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NEWS BRIEFS

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ARTS & LEISURE BRIEFS

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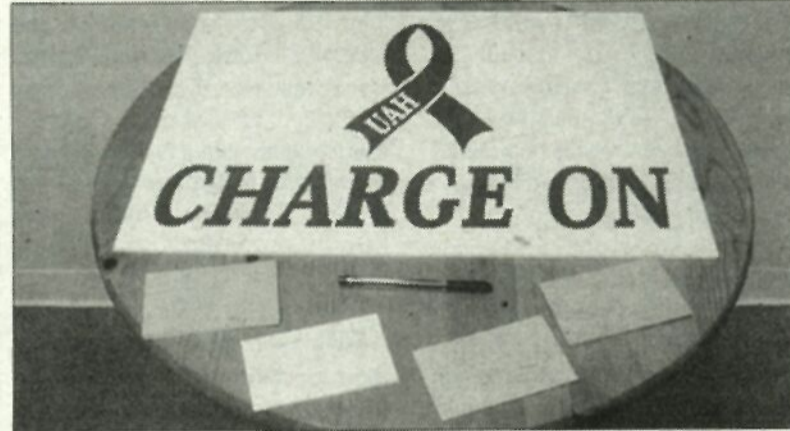
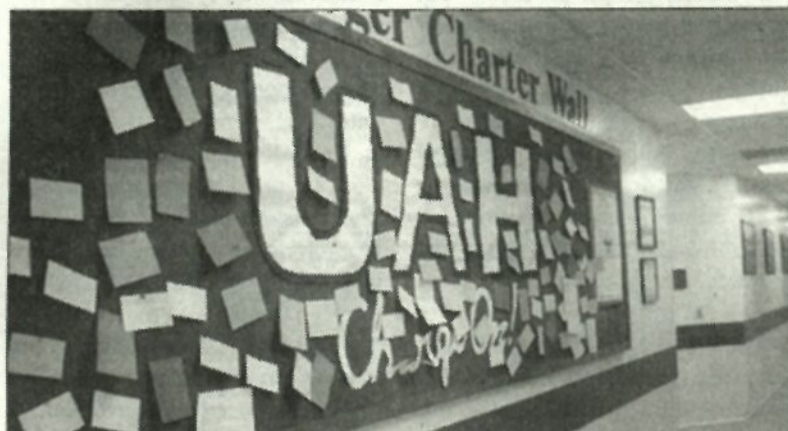
The Chargers entered the Gulf South Conference Championship playing their best basketball. They were riding a nine game winning streak, and won sixteen of their past seventeen games. The loss came against Valdosta State, who the Chargers later beat. Their regular season performance earned them a No.1 seed in the GSC Tournament.

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UAH Charge On: Memorial Book



Photos by: Eric Morgan

JULIE RAMHOLD
Staff Writer

The campus has come together in different ways to cope with the shooting tragedy on Feb. 12. Gail Seemann is contributing to the effort by creating a memory book as a legacy for others in an effort to help them realize that even in a dark time such as this, hope and strength still come through.

On Feb. 24 students, faculty and staff gathered in room 127 of the University Center and submitted their "experiences, memories,

art and poetry" to be compiled in the memory book. The project continued for two weeks to allow those who wished to create while in a group to come together to do so.

For those who are interested in contributing, but who could not make it to one of the groups, Seemann is continuing to accept submissions through May 12. She acknowledged that it may be too soon for some, and that others are simply not prepared to sit down and talk about it any longer.

Seemann reached out even

more on March 3 by going to different dorm lobbies to give those passing by a chance to stop and submit something if they wished. She has obtained permission to use the prayers from the prayer wall in the University Center in her compilation once the cards come down. Someone who would prefer not to speak to someone, but who would still like to participate should feel free to write his or her submission on one of those cards. Eventually they will be given to Seemann, who will add them to the other submissions.

She stated that any size submission is fine. The compilers will make it fit into the book. It is also acceptable to edit one's submission later. If someone wishes to do a long-term project, e-mail her and let her know.

Seemann is open to discussion on those projects. She hopes to have the book ready to publish by next year.

Those who wish to drop something off can do so in room 113 at the University Center. For any questions, e-mail Seemann at gail.seemann@uah.edu.

Higher Education Day 2010

MATT SAYAR
Senior Science & Tech Writer

Fifty-nine students from UAH boarded two buses traveling down to Montgomery on March 4 to attend the annual Higher Education

Day, on which students across the state protest rising tuition costs.

As occurred last year, the activities started with students marching to the Alabama State House, led by the University of North Alabama band. The largest crowd

of students in 13 years then rallied on the steps for about an hour, led by the passionate words of Gordon Stone, the executive director of the Higher Education Partnership.

"We need fairness in funding," the director said. "Our universities have lost 31 percent of our funding in the last two years."

In the 1990s, higher education in Alabama received 33 percent from the state's education trust fund, but it sits at 28 percent today.

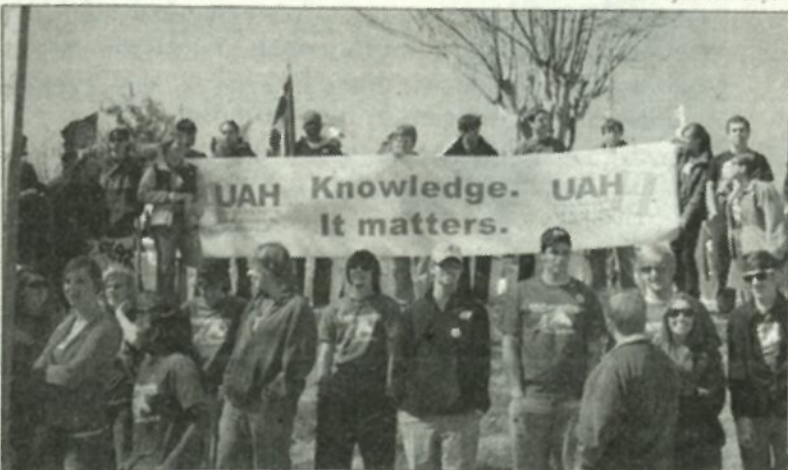
"Every dollar that we put into higher [education] is an investment in your future and in the future of Alabama," Governor Bob Riley said.

One of the larger concerns raised during this year's rally was the fate of the Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program. Originally established to help parents pay for their children's education at a heavily discounted rate long before they enter college, the program has run into difficulties in the past year with the downturn of the economy. Debates are still being held about what the correct course of action should be, leaving students from the PACT program in a state of uncertainty.

"We don't think... we should cap tuition to fix that problem, because that punishes 90 percent of our students who aren't in the PACT program," Stone said.



UAH students march and hold signs protesting the education budget. Photo by: Matt Sayar



UAH students raise a banner during the rally on the State House steps. Photo by: Matt Sayar

Editorial: Housing Bill Dropped

JULIE RAMHOLD
Staff Writer

At 10:31 a.m. on Feb. 11, Lee Roop of the Huntsville Times reported on al.com that state Rep. Howard Sanderford had introduced legislation to stop the new housing requirement at UAH.

