaged assault vehicle. The sand beneath the crane shifted, and the engine smashed into his right shoulder as he tried to steer it away from other Marines.

Conway put off surgery and finished his tour, and his shoulder has never been the same. He also has memory lapses

and sleep problems, and gets jumpy at the sound of backfiring cars or popping balloons.

He has found refuge at Sierra College, where he is working on a degree in psychology and social work. One day, he said, he hopes to work as an advocate for fellow war veterans.

"I have a couple of buddies in Iraq right now, and I don't want them coming home to the same problems I had to face,"

afraid it will affect their future employment.

"Some of these veterans are truly more afraid of going to college than they were of going to Iraq," said Morris, who has served in the Army National Guard and the California Air National Guard as well as the Marines. "They are so overwhelmed, and they feel very isolated."

They have a hard time cop-

killed in action. Suddenly, his civilian life seemed frivolous. He became angry, anxious and stressed, and remains so.

Sederquist is disgusted, he said, by civilians who "don't even vote" but slam the war, and the soldiers fighting it.

"Most of them don't understand the idea of picking brains out of your boots, things like that," said Sederquist, 27. "It's hard to talk to people" who have never been in combat.

He has found fellowship among other veterans on campus, who seem to be the only ones who can relate to him, he said. But four years after coming home, he has joined the Army Reserve and is "all about going back" to the war front to be with "like-minded people," he said.

It is not an uncommon scenario, said Morris.

"A lot of these veterans end up going back to the war zone because they need that adrenaline rush, and that sense of purpose, and they miss the connection with their military buddies," she said. "They need to feel that they belong again."



Catherine Morris, a counselor at Sierra College, talks with Navy veteran and student Ben Simmons in her office in Rocklin, California, on Friday, August 8, 2008.

Randall Benton/Sacramento Bee (MCT)

said Conway, whose cell phone rings to the tune of the Marine Corps anthem.

At least 60 percent of Sierra's student veterans are in remedial classes, Morris said, trying to catch up academically to younger classmates who cannot relate to their war backgrounds. Veterans with mild traumatic brain injury often have trouble concentrating on lectures or assignments. Many deal with ongoing nightmares and insomnia. Some numb themselves with drugs and alcohol.

About 17 percent of veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan have suffered disabilities related to their duties, from amputations to severe anxiety, according to federal figures. Morris believes that number is misleading, saying many veterans with combat anxiety or PTSD refuse to file disability benefits because they are

ing with classmates who complain about such menial things as "the wrong kind of chocolate in their latte," she said. "Given what they have been through, they have a very low tolerance for that sort of thing." They get upset when they see war protesters, or hear classmates question the morality of the conflict. Morris talks them through their anger and confusion.

"The war is not over for them when they come home," she said. "It's playing over and over in their minds. Society seems oblivious to that."

"One of the most important things we do is give them a place to get together with people who understand their feelings."

Chris Sederquist, who served as an Army infantryman and sniper in Iraq, learned after he returned home in 2004 that most of his squad had been

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—Use your home address as your permanent mailing address rather than a temporary address used while in school. This will lessen the complications of multiple addresses.

Also, parents should deposit money for their college student directly into the child's account instead of writing a check.

You'll have enough things to worry about in college. You don't need the added stress of having your identity stolen.

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OBAMA

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the streets through a federal grant program. That bill also expanded the reach of the federal death penalty.

That expertise and his years as a Senate stalwart likely provides Biden the stature to go after McCain's record, especially on foreign policy, in a manner that Obama cannot. He also, as he proved in a Democratic debate last October in Philadelphia, is able to deliver an armor-piercing zinger. His quote about GOP candidate Rudolph Giuliani saying nothing more than "a noun and a verb and 9/11" echoed in political circles long after Biden's presidential bid came to an end.

Perhaps as important to Obama could be Biden's connection with middle-class voters. Biden was born in 1942 in Scranton, Pa., the son of a car salesman who struggled financially, at times working to clean boilers and moving the family into the home of in-laws.

He still has strong ties to Pennsylvania by virtue of his popularity in neighboring Delaware, perhaps giving Obama a leg up in that crucial battleground. His appeal to moderate, white Catholics could help shore up a weakness exposed in Obama's battle with Hillary Clinton.

Obama called Biden on Thursday night to offer him the vice presidential nomination, said Obama press secretary Linda Douglass. He contacted other finalists on Friday, aides said.

