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Holiday highlights past to change future

Community strives for equality on MLK Day

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

Carrying on the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. is more than just talking about him on the third Monday in January said Marilyn James.

"We all come together and sing the song 'We Shall Overcome' and we talk about 'I have a dream' and the next year nothing has changed, or not enough has changed to be significant," said James, a community advocate and Carbonado resident.

James gave the keynote address Monday to the John W. Cocker Leauge in the Student Center for the Freedom for All March and Rally. Student Development for Multicultural Programs and Services sponsored the event.

Forty-five students and community members marched on Route 11 to the Student Center, where the rally began.

Douglas Calhoun, a graduate student in higher education from Andersonville, Ill., said it is important to continue the march because the fight for change is a continuous battle that has to be fought every day of the year.

"As a visual force we are strong, and if you remind people that this isn't just something you're reading in a newspaper or looking at a picture of," he said. "It actually reminds us that they did march back in the day, and that one of the biggest things they did was marching on Washington.

Casey Spero, a senior student in higher education from Carbondale, Ill., and Yashaneth Kierman, 7, lead a group of about 50 people Monday during the Freedom for All March and Rally. The march began at the Gala House Interfaith Center and ended at the Student Center.

Students honored at MLK breakfast

SARAH CECHOWSKI
Daily Egyptian

Zachary Thorp did not sleep Monday morning. Instead, the Carbonado Community High School freshman spent the morning with more than 400 other people gathered for a breakfast at Grandill to recognize the achievements of Martin Luther King Jr.

Zachary was the only student in his class to receive a scholarship. He won the annual Dr. King Essay Contest.

Carl Evans, coordinator of student development for SIUC, said the commemorative breakfast was the second of 15 events that will take place this month to celebrate the civil rights accomplishments of the past and promote racial justice.

The first Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Celebration was organized by the Black Coalition, a community group, in 1983 at the Brown C. Harris Center. The event was moved to GSU in 1987.

Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa fraternity, works with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for other MLK Day events, such as the Freedom for All March and Rally.

"The Rev. Dr. King, Peggi Anderson, president of the Carbondale branch of NAACP, and Alpha Phi Alpha was one of the organizations to receive a certificate of appreciation at the breakfast.

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Board of Trustees positions could be filled in spring

JULIE EWENSON
Daily Egyptian

One of the first hurdles of the semester for the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees is to fill three vacancies on its nine-person board. The journey is the second on the nine-person board. Three other members — Bill Rankin II, Roger Tedick and Marques Wiley — are either vacant or awaiting a decision to reappoint.

Glen Postard, SIU President, said the vacancies do not seem to be a priority at the university.

"Right now, three of our seven board members have positions either vacant or waiting on the governor's decision to reappoint," he said. "Every public university in the state is operating under the same condition because — given all the other things the state has facing it at this time — the board clearly is not making this a priority.

"It is important to note that we are working on the front burner for the governor's office," he said.

Western Illinois University's Board of Trustees is in a similar situation, Postard said.
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City braces for impact of tax increases

LEAH STOVER
Daily Egyptian

State Rep. Mike Bost said he already considered Illinois to have a high income tax rate, and the recent corporate tax rate increase adds to existing laws that discourage business in the state.

"I pray that all the businesses stay here, more businesses come in, and everything is great and hunky dory," Bost said. "I've been in business for many years, and it's not looking good."

Gov. Pat Quinn signed legislation Thursday that temporarily increased the personal income tax rate from 3 percent to 5 percent and the corporate income tax from 4.8 percent to 7 percent. The changes reflect legislators' efforts to fix the state's budget crisis. Both increases will last four years before the rate drop. The last time a temporary tax increase was made permanent in Illinois was in 1989.

Carbondale business owners had mixed emotions about the rate increase.

Hope Logwood, owner of Southern Que, said it's typical that when taxes increase, business owners tend to feel uncertain about how both their business and personal lives will be affected. She said her business may need to cut back on some services, but she isn't worried about the increase.