Many students felt upset over the prospect of living on campus. Freshmen who live 30 miles or more outside of campus are typically required to live in the Central Campus Residence Hall, which is for freshmen only. As most of the campus population is aware, Williams proposed that beginning fall 2010, all students classified as freshmen and sophomores would be required to live on campus. This would be enforced regardless of the location of the student's primary residence.

This upset many local students who did not want to live on campus, paying an extra \$4,600 a year, when they could live rent-free with their parents or for much cheaper rates in a local apartment.

The original article, posted Feb. 11 on blog.al.com, incited several people to comment. Comments revealed the public agreed with Sanderford.

"That's a crazy requirement," "G8orfan" said.

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Girl Scout Cookie Recall

JULIE RAMHOLD
Staff Writer

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When the word "recall" is associated with food it usually refers to bacterial contamination in the product. In the past few years there have been recalls of products such as peanut butter and tomatoes due to bacteria.

Fortunately, the Girl Scout cookie recall has nothing to do with the product's making anyone sick.

"Approximately 10 consumers have informed the cookie maker of an 'off' taste and smell in certain packages of Lemon Chalet Creams," an article on <http://www.msn.com> stated. They attribute it to the possibility of oils breaking down in the product.

For anyone who has stocked up on these cookies for a midnight snack, the lot codes of the defective cookies are: 745581, 7456741, 7457661, 7458521, 7459401, 7455882, 7456742, 7457662, 7458522, 7459402, 7455883, 7456743, 7457663, 7458523, and 7459403. Little Brownie Bakers stated that no other cookies were affected. The company encouraged anyone with a batch from one of these lots to call 1-800-962-1718 or visit the company's Web site at <http://www.littlebrowniebakers.com>.

While Girl Scout cookies have always been top notch, this year their reputation is slightly tainted. Though some may have been disappointed in the taste of their Chalet Crème cookies, no doubt the cookies' reputation will remain intact, and the cookies will likely be on coworkers' and family members' list of must-haves next year.

Freshman/Sophomore Housing Requirement Revamped

DAVID DANIELS
Staff Writer

The administration's new requirement that all freshman and sophomores live on campus during their first two years at UAH has been revamped in light of feedback from parents and students who prefer to live at home.

"Due to economic times being a factor, and e-mails and correspondence from the community, including parents and legal guardians of students, we have decided

to exempt certain students from the living requirement," Associate Vice-President of University Housing, John Maxon, said.

The policy itself still remains in effect. Students who have a parent or legal guardian with whom they can live will be allowed to continue living in those off-campus residences, pending the completion and approval of the On-Campus Waiver form, which can be found on the school's Web site at: http://housing.uah.edu/forms/on-campus_waiver.pdf.

Editorial: Administration Helps School Heal, but UAlert

LISA BARBELLA
Managing Editor

In the wake of the February 12th shooting the UAH administration was faced with immense logistical and legal problems that threatened the order and unity of the university. They were also charged with leading a grieving community back into a sense of normality. Although this is no easy task for any leader to take on the UAH administration, faculty, and staff showed an impressive amount of grace, strength, and compassion during our time of crisis.

In the week following the tragedy they secured professors and lecturers to take over for the faculty members that were lost or injured in order to minimize the disruption of classes. They planned a beautiful memorial service that honored the lost and injured faculty and staff. They coordinated counseling services to tend to the emotional needs of the UAH community. They dealt with the onslaught of media attention with patience and dignity.

It is no accident that UAH is coming out of this tragedy as a stronger and more unified university. Blue ribbons sprinkle the campus on cars, doors, book bags, computers, and even t-shirts. Reminders to "charge on" are at every corner. UAH athletes became a symbol of the school's spirit and students rallied around them at games. In the wake of the darkest hour in UAH's short history I've

never felt more proud to be a Charger.

Although the reaction to the tragedy from the university's leaders was admirable, much has been said about the failure of the UAlert system to notify students of the shooting in a timely manner.

I did not receive notification of the shooting from the university until 5:32, approximately an hour and a half after the incident occurred, via a UAlert text message. The message stated that the campus was all clear. A phone call and e-mail with a similar message came shortly after the text message.

Although campus housing and some of the academic buildings were put under lock down shortly after the incident there were some students who found out about the shooting by wandering into the midst of the emergency response. Sophomore Amber Sanderson completed a math test in Madison Hall shortly after 4:00 pm and left the building to find police cars and ambulances lining the neighboring Shelby Center. It was a phone call from a friend, not from the university, that informed her that she had just walked past the site of a campus shooting. Fortunately, thanks to the immediate response of the UAH and Huntsville police departments and emergency personnel, no students were put in danger because of UAlert's failure.

The UAlert system was created after the Virginia Tech campus shootings in order to warn students in the event of a campus-

wide emergency. Clearly, it failed. When the UAlert failed to tell me there was a tornado coming before I saw it touch down over fraternity and sorority row it was frustrating; when it failed to tell students that their campus was the site of a shooting it was frightening.

Some argue that sending out a mass text message or phone call about a campus shooting before it is contained would create chaos. Others argue that a warning would allow students to protect themselves and not walk into a dangerous situation. Ideally, the UAlert system would allow the police to send out notification of an emergency with clear instructions about what to do. Admittedly, this is a lot to ask of a police department whose first priority is to contain the situation. However, given the quick and effective response on February 12th maybe it is possible.

The university is currently looking into ways to improve to UAlert system and perhaps other schools can learn from our experiences in the event of a similar situation.

Despite the breakdown of communication between the university and students during the shooting, the administration should be applauded for their actions following the event. There were no doubt many long days and sleepless nights when administration, faculty, and staff put their own grieving aside to ensure the students' needs were met. For that they deserve our deep appreciation.

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The Earthquakes of Haiti and Chile

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Editor-in-Chief

Two months. Two devastating earthquakes. One question: Why did the smaller magnitude earthquake kill more people?

Léogâne, Haiti, a town located 16 miles west of the capital city of Port-au-Prince, was the center of a catastrophic 7.0 moment magnitude earthquake that struck on January 12. The earthquake produced over 50 aftershocks of at least 4.5 measurements. Millions are affected by this tragedy; hundreds of thousands of residential and commercial properties have collapsed or remain extremely damaged; and approximately 230,000 people have lost their lives.

Over a month later, an earthquake struck offshore of Chile from the Maule Region, which is located about 71 miles north of Concepción, the second largest city of Chile. The earthquake registered at 8.8 MMS, 1.8 points higher than the Haitian earthquake. The Chile earthquake was also listed as a level VIII (Destructive) on the Mercalli intensity scale. It caused over 1,000 casualties.

The February 27 Chilean quake was 500 times more forceful than the one that Haiti experienced in January, yet the deaths were far less. People are wondering why and an examination of both earthquakes is needed to explain why

this has occurred.