News of the decision leaked overnight Friday in news reports, just hours before Obama could fire off a personal text message to supporters.

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Dave Matthews Band's farewell to a fallen brother

By BEN WENER
(MCT)

Even if it had been a merely half-hearted performance — which it wasn't, not even close, though who'd have blamed 'em if it were?—Tuesday's inspired show at Staples Center would still linger long in Dave Matthews Band lore.

For this, sadly, was the night the group played a nearly three-hour elegy for its fallen brother, LeRoi Moore.

You could tell something was different—something wasn't quite right—from the way Matthews approached the microphone after opening with a tremendous roar through "Bartender." Clearly striving for some sort of grieving catharsis during that track's dozen-minute running time, eventually achieving a high-pitched, hollered fervency like I haven't felt shake my soul since Bono was in his prime, he suddenly looked sullen, sad-eyed, kinda lost—yet at the same time all business, as if out to impress.

"We got some bad news today," he told the quickly quieted crowd. It was a heavy blow: Saxophonist and founding member Moore—DMB's own Clarence Clemons—who had suffered health complications ever since sustaining serious injuries from an ATV crash on his Virginia farm in late June, had died earlier that afternoon at Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center in Los Angeles, not far from where the band would play hours later. He was 46.

"(He) gave up his ghost today," Matthews said matter-of-factly, "and we will miss him forever."

That Matthews and his mates were able to soldier on so valiantly with an often profoundly moving and largely unsentimental performance wasn't just admirable — it was downright astonishing. What's more, it spoke to the inexplicable but immense healing power

of live music.

"We're gonna raise our spirits up a little bit," the generally easygoing but this night stoic icon explained to the crowd after finding his smile as "Proudest Monkey" smoothly dovetailed into the roiling syncopated figure of "Satellite" and drummer Carter Beauford started letting the spirit stir him. "It's always easier to leave than to be left," he pointed out. And yet, as he acknowledged later in the set, before a hearty cover of Peter Gabriel's "Sledgehammer," "There's nowhere I'd rather be than with my family on stage."

Naturally, the band turned the evening into a de facto tribute to Moore—something it has done at four stops all summer, actually. But now there was a shift in tone: Where before heavier moments were meant to conjure good vibes for the ailing Moore, here those epics took on a distinctly funereal tone.

Granted, little about the selections was outright dour. Though accompanied by the bleak visual of raindrops cascading down a window pane, the soaring, shining finale of "So Damn Lucky," for one, felt as if the glory of heaven were opening up before the musicians' eyes. The relatively new African-derived gospel groove "Eh Hee," meanwhile, arrived like a celebration of the circle of life, with an evil-slaying Matthews insisting he'll "drop the devil to his knees."

But then there was the added resonance to the hopefulness that emerges amid the identity-crisis storm of "Dancing Nancies." There was the Johannesburg lull of "Water into Wine" to bring a tear—and there was Tim Reynolds' solos on "Proudest Monkey" and the closing "Two Step," yearning wailing like you get from Nils Lofgren on a good night, to do the crying for us.

There was the parting sor-

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Minky Worden, a spokesperson for Human Rights Watch.

The China Daily noted that the move to set aside the protest zones "is in line with Beijing's promises to the International Olympic Committee to adhere to the Olympic traditions, such as free expression outside the sporting venues."

"It must be the most cynical interpretation of the freedom to protest—that you follow the rules, apply five days in advance, then are turned away or put under house arrest or worse," Worden said in a telephone interview, adding that most Chinese applicants were aware of the potential risks.

"How desperate do you have to be to file a protest that would result in likely detention?" Worden said.

Worden noted that in many cases, the protestors "don't just represent themselves. In some cases, they represent thousands of people who have similar problems." And the problem, she said, may not merely involve being evicted from their house, "but being evicted in the middle of the night because a developer paid off a Communist Party official."

IOC president Jacques Rogge talked of silent diplomacy being the most effective means of affecting change.

"We're a sports organization. We stay clearly within our role, which is to bring sport to host countries," IOC spokesperson Giselle Davies told the AP on Wednesday. "We're not an organization that is best placed or has the capacity to deal with human-rights issues."

Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang declined to discuss the specifics of the protest policy at a news conference Wednesday.

"In China, like in other countries, to apply for a demonstration, you have to obey the law," Qin said.