"I don't know if people are frightened, but people tend to get a little edgy when you have tax increases. I have not heard anything where people are totally scared. It's just the question of 'how do I handle this challenge?'" — Hope Logwood, owner of Southern Que

If businesses do leave, people will be out of work, and the state might not be able to generate the revenue it is seeking, Bost said. He said the state has lost more than 750,000 jobs during the past eight years, an issue he said hasn't been fixed.

"We've never cured that problem, but all of the sudden we're going to put that burden on the businesses that are trying to provide jobs," Bost said.

Logwood said some local businesses will need to make cuts, such as drastically reducing employees and limiting the services offered to stay in business.

"It's already hurting us a lot," she said. "You find a big decrease in business when people aren't willing to spend money. Then you lose that income but still have additional expenses."

Elly Lane, manager of PK's, said he doesn't feel like the back business will be affected. Lane said the business has been through far worse economic troubles in the last five years of operation and will continue to function accordingly.

"We've weathered far worse," Lane said. "We'll always be mindful of our expenses and just be thrifty if rough the harder times."

Those who are employed by the state are happy with the increase, Bost said. He said their main concern is bringing up the revenue.

Instead of raising the income tax, Bost said the state should reduce spending.

"State legislators seemed to agree when they passed a spending cap along with the tax increases that limit state spending to 2 percent growth from 2012 to 2015."

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Numbers based on the tax increases passed Jan. 12.

"Unfortunately, we have to suffer through it and pray through it," Bost said. "I hope my predictions are wrong."

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Grant for renovations to Attucks building to be accepted by City Council

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— Corene McDaniel, council member and founder of museum

Corene McDaniel, council member and founder of the rundown building, said she will request at tonight’s council meeting that the Attucks resolution be moved to the general business agenda so that it can be discussed further. If it moves forward, the council will discuss the resolution and ordinance.

The city purchased the building in 2005 for $151,000 and leased it to the African-American Museum for $1 per month for 10 years. McDaniel said the lease agreement stated the museum is solely responsible for any repairs or renovations to the rundown building. The museum was granted $122,131 by the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau in 2005 but could not use the money until it matched the amount through fundraising.

"It's been a struggle to raise funds because there are too many organizations out there who raise funds, and the economy isn't what it used to be 10 years ago," McDaniel said.

Attucks High School, which opened in 1948 as an all-black school, was named after Crispus Attucks, who became the first casualty of the American Revolution when he was shot and killed in the Boston Massacre in 1770, according to the website. The high school closed in 1961, and its students were integrated into Carbondale Community High School to comply with desegregation laws. The building remained vacant after being used for vocational classes for nearly two decades until it was purchased by the city.

The City Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. today at City Hall.

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Jerry Blakemore (front), president of SIUC's Alpha Phi Alpha Chapter, 25th with Carbondale residents, Seymour Bryan (middle) and James McKey as they listen to Chancellor Rita Cheng present the keynote address at the 25th annual King Breakfast. Nearly 400 people attended the event to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.

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Meet the editorial board

I'm a senior from Cary, Illinois, majoring in newseditorial journalism and minoring in Spanish and History. I began my career at the Daily Egyptian in the fall of 2009. Since then, I've been city editor, sports editor, and now editor-in-chief for the spring semester. I hope the DE can improve a little each day under my leadership. I believe knowledge and criticism of our past is essential for our future as a university and as a nation.

I came to the DE in September as a copy editor (aka. bottom of the totem pole) and have somehow managed to become editor-in-chief. I'm 19-year-old from Pana and since I'm double-majoring in journalism and history education, I plan on being a SIUC for a while. As naïve as it sounds, I think my best chance at changing the world is through knowledge and awareness, which is what I believe news should give to the people. Besides youth and naiveté, I think I bring an open mind to the DE and strongly encourage our readers to be involved with us and the issues that affect us as students.