Location of the epicenter

The country of Haiti borders the northern boundary of the Caribbean tectonic plate, which shifts east each year from the North American plate. Two branches of the strike-slip fault system—the Septentrional-Orient fault and the Enriquillo-Plaintain Garden fault—are located in Haiti. A rupture of about 40 miles long in the Enriquillo-Plaintain fault is believed to have caused the quake, which erupted near the town of Léogâne, causing major damage to Port-au-Prince, Haiti's governing center, and other nearby towns. The population of Port-au-Prince was roughly three million before the earthquake, which is nearly half of the entire population of Haiti.

Chile and the rest of the countries of South America comprise the South American plate, which borders the Caribbean plate to the north, the Scotia and Antarctic plates to the south, and the Nazca plate to the west. The Chilean earthquake occurred along the boundary between the South American and Nazca plates where the two plates converge about three inches every year. The Nazca plate slid beneath the South American plate creating a thrust-faulting focal mechanism. The quake began off the coast of Chile, near the Maule Region, and not on land, generating tremors and

tsunamis that were experienced elsewhere.

Extent of Damage

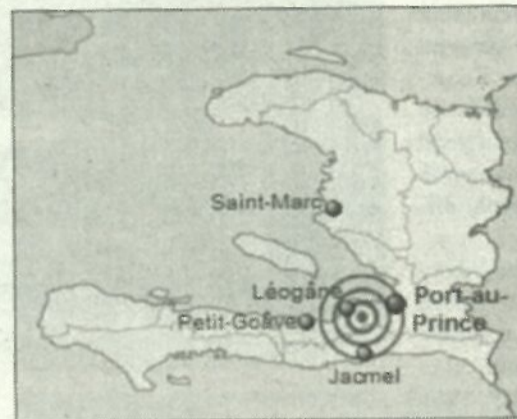
The Haiti earthquake wiped out most of Port-au-Prince, damaging infrastructure including hospitals, transport facilities, and communication systems that were necessary to respond to the natural disaster. The St. Michel District Hospital, the largest hospital in southeast Haiti collapsed, as did several Doctors Without Borders facilities of Port-au-Prince. The control towers at the Toussaint L'Ouverture International Airport and the Port-au-Prince seaport were seriously damaged. Losing the seaport control tower made immediate harbor rescue operations impossible.

The main road between Port-au-Prince and the city of Jacmel was blocked for ten days by debris, which also caused problems for rescue attempts. Many government buildings were damaged or destroyed, including the Palace of Justice, the Presidential Palace, and the Port-au-Prince Cathedral. The Prison Civile de Port-au-Prince, the main jail, was also destroyed, allowing around 4000 inmates to escape.

Chile's capital city of Santiago suffered far less damage than Port-au-Prince. Several buildings in Santiago received minor damage. Santiago's International Airport

suffered damage, delaying flights for at least a day. The national Fine Arts Museum was also terribly damaged and three hospitals collapsed. The earthquake affected other cities of the Maule Region and at least

500,000 homes have been damaged.



Maps courtesy of Wikipedia

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Several commenters believe the new policy had to do with the new dorm's construction.

"If UAH couldn't pay for the residence hall without FORCING students to live on campus, then they should not have built it!!" "Utester" said.

Some comments supported Williams' decision, theorizing that students who live on campus perform better with their studies and grades.

"Mr. Sanderford is an idiot who probably did not even graduate from college," stated "Murnerone," who appeared in favor of the policy. "Living on campus is a must for the true and best college experience."

However, overwhelmingly, those who commented were not only against the decision overall, but wished to see the statistics that UAH quoted as proof that students living on campus do better in school. Several parents commented that their child and their money would go to other institutions within the state. Some even opted for their students to attend Calhoun or Athens.

Many students attest to the activities that occur in dorms at all hours of the day. It is probably safe to say that every freshman stu-

dent who has lived on campus has experienced the sound of a door slamming at 2 a.m or loud music emanating from the suite next door at midnight. It is true that dorms have "quiet hours" in place, and these are even extended during exam time.

However, often those "quiet hours" are not enforced. One night spent trying to study in a dorm, and it is easy to see why the library explodes with people around exams. It is easier to camp out in the library the majority of the night to study rather than try to get any kind of peace and quiet in a dorm.

Rep. Sanderford's bill would have stopped the decision altogether. However, last week UAH dropped its proposal. Consequently, Sanderford withdrew his bill.

"I want to thank UAHuntsville for reconsidering this policy," Lee Roop quotes Sanderford in an article written March 2. "I commend the administration for listening to the concerns of parents and students. Like me, they are concerned with any added expense that makes sending their children to college more expensive."

While it is a small example, it remains a great example of the way in which a community can make a difference when they come together with a common goal in mind.

Haiti and Chile - A Comparison

Haiti	Chile
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the poorest countries in the Americas • Poorly constructed buildings and no building codes • Earthquake's epicenter was closer to the surface and struck near major cities • Approximately 230,000 casualties • Cities and towns experienced "violent" to "extreme" shaking • 7.0 MMS earthquake • The quake was centered 16 miles from capital city, Port-au-Prince 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of South America's most stable and prosperous nations • Well-constructed buildings and strict building codes • Earthquake's epicenter was off shore and underground • Over 1,000 casualties • No urban area suffered more than "severe" shaking • 8.8 MMS earthquake • The quake was centered 200 miles from capital city, Santiago

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Lunch buffet changes daily with rice, pita bread, and grilled chicken as a staple and on Friday and Sunday with Goat and other chicken dishes. Tuesday 9, their offered variety included Palak Allo (potatoes cooked in spinach and flavored spices), Dal black (assorted lentils sautéed with ginger, onion, garlic and tomato), Mushroom Matar (peas and mushrooms cooked in a mild curry sauce), Bhindi Masala (fresh okra stuffed with exotic spices and cooked with onions and peppers) and Chicken Tandoori (chicken marinated in yogurt and mild spices with its own



Photo by: Raymond Gilstrap

natural juices, roasted in our Tandoor oven). They also include two to three deserts daily with a selection of different chutneys like mint and onion along with hot sauce (not too hot but adds a good kick) and Achar (hot and spicy pickles).

They have a nice selection of drinks from iced tea to soda to alcoholic beverages and traditional teas like hot chai, which was very delicious. A must try is their Mango

Lassi, a refreshing homemade beverage. It was much smoother than a smoothie, not stringy or too sweet, a very delicate treat for the pallet. I highly recommend it.

If you would like more information, you can call 256-536-3360 or check out their web-site www.sitarhuntsville.com. They also are located in Chattanooga, Nashville, and Knoxville, TN and Tuscaloosa, AL and Louisville, KY.

Krav Maga Becoming a Popular Form of Self-Defense

AMANDA BLISS, UNA

With the recent school violence in the Tennessee Valley, many students have questioned their safety and, as a result, have considered taking a self-defense course.

For interested UAH students, Huntsville has a new kind of self-defense class: Krav Maga. "It is considered a 'no-nonsense' method of self-defense for a variety of situations," certified instructor and teacher of Krav Maga Marty Kradlak said.