The concern now is that these Olympics will have substantially set back human rights in China, Worden said, noting that

if the increased surveillance of citizens for the Olympics and the shutting down of protests continues, "that would be a pretty negative legacy. If the Chinese government had found a way for people to peacefully protest and it had lived up to its promise, that could have shown the government the way to deal with the chronic national problem of protests."

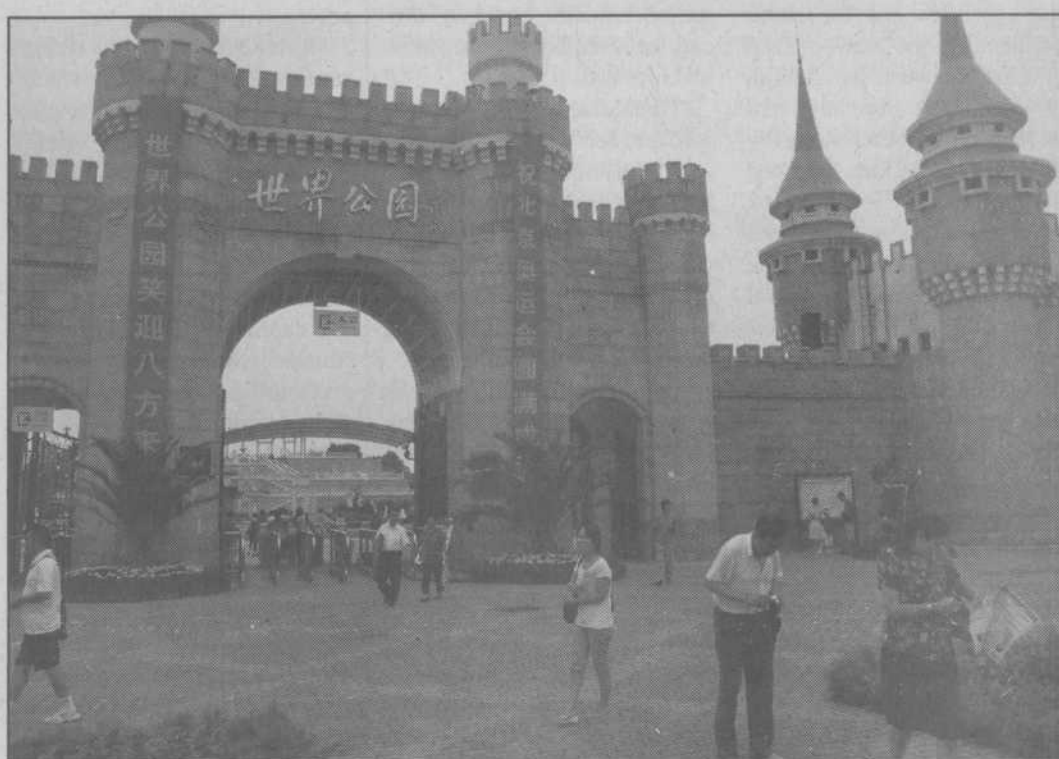
The Chinese government itself reported that there were

citizens in political processes and "denounce rampant official corruption and abuses of power." He was arrested after returning to the police station to check on the status of his application, witnesses told Human Rights Watch.

Two Associated Press photographers were roughed up by plainclothes security officers, forced into cars and taken to a nearby building where they were questioned before

two elderly women were still at home three days after being officially notified they would have to serve a year-long term of reeducation through labor, but were under surveillance by a government-backed neighborhood group, said Li Xuehui, the son of one of the women.

Li said no cause was given for the order to imprison his 79-year-old mother, Wu Dianyuan, and her neighbor Wang Xiuying, 77.



People walk about Beijing World Park, an amusement park in Beijing, China, on Monday, August 11, 2008. The park is one of three in Beijing that have been designated protest areas by the government, but no permits have been issued to hold a protest.

Tim Johnson / (MCT)

more than 50,000 public protests in 2005, the last year the government made such figures public, Worden said.

"This is the single issue that (most concerns) the Chinese government, the Chinese Communist Party, because it goes to control," Worden said.

Human Rights Watch detailed the case of Ji Sizun, 58, "a self-described grassroots legal activist" in China who was arrested on Aug. 11 three days after he had applied for a permit to hold a protest in one of the zones. According to Human Rights Watch, in his application, Ji stated that the protest would call for greater participation of Chinese cit-

being released. Memory cards from their cameras were confiscated.