I'm a senior double majoring in news-editorial journalism and English. I have multiple hometowns that include Maywood, Bellwood, Hillside, Broadview, Bolingbrook and the west side of Chicago. This is my second semester at the DE. I live by the motto "Expect nothing, prepare for everything" and "Don't wish for it, work for it." I hate talking on topics until I'm sure of what I'm talking about. I make it a habit to listen before speaking because while it's important to raise questions, one learns a great deal more when he or she doesn't add unnecessary noise.

I've been a staff writer for the DailyEgyptian ever since I joined in the fall of 2009. I've worked for the DE for four years, starting out as a staff photographer. After spending a summer working for the Mobile Press Register in Mobile, Ala., I was compelled to take visual storytelling to the next level, incorporating video and the web more than ever before. If you aren't a fan of our Facebook page or don't regularly check our website, I urge you to reconsider. And I'd like to issue you, as readers, a challenge: if you know an event or story that you want covered, from fundraiser or family party, I dare you to send me an email. I want to cover the stories that matter most to you.

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Kirt’s one-man band creates big sound

RYAN VOTLES Daily Egyptian

Kirt was able to do what any good cover artist should do: keep the elements that worked with the original tracks but add something new to them.

The price of admission if there had been a cover charge.

What made his performance all the more fascinating was that it wasn’t too flashy. Kirt never really interacted with the crowd or did any sort of dance. With just his rough-around-the-edges voice, required for all blues artists, with his guitar and drum work, Kirt had the crowd hanging on every note.

The addition of another musician to the act would have actually lessened the effectiveness of Kirt’s performance, as there was nothing another guitar, bassist or even backup player could have added to what was just a good old-fashioned blues concert.

Kirt was there to get people on their feet and dancing to the blues, and he worked magic Friday at Pizk.

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“The Green Hornet” brings little buzz to big screen

BRENDA SMITH

This year is a year where every superhero movie that can be made will be made. Case in point: “The Green Hornet.”

The update Seth Rogen the title character, created for the 1930s radio show. But in actuality, Rogen stars as Rogen. He recycles his trademark “he’s been giving since his days on “Freaks and Geeks” as a comedic actor, Rogen’s range is much too narrow to suit “The Green Hornet” he portrays another

unusually awkward, punch line-heavy, hot-chick obsessed 30-something. Only here he’s rich, spoiled and occasionally fights crime.

Though there are a slew of similarities between “The Green Hornet” and the “Batman” series (replaced millionaires, tons of cool gadgets, a kick-ass sidekick and lots of action), the film still allows itself to be as great as the story of Gotham’s vigilante. “The Green Hornet” bears more resemblance to the “Hulk” films than “The Dark Knight.”

The film plays out more as an action comedy than superhero movie. "Hornet" never has a serious scene and lacks off moments of potentialPotentilly. Rogen and his sidekick Kato, played by international superstar Jay Chou, beat up bad guys but loses out of tenacity than sheer boredom.

Kato is by far the strongest, if half of the dynamic duo but gets no glory. He is the perfect blend of Alfred and Robin; he builds the Hornet’s toys and constantly saves the Hornet in the twos many scuffles.

Christopher Waller, fresh off his Oscar win for “Inglourious Basterds” reprises his role as the bad guy — only without any of the depth, logic and believability which his capable of. Instead of inspiring the terror of a typical villain, he randomly shoots anyone who questions his scariness with a double-barreled handgun.

Without any quirky characters, “The Green Hornet” could have been a much better film. Instead, it’s a buddy cop movie with no heart, no humor and no real antagonists to make the story worth watching. The film fails at both its comedic and dramatic goals.

Patrons of Pizk’s in Carbondale dance Friday to the music of solo performer Alex Kirt. “I don’t want to be Bob Dylan,” Kirt said of his style of playing. "Although Kirt performs solo, he is a member of several local bands, including The Woodbox Gang. "It’s definitely more fun to play with a band,” Kirt said.

