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Where is Bonnie Woodward?

Three weeks after disappearance, family still seeks missing woman

By DENNIS GRUBAUGH
The Telegraph

ALTON — Three weeks ago today, Bonnie Woodward walked off her job and into thin air.

The case has agonized her extended family and baffled police. Everyone wants to know: How could the mother of a 16-year-old special needs son, a woman who stayed in close touch with most of her

eight brothers and sisters, simply have disappeared?

“She vanished,” said her sister, Bobbie Valdes. “It’s like she never existed — and I know she existed.”

In the days since the dis-

appearance of the 48-year-old East Alton woman, police have pursued numerous leads, and the family has spread the message of their plight on media around the country. But with each pass-

ing day, hopes grow dim. There has not been any record of cell phone use, bank access or other sign.

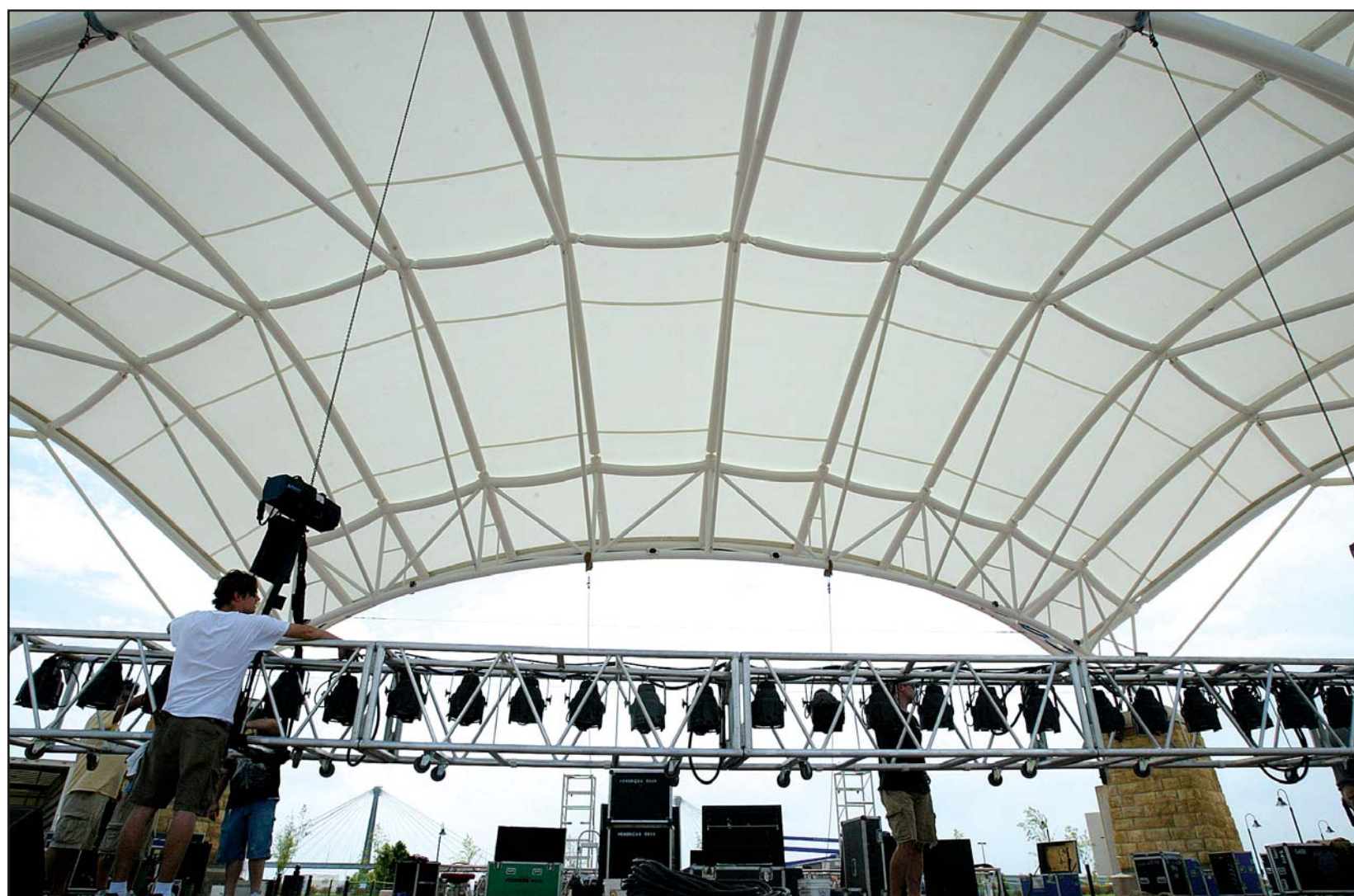
“We all want her back,”

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Woodward

SETTING THE STAGE



The Telegraph/MARGIE M. BARNES

Crews with Triple Jam, a Belleville production company that has been staging a monthly series of concerts at the Alton amphitheater, set up the sound system and lights on the stage Thursday in preparation for the evening concert of Aaron Kamm and the One Drops and the Grateful Dead cover band Jake's Leg.

Groups denounce plan to use coal ash on levees

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A federal plan to use ash waste from coal-fired power plants to shore up some Mississippi River levees drew objections Thursday from environmentalists who are worried that toxins in the ash might seep into the river and public water systems it serves.

The Sierra Club and other nature groups lined up against the Army Corps of Engineers' plan, worrying during a public hearing that the use of coal or fly ash questionably could extend later to levees along other inland rivers and perpetuate coal burning, widely believed to contribute to global warming.

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House passes bill to delay mandatory flood insurance

By STEVE WHITWORTH
The Telegraph

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House passed a bill Thursday that would prevent people living in the American Bottom from being required to buy flood insurance for at least five years.

“This is great news for the region,” Costello said. “I’ve

been working with local officials since FEMA said in 2007 they were going to implement new flood maps.”

The House voted 329-90 in favor of House Resolution 5114, the Flood Insurance Reform Priorities Act of 2010. The bill contains provisions written by U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte,

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Keeping cool

Justin Atkinson, 7, of Godfrey, keeps cool Thursday morning doing strokes during practice at Summers-Port Swim Club in Godfrey. Sweltering heat has made conditions dangerous to stay outdoors for any extended period of time. Today's forecast calls for partly sunny skies and a high around 90, with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

The Telegraph/MARGIE M. BARNES

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Sunny and humid

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DRAWING BY HUNTER NOUD,
WOODLAND SCHOOL FIFTH-GRADER

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