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### Letters to the Editor

*Editor's Note: the following letter from Capt. Brock Zimmerman of Hoopeston, was sent to U.S. Sen. Barack Obama. Capt. Zimmerman requested the letter be reprinted here.*  
Senator Obama,

I am writing to voice my displeasure for the abuse of our bipartisan system. All parties need to work together to solve OUR problems rather than simply concern themselves with popularity and re-election.

My name is Brock Zimmerman, a Captain in the United States Army, originally from Hoopeston, Illinois and now a soldier stationed at Fort Hood, Tex., with the

First Cavalry Division. The overall problem that I see from my perspective rests in the hands of our own government and, in my opinion, is an easy fix. Whether you're a Republican, Democrat or an Independent, put all the political badgering and agendas aside and work out problems instead of belittling and pointing fingers at the different parties. OUR government leaders are supposed to be well-educated, but for some reason can't work out issues that face our nation today based off different political views. Work to build our country, not tear it down. The people of the United States chose this

**See LETTER on other side**



Photo by James Eyrich

### *Secrets of the deep*

An old bicycle and cinder blocks are revealed as the McFerren Park lagoon was drained earlier this week. Debris found in the lagoon, which is being dredged and enlarged, also included old Christmas trees, weighted to stay submerged. The park road is closed near the lagoon because of rising water caused during the work.

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## **Letter continued from other side**

government and expect that their government represent the people that put them in their position.

The media as a whole only makes these situations worse. For example, in Iraq, the media only makes public the deaths of American soldiers. Does the American people think every soldier in Iraq faces a fierce bloody battle everyday? Yes, because the media portrays the events like that. I was in Baquaba, Iraq for a year and never fired my weapon and I am an armor officer, however I did see combat and also saw the things that our young soldiers accomplished over there. Do you think the media would show our soldiers working with Iraqi people, building schools, building their army, implementing water projects, etc.? The answer is no because there is a political agenda. The media doesn't want to show that because it shows that we are accomplishing things, but we all know that the negative atmosphere will prevail.

President Bush's ratings are at an all-time low and everyone knows that. But think about the soldier who takes the oath to support the president.

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will

## **Police News**



Kimberly A. Magee, 34, of Wellington was ticketed for improper left turn after an accident at 6 p.m. Tuesday at South Fifth Ave. and West Orange. Magee, in a 1999 Saturn, struck a 1989 Ford driven by Dan Sheehan of Hoopeston. Magee was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

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obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

The presidential ratings that the president receives will soon form a cancer throughout the armed forces. In my opinion, if the president is not being supported in the Iraq conflict, do you think the soldiers themselves feel supported by our own citizens? Of course the ratings are going to point toward the president since he is the highest elected official in the United States. Maybe a poll should be conducted asking the American people, "Excluding the president, are you confident in our government's ability to resolve issues domestically and internationally?" I believe you will find that the ratings will be very similar to that of the president. I believe that Congress voted for the war and backed the president and his decisions during that time. Why is it that the people

## **Obituaries**

**BAUER**—Herman Herbert Bauer, 93, of rural Hoopeston died Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Apostolic Christian Church, Cissna Park. Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Cissna Park. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park and 9-10 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Carle Hospice.

**MORRIS**—James Morris, 80, of Hoopeston died at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Freewill Baptist Church, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Locust Grove Cemetery, Tab, Ind. Visitation will be 4-9 p.m. Thursday at the church with a service at 7 p.m. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Wolfe Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Hoopeston, was in charge of arrangements.

## **Weather**



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 68, low 54. Tomorrow, high 66, low 41.

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that voted for the war are now jumping on a different train? If the war is not being run effectively or any other issue that concerns the citizens of this great country, it is up to the ELECTED OFFICIALS to come up with a solution.

Very respectfully,  
 Brock A. Zimmerman  
 Captain, United States Army



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