Social Network’ big winner at Golden Globes ceremony

CHRISTY LEMIRE

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — It seems only fitting that, at a Golden Globes ceremony where the host humorously lampooned nearly every A-lister in the room, the big winner was a movie about a guy who riles everyone on campus with his new facebook website.

And that’s exactly what Ricky Gervais, and “The Social Network,” did last night.

Sure, all the winners you expected were all the awards you figured they would. Best director, “The Social Network” directed by David Fincher, snuck into the Best Actor, Aaron Sorkin script and the score from Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross. After receiving top honors from critics groups coast to coast, this resounding victory positions the film as the front-runner at the Academy Awards.

Nominees will be announced Jan. 25, with the ceremony itself set for Feb. 27.

Until then, we have the Golden Globes to look forward to, coming too early during ordinary years, but Gervais, returning for the second-straight year, twined it with an even more subversive vibe than usual. He took jobs as Charlie Sheen, Robert Downey Jr., Matt ‘Gibson, Scientologists, several of the nominated films and his own “show” in the Gawker Foreign Press Association sketch, which hands out the Globes. Last week, the HFPA was hit with a $2 million lawsuit from its former publicist, who alleged that the 90-member group engages in payola schemes for nominations and awards.

It was only the beginning of the fodder for Gervais, who made fun of some of the flatterer nominees — like the critically savaged Angelina Jolie-Johnny Depp romp "The Tourist," at the same time.

"It must be good, cause it’s nominated, so shut up" Gervais cracked in the show’s opening monologue.

"If I had to quash this ridiculous rumor, I’m going around that the only reason "This Tourist" was revitalized was so the Hollywood Foreign Press could hang out with Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie," he continued. "That is ridiculous. That is not the only reason. They also accepted bribes." (The movie itself, by the way, was shut out despite receiving three nominations in musical or comedy categories). Few Robert De Niro, recipients of the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievement — and a notoriously reclusive public speaker — got to the act. He joked during his acceptance speech about the HFPA reputation for shaming up old celebs.

"The important thing is we are all in this together," De Niro said. The filmmakers who make the movies and the Hollywood Foreign Press Association members who in turn pose for pictures with the movie stars.

"I’m sorry more members of the foreign press aren’t with us tonight, but many of you were deported before the show" he added. "Along with most of the writers. And Javier Bardem."

But Sunday’s show was full of predictable moments, too. The expected winners in the dramatic acting categories all walked away with statues. Colin Firth as the snarling King George VI in "The King’s Speech," Natalie Portman as a ballet dancer tittering on the brink of madness in "Black Swan" and Christian Bale and Melissa Leo for their supporting roles in the boxing drama "The Fighter."

"The Kings Speech went into the night with the best sound nomination, seven, but only won one award. It's a win for us," said Gervais. "It's a win for us."

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Tunisia upheaval casts shadow on Arab summit

Events in Tunisia underscore the need to jointly work to combat poverty and unemployment in Arab countries because part of the problems behind the events were economic.

— Rachid Mohamed Rachid, Egypt's Minister of Trade and Industry

CAIRO — The head of the Arab League called Monday on rich Arab countries to extend a helping hand to their needy brothers as the turmoil in Tunisia cast a shadow over the Arab economic summit due to open in Egypt later this week.

The summit was meant to be a platform to discuss trade, business and investment, but officials say the Tunisian uprising — triggered by political repression, rising unemployment and skyrocketing food prices — will now top the conference's agenda.

In a speech to delegates in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, League Secretary-General Moussa urged rich Arab countries to help their poorer brothers.

"The less developed countries need help to build their economies and promote development," he said.

But Moussa did not directly address the Tunisian crisis in his speech, but on Saturday he predicted that the unrest in the North African nation will have an impact on the rest of the Arab world.