Krav Maga is an Israeli hand-to-hand combat method currently gaining popularity all across the world. Originally, Krav Maga was developed during the liberation fighting in Israel, but it has since been integrated and practiced among elite forces such as the British Special Air Service, the U.S. Special Forces, various law enforcement agencies and officers, Navy SEALs and the Marine Force Recon.

Combining boxing, Judo and Jujitsu, Krav Maga makes for a

very fast-paced, practical and tactical method of self-defense that is very useful in real-life situations in which losing would be potentially fatal. As a result, this system stresses the neutralization of scenarios in which there is an immediate threat of danger by using natural, sequential, fluid and crippling attacks against the predator.

One of the main missions of the course is to instill in each practitioner the ability to not only defend unarmed attacks, but also to focus on making the quick transition from offensive to defensive techniques without injury.

"The Krav Maga training programs involve rapid learning, with both offensive and defensive techniques introduced from the first lesson and retzev [sequencing], playing an important part in both the training and the maneuvers," Kradlak said.

Attacks and counterattacks are taught and performed based on all possible targets, directions, distances, angles, ranges and heights. Krav Maga therefore trains the

practitioner to respond to a variety of hostile circumstances, regardless of the position, place or posture. The method identifies how to deal with the attacks from a more street-type approach, such as a throw to the ground or an approach in an alley or parking lot. It also stresses the use of any available objects to take the advantage over the opponent.

The moves and techniques are simple to perform and work alongside the body's natural instincts, making Krav Maga easy to master and retain, even for a novice.

Krav Maga, by traditional standards, is not a martial art. There are no set-in-stone rules, katas, official uniforms or gear or distinct differences in training between men and women, making it a great and versatile method of self-defense.

Krav Maga classes are offered at the Matrix Gym on Leeman Ferry Road in Huntsville Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.kovertkravmaga.com>.

UAH Theatre Present

"The Mystery of Edwin Drood"

JESSICA KNIGHT &
ANA MANGLONA

The UAH Music and Theatre Departments premiere "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," a musical by Rupert Holmes, on April 1 in Chan Auditorium.

Holmes has been acclaimed for his many achievements, including the 1986 Tony Awards for Best Original Score and Best Book of a Musical for the Broadway production of "Drood." The musical's last showing in Huntsville, put on by the Twickenham Repertoire Company, took place in 1994. More than 10 years later, the revival of this production is anticipated to be one of the biggest performances at UAH.

The play is a musical adaptation of an unfinished Charles Dickens novel. Because the ending was never written, the play allows for audience interaction in determin-

ing the dramatic conclusion. The story unfolds as the title character, Edwin Drood, unexpectedly disappears. Tensions heighten as the characters attempt to discover the source of Drood's disappearance. This play-within-a-play intertwines elements of comedy, music, romance and mystery to create a fun-filled atmosphere for everyone involved.

The show opens April 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chan Auditorium. Additional show times are April 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. and April 11 at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free for UAH students with a Charger ID.

For more information regarding tickets, prices and locations, call 824-6871 or visit <http://www.uah.edu/theatre>.

Come out and see if you can solve the mystery of Edwin Drood.

Event Calendar

March 10

- ACE hosts the Harlem Globetrotters live at the VBC. A bus will leave the UC at 6 p.m., but if you want to drive, be at the VBC no later than 7 p.m. Free
- James Irving performs at the Voodoo Lounge. 9 p.m. Free.

March 11

- The Hot Seats play at the Flying Monkey. This Richmond bluegrass band will engage you, even if you dislike country music. 8 p.m. \$5
- Slippjig performs at Finnegan's Pub. 9:30 p.m.

March 12

- Miss Tess and the Bon Ton Parade play at the Flying Monkey. 9 p.m. \$7
- Eyes Around and Rearview Ghost play at Crossroads Music Hall. 10 p.m. \$10. 19+
- Silver Streak performs at Bandito Southside. 8 p.m.

March 13

- Maple Hill Band performs at the Nook. 8 p.m. 21+
- Stephaniesid plays at the Flying Monkey. 9 p.m. \$5
- A DJ dance party will be held at Crossroads. It all begins at 10 p.m. \$5

March 14

- Balthrop, Alabama and Helen Keller's Ukulele play at the Flying Monkey. 8 p.m. \$5
- Neeve and Friends perform at Bandito Southside. 9 p.m.
- Freddy Earl and the Blues Mercenaries perform at the Kaffee-klatsh. 9 p.m.

Can Doing What You Love Change the World?

KATE BLAKE
Copy Editor

Sponsors of the EXPO community fair to be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 31 in the University Center seek the participation of individuals and groups who use their interests to bring about positive social change.

The EXPO showcases grassroots organizations and individuals who use hobbies, actions and projects to promote social service

and change. Recycling programs, green energy, handcrafted products, athletic activism such as cycling, local food, animal care and advocacy, and childcare, among many other projects, are encouraged. All campus organizations, including fraternities and sororities, that do anything to promote positive social change should register for the fair.

By hosting the fair at UAH, the team behind the EXPO hopes to raise awareness among college students that they, too, can make

a global impact through even the smallest actions.

"Anyone can make change," Dr. Nancy Finley, professor of sociology, said. "We want people to come to the EXPO and think, 'Hey, I could do something for social change, too!' Whether you knit or swim, build houses or juggle—however you make the world better—come, share and inspire!"

She hopes to help define UAH as a campus that has organizations that make the world better.

"It's a great way to show what your club does," she added.

In addition to the booths, there will be door prizes in both the morning and afternoon hours, puppeteers, dogs, cyclists, entertainment coordinated by the Flying Monkey's Anna Sue Courtney, and dancers.

The sponsors of the fair include the American Association of University Women Campus Action Project Grant Team, the UAH Art Club, POWER (the Women's Stud-

ies student organization), the Student Sociological Association, and the Women's Studies Program. The Student Government Association's support and donations from local businesses also help make this possible.

Clubs and individuals can register by visiting <http://www.uah.edu/expo>. Registration is due by March 17.

Charger Talk: How Does the Increase in Airport Security Affect You?

ASHLEY TROMBA
Staff Writer

Since flight has become a major source of transportation, the possibility of terrorist attacks on airplanes has become a major concern.

On Oct. 6, 1976, the first known terrorist attack on a plane occurred. On Cubana Flight 455, seventy-three people were killed indiscriminately.

This was only the beginning. Airport security failed to detect a bomb in 1985, and 329 people were slain on Air India Flight 182.

Gunmen threw grenades and opened fire at travelers at ticket counters at the Rome and Vienna airport in December of 1985, killing 20 people.

These are just three of the many terrorist attacks aimed at airports and airplanes throughout recent history. After each attack, airport security only increases. As attacks continue, the question is whether or not these security measures are working.