The protests by Chinese citizens get little press attention here. Police in Beijing also declined an application by Zhang Wei in late July to protest over the demolition of her home for Olympics-related development. On Aug. 12, Zhang's son Mi Yu told the AP that the district court sentenced Zhang to a month in prison for "disturbing social order" in connection with a small protest Zhang took part in last week in Beijing's Qianmen district with around 20 of her former neighbors. The AP reported that the

"Wang Xiuying is almost blind and disabled. What sort of re-education through labor can she serve?" Li told the AP in a telephone interview. "But they can also be taken away at any time."

The sports events have gone off flawlessly at these Olympics, while inside Ritan Park, home to the Temple of the Sun, there are no signs of unrest, just this sign by the South Gate: "Welcome Olympic Games with joyfulness and construct a harmonious society."

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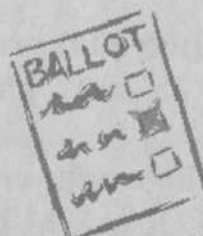
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McCain weighs possible vice presidential ticket mates

By STEVEN THOMMA (MCT)

DENVER—Overshadowed by his rival's convention, Republican John McCain is hours away from grabbing back the spotlight by choosing his running mate.

McCain is expected to announce his choice Friday in Ohio, just as the newly nominated Democratic team of Barack Obama and Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., roll out of their convention in Denver and McCain heads to Minnesota for his nominating convention next week.

McCain hasn't given any clue, but Republican insiders and analysts say that a fast-changing landscape in recent days has helped some potential choices and hurt others.

Among the changes:

- McCain has pulled into a neck-and-neck fight with Obama after trailing for weeks. He led 46-44 percent in a Gallup daily tracking poll released Tuesday. That lessens the need for him to make a dramatic long-shot pick such as Carly Fiorina, the former Hewlett-Packard chief executive officer, to shake up the race.

- He's shored up support from social conservatives and has seen a payoff in the polls. That could make him less inclined to anger them now with an abortion-rights supporter such as former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge.

- Obama picked Biden, an experienced hand in foreign

policy and debates, which could put a new emphasis on finding someone who could take on Biden in the vice presidential debate this fall.

Some insiders think that the prospects of Minnesota Gov. Tim Walle and Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney have risen; others think they've ebbed.

Regardless, the pick is crucial for McCain, especially as he announces it Friday on his 72nd birthday, which calls attention anew to his age and to speculation that he might serve only one term if elected.

"He's had a rocky relationship with the party's conservative base," said Greg Mueller, a Republican strategist and a veteran of earlier Pat Buchanan and Steve Forbes presidential campaigns.

"The Republican Party is the next-guy-in-line party. Whoever he picks as vice president could become the next guy in line. If he picks a mainstream conservative, then the conservatives can get excited not just about the McCain candidacy but the future of the party."

A look at the most-mentioned contenders in three categories:

THE MAINSTREAM:

Pawlenty and Romney top most lists.

"A week ago, Romney and Pawlenty looked like the two most likely conservative choices. But I think over the last several days, events

will have conspired against both of them," said Dan Schnur, a former aide to McCain in the 2000 campaign who's now the director of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics at the University of Southern California.

Schnur said Pawlenty might not match up well with Biden in a debate and that the flap over McCain not remembering how many homes he and his wealthy wife owned made it more difficult to pick another wealthy candidate such as Romney.

Another Republican strate-

gist, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he didn't want to offend any potential candidates, said Romney's wealth might hurt him in economically depressed Michigan, offsetting the benefit he'd have because his father was the governor there in the 1960s.

Romney was in Denver on Tuesday to attack the Obama-Biden ticket. He gave a crisp performance and offered a possible preview of an attack on Biden's experience in foreign affairs.

As for his own prospects, Romney said, "I've got nothing for you on the VP question. ... He will select a fine running mate. I don't know who that

will be."

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"I think he wants to do Lie-

berman," said a Republican strategist who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to talk about the pick. "I think his aides floated the idea of Lieberman to prove to McCain that it would get knocked down."

THE LONG BALL:

Two things might lead McCain to make a very unconventional pick such as Fiorina or eBay CEO Meg Whitman: the idea that he's trailing and needs to shake things up with someone from outside government, or that picking an accomplished woman would help him attract the votes of women who supported Hillary Clinton and are angry that Obama passed her over for his running mate.