The most notable terrorist attack is the hijacking of two airplanes, which were then flown into the World Trade Center. This attack killed 2,973 people. For the first time, Americans realized how vulnerable they really were to terrorist attacks. There have always been terrorist attacks or attempts to shake the United States, but now everyone knows it.

After 9/11, airport security was tighter than ever before. The time to get through security checkpoints tripled. The items travelers could bring on the plane decreased. However, people still rely on flying as a major source of travel, mostly due to its convenience and speediness.

Are these safety measures and increased security working? On

Dec. 26, 2009, another terrorist almost succeeded. A man identified as Umar Farouk Abdul Mutallab, boarded a plane headed for Detroit with 289 passengers on board. Airport security failed to detect the bomb he had hidden in his pants. On the final stretch of the flight, within 20 minutes of landing, the man tried to detonate the bomb. The bomb failed to detonate properly and only resulted in making a lot of noise and in his pants' catching fire.

Once the pants had been doused by other passengers, he was detained. This was fewer than three months ago. With all the increases in security, how did a man with a bomb in his pants not only make it into the airport, but through security and onto the plane? Should we be worried about the possibility of a terrorist attack at any time from entering and leaving the airport to the flight itself?

UAH students were asked the following questions: *Do you feel safe traveling by air flight? How does the increase in airport security affect you? Do you worry or think about the possibility of an attack occurring while you are traveling?*

"I don't worry about an attack while traveling. It's more a pain in the neck than anything. In most instances, it's a little bit of an overreaction. Yeah, I feel safe. I don't think a lot of the precautions that are being taken are necessary or are being taken seriously." -Peter Scherff, electrical engineering, sophomore

"I actually fly a lot. Over breaks I go to Florida to visit family. So, I guess I'm so used to flying that I don't think about anything bad happening. The only thing that bothers me is having to get there early to make it through security." -Anissa Singh, nursing, junior

"I don't worry about it. It's not a big deal for me." -Jonathan Mitike, mechanical engineering, sophomore

"I don't really fly, but I'm not scared to fly." -Courtney Hall, biology, freshman

"I do feel safe on a plane. I think the increase in security makes me feel safer. There's always some fear but not too much. I haven't had any trouble with the security." -Rebekah Brunton, math education, junior

"I'm actually flying to California for spring break, and I'm not worried at all. I feel safe when traveling." -Kelsey Jenson, nursing, sophomore

"I have flown before, and it doesn't frighten me, I don't worry about not feeling safe while flying." -Emily Howard, computer science, freshman

"I haven't flown in three years, and I wouldn't be worried about flying. Isn't there a bigger chance of getting hit in a car than by plane?" -Sarah Smith, mechanical engineering, sophomore

"Half-way scared and half-way confident. It's annoying as hell. I can't stand it." -Beverly Perry, biology, junior

"I'm not any more afraid of flying than before. You would have much better chances of getting hit by lightning than of getting killed in a terrorist attack. The increase in airport security doesn't affect me at all." -Jordan Wyatt, biology, junior

Popular opinion seems to be that nothing will happen and that the increased threat levels are just overreactions to infrequent events. Some just consider the security process a hassle or an unnecessary annoyance. None of the UAH students seem to be affected by the threat of terrorist attacks at all.

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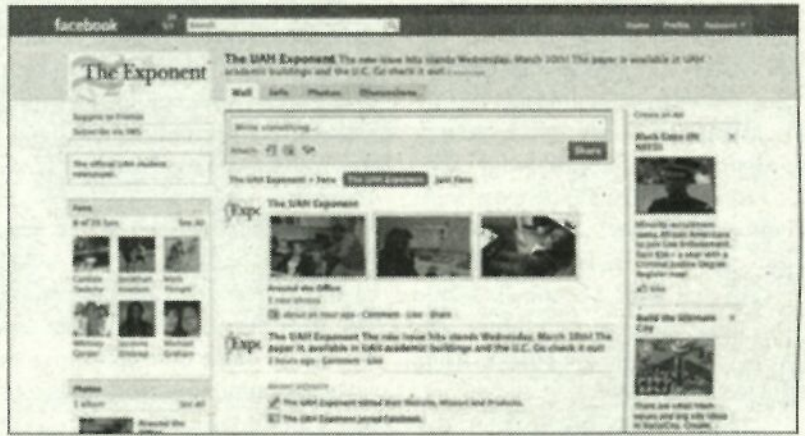
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February 2010 Crime Report

TYPE OF INCIDENT/OFFENSE	PLACE OF OCCURRENCE	
Assault	CCRH	1
Attempted Murder	Shelby Center	3
Campus Drug Policy Violation	CCRH	1
Criminal Mischief	Wilson Hall	1
Driving Under the Influence	John Wright Drive Lakeside Dr. and Sparkman Dr. Sparkman Dr. and Holmes Ave. UFC	1 2 1 1
Found Property	Intermodal Facility NCRH Nursing Building	1 1 1
Harassing Communications	NCRH VBRH Wilson Hall	1 1 1
Lost Property	UAH Campus	1
Murder	Shelby Center	3
Possession of a Controlled Substance	Frank Franz Hall Hillside Village Apts.	1 1
Possession of Marijuana	Tom Beville Center	1
Theft of Property	601 John Wright Dr. CCRH Frank Franz Hall NCRH UAH Campus University Center UFC	1 1 1 3 1 1 1
Traffic Accident	Ben Graves Drive Holmes Avenue John Wright Drive Morton Hall University Center	1 1 1 1 1
Unusual Telephone Call	Shelbie King Hall	1

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Chargers Downed in Final Seconds of Championship Game

JONATHAN KEENUM
Staff Writer

The Chargers entered the Gulf South Conference Championship playing their best basketball. They came off of a nine-game winning streak and had won 16 of their past 17 games. The loss came against Valdosta State, which the Chargers later beat. Their regular season performance earned them a No.1 seed in the GSC Tournament.

UAH found itself locked in a furious battle against Harding in their first tournament game. The Chargers entered the half down 31-27 and were down by 11 with 16 minutes left in the second half.

UAH chipped at the lead for the next several minutes and eventually tied the game, thanks to a 3-pointer by Jamie Smith with about seven minutes left. The two teams continued to battle back and forth, but the two redshirt freshmen, Smith and Zane Campbell, would not miss from the free-throw line, which proved to be the deciding factor in the game.

Both teams hit 48.5 percent from the field, but UAH was more consistent with their 3-point shooting and made an impressive 20 out of 22 free-throws. The Chargers escaped, 73-71.

The Chargers faced rival University of North Alabama Lions in the semi-finals and once again found themselves down at half-time. The team came out looking sharp, up by as much as 11 in the first period, but the UNA team scrapped its way back and hit a free throw to take the lead at the end of the first half.

The game continued to go back and forth until the 12-minute mark in the second half, when the Chargers took over. Smith had a monster game with 34 points, and sophomore Josh Magette chipped in with 23 points and 8 assists.

Once the Chargers got going the Lions did not stand a chance. UAH won 97-79, earning a spot in the GSC Championship game. The 97 points were the most points scored by any UAH team in GSC Tournament history.