McCain has used Fiorina as a surrogate. She also traveled to Denver this week to attack the Obama-Biden ticket. McCain cited Whitman during the faith forum as one of three wise people who'd influence him as president.

"Selecting a Whitman or Fiorina may have made more sense when he was 12 points behind," Schnur said. "If he's even in the polls, he may be less likely to take a risk. ... But then, John McCain does like to take risks."

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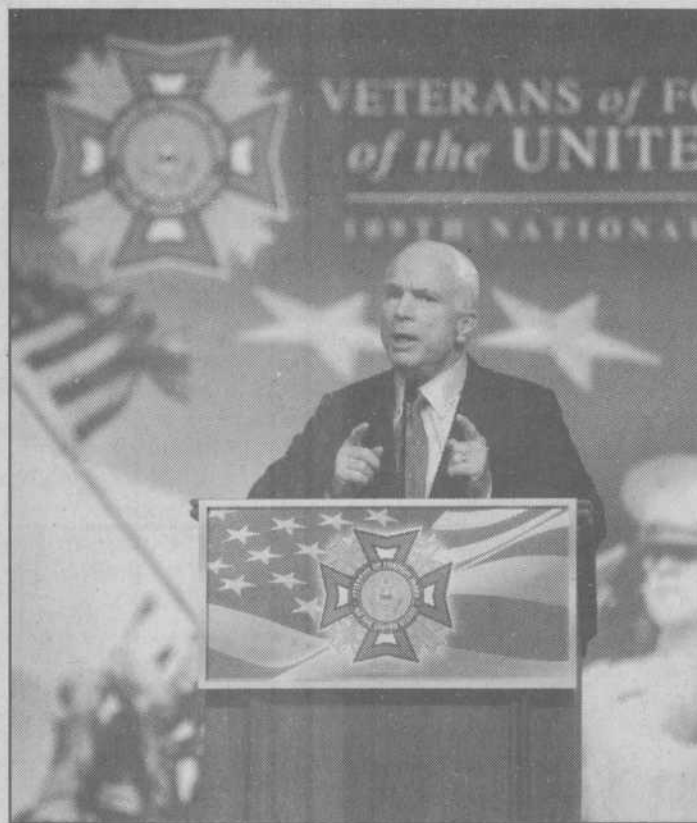
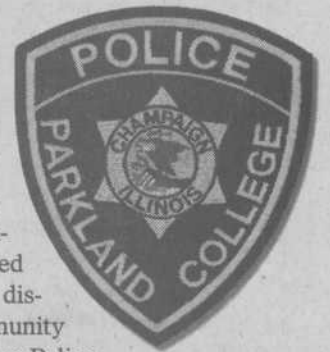
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Parkland Police Department Overview

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row of the rarely aired "Loving Wings" and the baptismal cleansing of "The Maker." (The hypnotic refrain "river, rise from your sleep" that concludes that latter piece was as calming as a Ladysmith Black Mambazo lullaby.) Then there was the most wrenching moment of all, at least for me, when the ensemble dusted off "The Dreaming Tree," a moody epic that recalls the elegiac intensity of Sting's "The Soul Cages."

And yet this hardly came across like a strictly solemn occasion. How could it when Matthews also led his group (including Moore's ace replacement, Jeff Coffin from Bela Fleck and the Flecktones) through the stress-relieving exaltation of Talking Heads' "Burning Down the House" and the skin-shedding funk of Gabriel's "Sledgehammer"? How could it when for all its introverted indulgence it also made room for crowd-pleasers like "Crash into Me" and "Ants Marching" and the all-you-need-is-love optimism of "Everyday"?

"That's professionalism," I heard one fan say to another outside afterward. Yes, but there was more than the show-must-go-on determination happening here. Who can know what Matthews, Beauford, fiddler Boyd Tinsley and bassist Stefan Lessard were remem-

bering and feeling and mourning in song after song? What was evident in their joyful noise this night, though, was just how much staggering on stage with battered hearts might have been their only option.

Remember: They had spent the better part of two decades making music with Moore; this is how they related to one another most. First time Matthews heard Moore play, he recalled as the encore began, was in a bar in Virginia: "He leapt on the cash register—'cause standing had become something of a chore at that point. And he played the most beautiful rendition of 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' I've ever heard.

"If I could, I would," he added, as if to say why he wouldn't attempt it, why he wouldn't offering a haunting rendition of his own "Sister." Indeed, all that he—and they—could do here was richly revive some of Moore's favorite songs, disappear into their frameworks, savor lyrics that now had new meaning—and deliver the emotional immediacy the moment demanded.

It was brave, it was brilliant—it was a performance unlike any I've ever seen Dave Matthews Band give.

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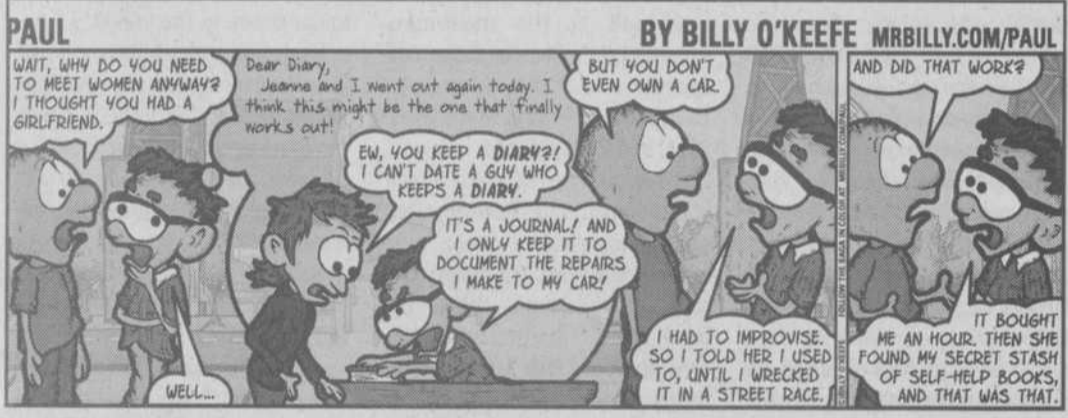
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Illinois tries to build on last year's success

By **TERRY BANNON**
(MCT)

After becoming one of the nation's surprise teams of 2007, what does Illinois propose for an encore?

"I feel we'll be better this year, but I don't know what that means," coach Ron Zook said. "There are so many things in football you can't control; (you) have to control the things you can."

Zook knows repeating last year's 9-3 regular season and Rose Bowl berth will be more difficult.

The Illini have lost running back Rashard Mendenhall and middle linebacker J. Leman, so they're looking elsewhere for big plays. The most likely candidate is sophomore wide receiver Arrelious Benn, who will have to combine with quarterback Juice Williams to provide a better passing game.

"If anything has been our Achilles' heel, it has been our ability to throw the ball when they take our running game away," offensive coordinator Mike Macklesley said. "We need to throw it more effectively and efficiently."

Benn played last season with a shoulder injury suffered in

training camp but still caught 54 passes, two for touchdowns. He had 676 receiving yards,

know I didn't have that much of a range of motion. I couldn't get my arms up. I just dealt

the group's only returnee who started every game last year, should be a force.

where to run.

Illinois will contend for a Big Ten title if ... Williams contin-

has shown steady improvement. Benn will be his favorite target, capable of turning short completions into long gains, and should be one of the Big Ten's top kickoff returners. The Illini need Davis to be a lockdown cornerback.

In a word, the schedule can be described as ... front-loaded. One of the toughest games of the season is the opener Saturday against No. 6 Missouri in St. Louis. The 20th-ranked Illini's first two Big Ten games are on the road against contenders Penn State on Sept. 27 and Michigan on Oct. 4.

Last season's defining moment was ... Williams' successful sneak on fourth-and-inches that allowed the Illini to keep the ball and run out the clock in their 28-21 upset at No. 1 Ohio State on Nov. 10. The victory put Illinois on path to the Rose Bowl.

This season will be considered a success if ... Illinois plays in a BCS bowl or one of the Big Ten's Jan. 1 games (Capital One, Janback).



Illinois' Ron Zook congratulates Will Davis (81) and J. Leman (47) after defensive stop at Memorial Stadium in Champaign, Illinois, on Saturday, November 17, 2007.

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ues to improve as a passer and the defensive line delivers on its potential.

Davis must apply pressure on the quarterbacks, Brit Miller must be an effective successor to J. Leman at middle linebacker and sophomore Martez Wilson must become a big-play linebacker.