The championship game featured both No.1 seeds; the UAH Chargers from the east and Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys from the west. ATU came out big, taking an early 10-point lead and up by as much as 15.

The Chargers braced for the storm, but once again found themselves down at the half, 34-23. The Wonder Boys continued their impressive play. Each time the Char-

gers gained some momentum, ATU answered back with a big shot.

Josh Magette hit a layup on a fast break with 2:29 left, giving the Chargers hope and whittling the Wonder Boys' lead down to 7. UAH continued to fight, and freshman Zane Campbell once again came up huge. With 32 seconds left Campbell hit a 3 to give UAH its first lead of the game, 63-61. The Chargers had pulled off an incredible 14-0 run.

The amazing comeback was short-lived, however. ATU hit a contested 3 with 14 seconds left to retake the lead in what would prove to be the game. The Chargers' comeback for the ages fell just short, as the Wonder Boys took the game and GSC Championship, 64-63.

The 2009-2010 season has been a special year so far for the Chargers. Their 23 wins are the most by any UAH team since the 1982-1983 team won 25. Zane Campbell was named Freshman of the Year in the GSC. Jamie Smith and Josh Magette both earned spots on the GSC All-Tournament Team.

Still, the season is not over for UAH. The Chargers earned an at-large bid for the 2010 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Tournament.

On March 13, the Chargers venture to Russellville, Ark., to take on the Rollins Tars in a first round matchup of the South Region Tournament. Rollins clinched

a spot in the tournament after winning the Sunshine State Conference Tournament 66-59 over the Barry Bucs Sunday.



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Baseball and Softball Teams Prepare for Conference Openers

JONATHAN KEENUM
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The UAH baseball and softball teams open up conference play at home Saturday. The teams have each played about a month of games so far, but this weekend marks the start of the most important games of the season.

The baseball team begins a

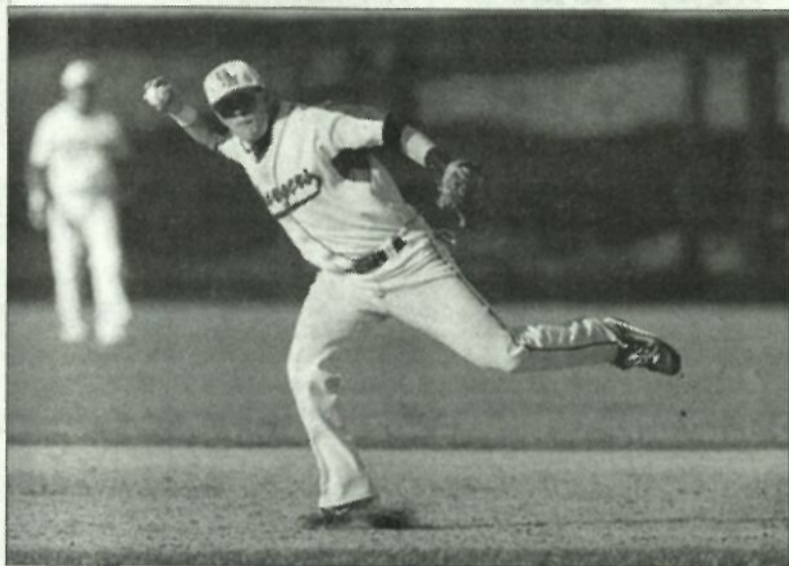
two-game series with West Alabama at noon Saturday, and plays again Sunday at 1 p.m. This series marks the beginning of a rotation between conference and non-conference games for the Chargers. UAH will be on the road after the game Sunday until March 27 when they play a two-game series with Oakland City.

The Lady Chargers are coming

off a stretch of six games in three days in the West Georgia Wolves Invitational. They will play Valdosta State to open up conference play on Saturday at 1 p.m. and will then play West Florida Sunday at 1 p.m. The girls will also have a couple of weeks on the road before returning home March 30 to play North Georgia.

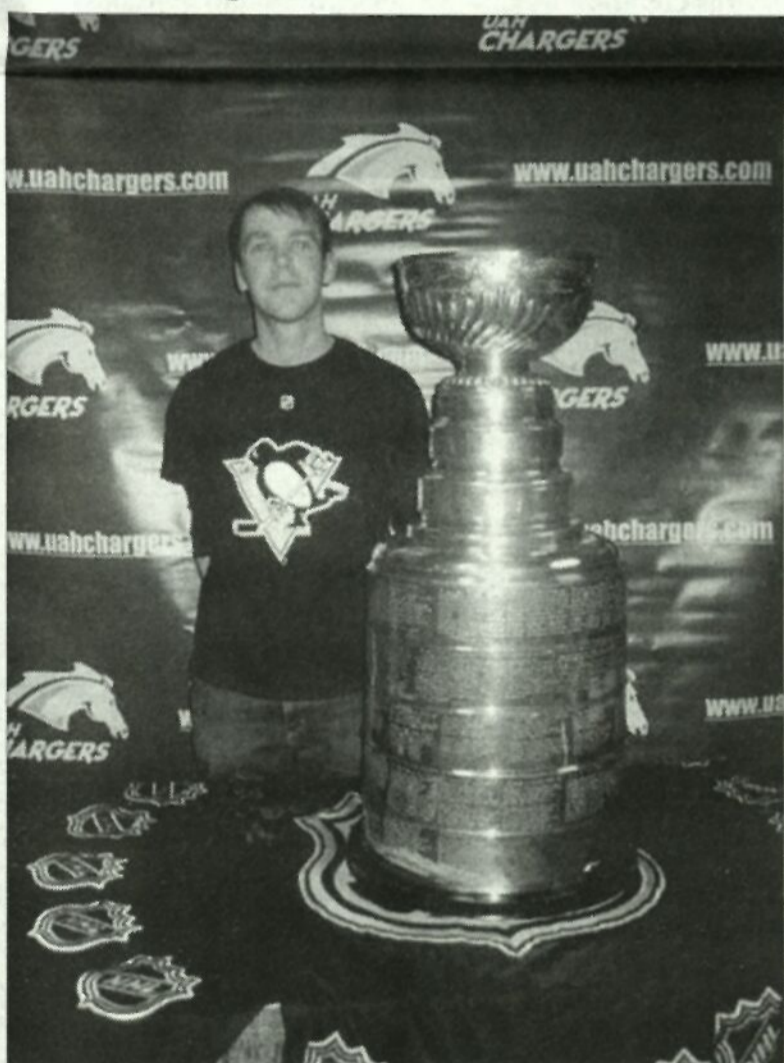
The baseball team plays their

home games at Joe Davis stadium, located just off of South Memorial Parkway in the heart of Huntsville. Tickets are \$4 for students, and attendees will need \$5 for parking. The softball team plays at the UAH softball complex. Student tickets are \$3.



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Stanley Cup Featured at Chargers Game March 5



Hockey fan, Dennis Snider, and the Stanley Cup. Photo courtesy of Dennis Snider.

ERIC MORGAN
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The Chargers played old rivals Bemidji State on March 5, or "National Defense Night," in the Von Braun Center. The game also featured a special appearance of the Stanley Cup, which is the trophy given to the champion of the National Hockey League playoffs each year.

The Stanley Cup is not reproduced, but rather passed on to the next winning team, and has been around since 1893. The Pittsburgh Penguins currently hold the trophy.

Chargers Head Coach Danton Cole played for the New Jersey Devils in 1995 when the team won a national championship, beating the Detroit Red Wings 4-0.

CHARGER SPORTS CALENDAR

Ice Hockey

Record 9-13-2 CHA 5-6-1

Date	Event
March 12-13	CHA Conference Tournament

Men's Basketball

Record 18-5 GSC 6-1

Date	Event
March 13-16	South Region Tournament

Baseball

Record 9-5 GSC 0-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 13	West Alabama	Home	12:00 p.m.
March 14	West Alabama	Home	12:00 p.m.

Softball

Record 13-4 GSC 0-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 10	North Georgia	Dahlonega, GA	3:00 p.m.
March 11	LeMoyne	Home	1:00 p.m.
March 13	Valdosta State	Home	1:00 p.m.
March 14	West Florida	Home	1:00 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Record 2-1 GSC 0-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 12	Tuskegee	Opelika, AL	1:00 p.m.
March 13	Valdosta State	Pensacola, FL	10:00 a.m.
March 14	West Florida	Pensacola, FL	1:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Record 3-1 GSC 0-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 12	Tuskegee	Opelika, AL	1:00 p.m.
March 13	Valdosta State	Pensacola, FL	10:00 a.m.
March 14	West Florida	Pensacola, FL	1:00 p.m.

Track and Field

Date	Event
March 12-13	NCAA DII Indoor Championship

CHARGER SPORTS SCORES

Ice Hockey

March 5	Bemidji State	3
	Chargers	2
March 6	Bemidji State	2
	Chargers	2

Men's Basketball

March 5	Harding	71
	Chargers	73
March 6	North Alabama	79
	Chargers	97
March 7	Arkansas Tech	64
	Chargers	63

Baseball

March 4	Martin Methodist	6
	Chargers	7
March 6	Arkansas-Monticello	7
	Chargers	14

March 6	Arkansas-Monticello	4
	Chargers	21

March 7	Arkansas-Monticello	0
	Chargers	7

March 7	Arkansas-Monticello	1
	Chargers	5

March 9	Montevallo	6
	Chargers	7

Softball

March 5	Georgia Southwestern	3
	Chargers	4

March 5	Barry	4
	Chargers	6

March 6	Florida Southern	0
	Chargers	3

March 6	Anderson	6
	Chargers	1

March 7	Rollins	2
	Chargers	1

March 7	Augusta State	6
	Chargers	3

Men's Tennis

March 5	Bemidji State	3
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Women's Tennis

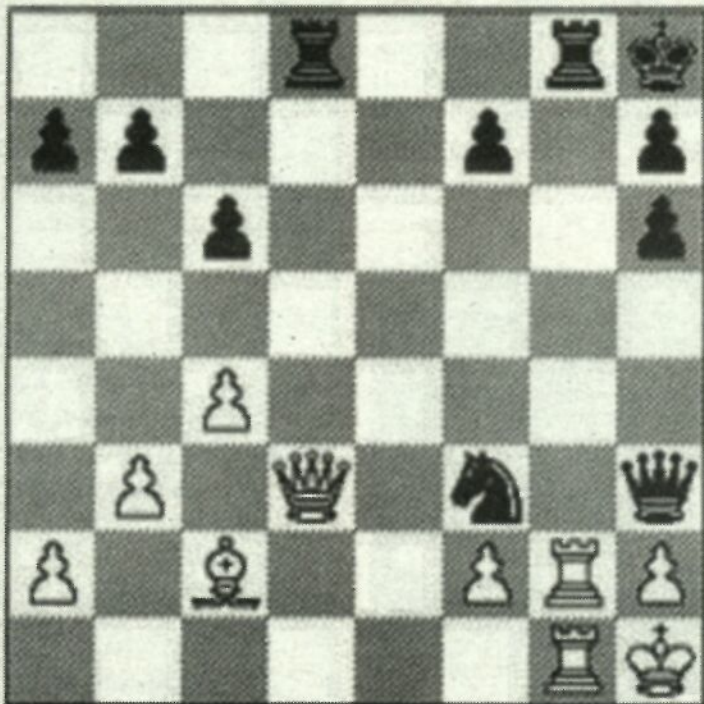
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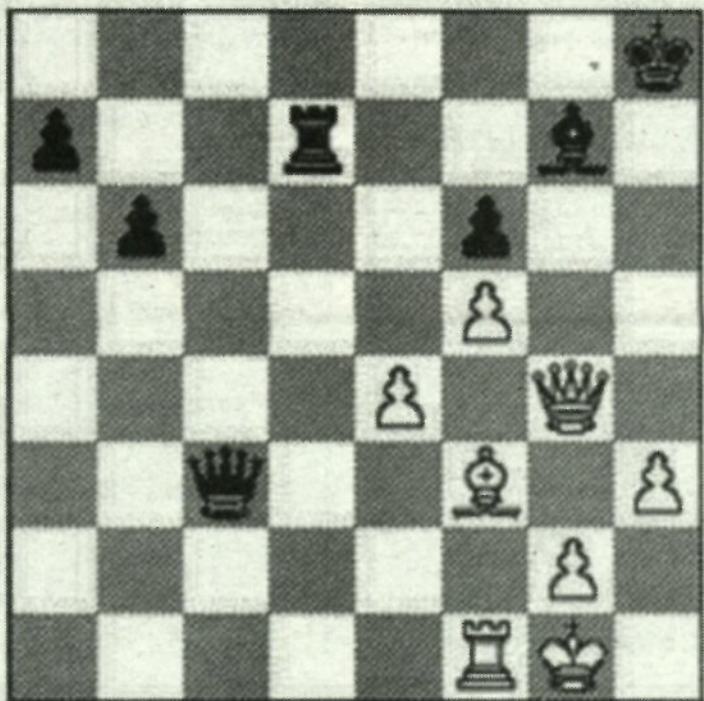
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Chess Puzzles

Puzzle 1: Black to Play



Puzzle 2: White to Play and Win



Puzzles courtesy of the UAH Chess Club. The UAH Chess Club meets every Monday from 6:00-10:00 pm at the Charger Express Cafe in the University Center. All levels are welcome!