The Illini will drive Zook nuts if ... the running game doesn't hold up. It has been a strength in Zook's three seasons, but the Illini begin the season without a proven runner.

The Illini's indispensable players are ... Williams, Benn and cornerback Vontae Davis. Zook has built much of his program around Williams, who

averaging 12.5 yards per catch.

"I'm 100 percent. I feel better than I've ever felt," Benn said. "A lot of people didn't

with it and took my lumps."

Line play should be a team strength. The defensive line, led by pass rusher Will Davis and tackle David Lindquist,

The offensive line, led by center Ryan McDonald and left tackle Xavier Fulton, should give Williams time to throw and the corps of backs some-

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Trying to believe it's real as we say goodbye to Beijing

By **VAHE GREGORIAN**
(MCT)

BELJING—At breakfast Sunday in North Star, Media Village, Restaurant 3, for the umpteenth time in the last few weeks, I picked up a tray and went through an extensive buffet line. I pointed to rice, and then pork dumplings, each dished out as usual by the unfailingly smiling young Chinese we assume are volunteers.

Then I ambled to the coffee machine, easy enough to engage with the touch of a button, yet nearly at all times managed by uniformed workers wearing baseball caps over their hairnets. Usually, one asks if you'd like large or small and another offers to pour milk or cream.

Day after day after day here, I see Yan Yan, whose Western name is Maria, and Peggy and Sarah, whose Chinese names I am embarrassed to say I have not retained. Between

ries, but it always cheered me to see them. I figured they felt the same when they saw me

things I'd read lately, about classes Chinese volunteers had to take on decorum and percep-

ceptions of the Beijing Games—and not just as it pertained to China itself.

Omega, the official Olympics timer?

Even after my fourth Sum-

all I know I don't know about this government, I will leave hear believing this:



Fireworks explode over the stadium during the Closing Ceremony of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing, China.

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coming. But I wasn't ready for what happened today, their last day of work.

ing English and how, about all properly and such, to smile the illusions in China's orchestration of opening ceremo-

How naive are we? How cynical are we? What are we supposed to believe?

How could Jamaican Usain Bolt run that fast without a jolt

A double-decker bus symbolizing London hosting the 2012 Games circles the stadium during the Closing Ceremony of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing, China.

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mer Olympics and seventh overall, which has provided plenty of reason to think otherwise, I choose to believe that Bolt is a natural phenomenon. And that Phelps' seventh gold medal was an honest result amid the most sensational athletic achievement we may ever know.

In each of those moments, I swear I could hear Jack Buck's voice calling, "I can't believe what I just saw." Who could?

But I want that to still mean something to admire, not doubt as we've been given so many reasons to in sports lately.

I want that to mean something pure, like the feeling I had seeing radiant East St. Louisan Dawn Harper storm from relative obscurity to win the 100-meter hurdles.

So maybe this makes me an easy mark. But despite all I've heard about illusions here, and

Countless Chinese people and their visitors forever will view each other differently, more favorably, because of the convulsively welcoming nature of the Beijing Games.

Did China sterilize itself and go to enormous lengths to choreograph its behavior and do all it could to hide its flaws and accentuate strengths and please its guests? Sure. Does some of that alarm me—like knowing thousands of people were displaced in the cause? Yes.

But even that confuses me. By some analyses, for instance, most Chinese people wanted to do whatever they could to welcome the world. If they were going to all this trouble, how could we insult them by scoffing at it?

So in the end maybe it just comes to this: I believe that my friends at Restaurant 3 were sincere, because I just can't bear to believe otherwise.

Just have mercy on the man who doubts what he's sure of.

"It is too hard to say goodbye," Peggy said, sadly, "so I will just say, 'See you.'"

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a language barrier and sheer time constraints, I've pieced together only little of their lives:

They are in college together, seem interested in the hospitality industry and are being bused here from more than an hour away.

Most of our "conversations," really, are limited to pleasant-

When Sarah saw me approach, her eyes misted up and leaked out her face. When I turned to bid her goodbye to Yan Yan, she burst into tears.

I'm as sentimental as anyone. I mean, I cried during "Spider-Man"—the first and second ones. I was choked up as I walked away.

Then I remembered some

nies and other ways it has presented itself to the world.

And in a sickening moment, I thought ... is it possible their emotions were ginned up?

I couldn't tell what made me feel worse—the possibility that they were or the fact I thought it possible.

In some way, to me this episode was at the very crux of

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