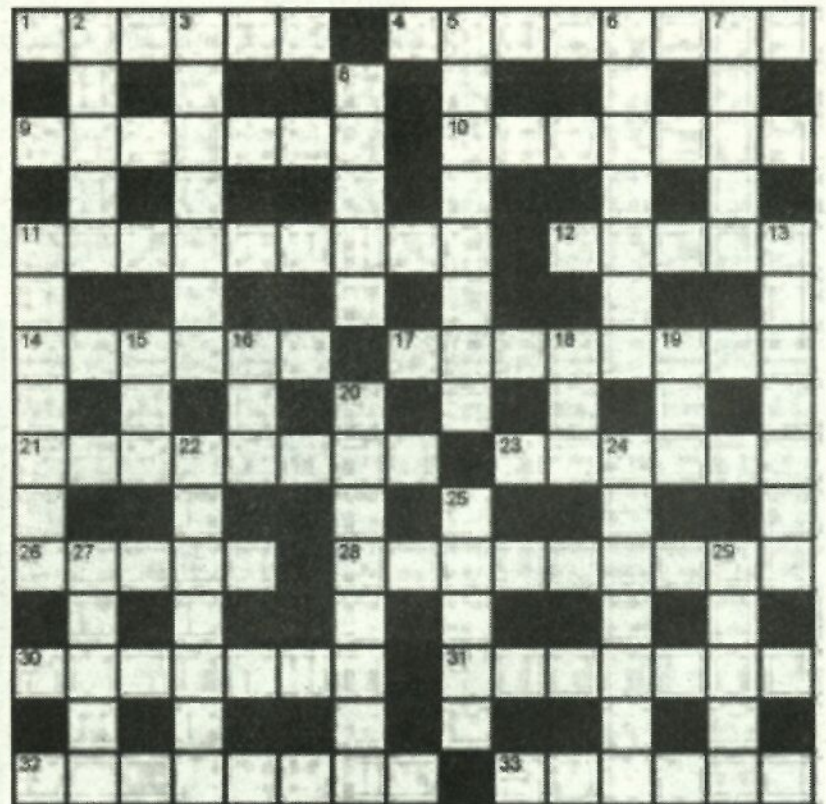
Crossword

Across

1. Internal place for patient?
4. Broke rank quietly, but in confusion
9. Sport holds one competitive chance initially for a small player
10. Spread traces round junction
11. Heard play on behalf of driver
12. About to fail nearby
14. Ice dancer dithers after cards
17. Power priest is spot on
21. Chill the best cold food
23. Breathe hard where no king has zeal without a late start
26. Metal girl about warships
28. Service characters reach suit
30. Wobbly stomach-some chopped entrails inside
31. Offend a powerful militia
32. Pleasant fish takes time to start gladhanding
33. General memory man

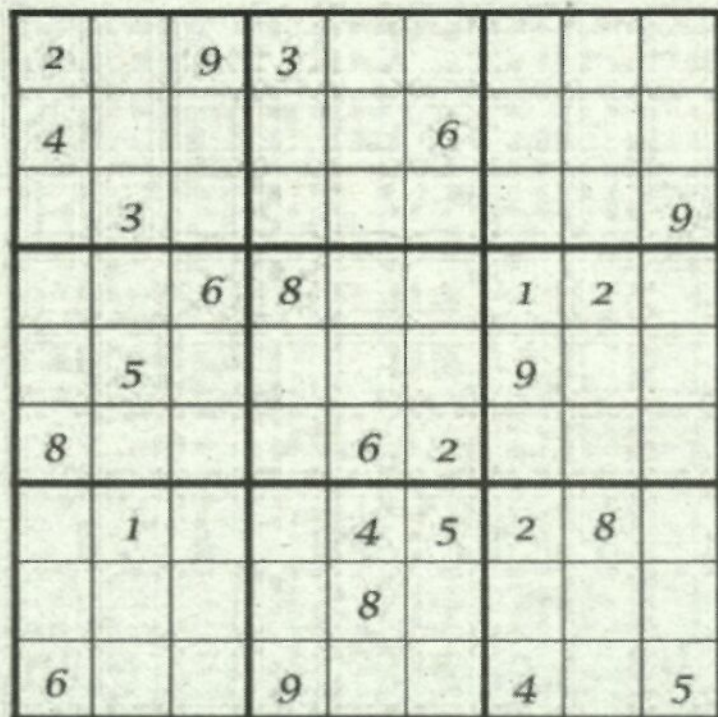
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3. Report a European



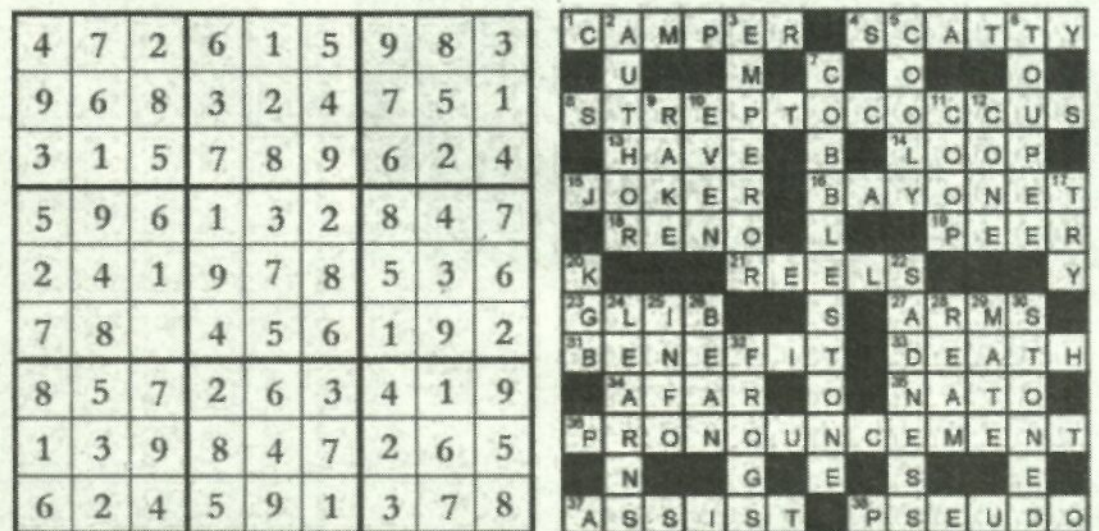
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| nobleman verbally | 19. A wake begins and ends with great respect |
| 5. Top classes' area isn't concrete | 20. Trades staff died in Miller's tale |
| 6. Venomous conveyance | 22. Ruling body's section |
| 7. Put sound measure back in afterthought for common folk | 24. Accompaniment for nose flute and mouth organ? |
| 8. Keep tug | 25. Razor man backs firm eccentric |
| 11. Ouch! Sin corrupted support | 27. Sailor remains to embarrass |
| 13. Peak charge before time out ends | 29. More recently than I state, in a quarter |
| 15. Article about joining up to exist | |
| 16. Wheat maybe useful for communication | |
| 18. He leaves huge heap right at the start. Yuk! | |

Sudoku



Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.

Solutions to last issue's puzzles:



Chess Puzzles: Puzzle 1 - 1.Rd8+ Be8 2.Rxe8#
Puzzle 2 - 1...Bxh2+ 2.Kxh2 Qxf2+ 3.Kh1 Ng3#