Addressing a news conference Monday, Moussa said economic and political reform in the Arab world should go together. "Democracy and development should go hand in hand. Otherwise there will be no progress in the region. It is not sufficient to talk about economy alone," he said.

Tunisia's Foreign Minister Kamal Mechri spoke for two hours in Sharm el-Sheikh to his Arab counterparts and assured them that the new government was in "full control" of the country, said a diplomat who was present for the meeting.

Mechri assured the Arab ministers that new elections would be held in the next 45 to 60 days and international monitors would be allowed to observe them, added the diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

Tunisia's longtime president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali told the country Friday to Saudi Arabia. Tunisian authorities were still struggling to restore order, Monday.

Hours before diplomats started their preparations for the summit, an Egyptian man set himself on fire in an apparent protest outside the parliament building in central Cairo. The incident appeared to be an attempt to draw attention to the situation with the parliament, which was scheduled to vote on a new constitution.

Tunisian Prime Minister Hamadi Jebali called for higher wages and lower prices, but the Egyptian government has rejected the idea, saying it would add to the country's economic problems.

Several of Egypt's economic allies have been working to prevent the spread of the protests to other Arab countries, and to stop the government from their foreign currency reserves.

"The situation is very serious and requires immediate action," one source told Reuters. "We need to prevent this situation from spreading to other Arab countries."
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WASHINGTON
Dangerous times for Tucson shooter often hard for law enforcement to catch before they occur.

WASHINGTON — The gunman accused of trying to assassinate Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and other shooting was not on any government watch list that might have identified someone not to sell him a gun or caused police to investigate his unstable behavior.
It turns out there is not a list in the United States for people like Loughner.

The same goes for JosephVERY, who fired shots into an internal Revenue Service office in Austin, Texas, last month. Scott was involved in a lawsuit ending about his problems with the IRS code.

Less than a month later, John Finucy killed two Pentagon guards. He left behind anti-government writings and said compiling them was involving U.S. military.

HAITI
Haiti's once feared and reviled "Baby Doc" Duvallier returns amid political chaos, cholera.

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvallier, a once feared and reviled dictator who was in a popular uprising 25 years ago, made a surprise return to Haiti amid increasing rivalry with a political party, a cholera outbreak and the continued reconstruction from last year's devastating earthquake.

Duvallier's stunning arrival at the airport Sunday was as mysterious as it was unexpected. He greeted a crowd of several hundred cheering supporters but did not say why he showed the country at a particularly fragile moment in its path to democracy.

His longtime companion, Veronique Roy, will campaign at one point that he planned to stay three days but gave no further details. He plans to hold a news conference Monday.

ISRAEL
Israel's defense minister quits Labor Party in move that could boost Natanyahu.

JERUSALEM — Israel's Defense Minister Ehud Barak abruptly announced Sunday he was leaving his Labor Party and was leaving a new political faction inside the governing coalition, completing a split in the political party that has been part of coalitions with every government.

The immediate and unexpected move did not immediately affect the stability of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's governing parliamentary majority, although it appeared to soften tensions in the coalition by removing a man who has already largely held the political majority.

By strengthening his hand in the government, left-wing parties made some inroads.

Barak, a former prime minister and one of the most powerful members of the government, will stay in the ruling coalition with four leaders. Labor's sight remains strong among political donors pushing the local to get people talks back on track, are expected to split a government if they fail to agree on an underwriting plan.

SOUTH KOREA
N. Korea orders its own nuclear weapons program.

SEOUL — North Korea could bring its own collapse if it keeps pouring resources into nuclear weapons.

The announcement was made Jan. 18, 2011 in a statement carried by the country's official news agency.

North Korean officials have said in interviews that the country is developing nuclear weapons.

The announcement comes days after North Korea said it would shut down a reactor that was being used to produce plutonium for nuclear weapons.

The country has been a nuclear power since 2006, when it conducted its first test.

The statement also said that the country was ready to conduct a fourth nuclear test.

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"Once we have looked at the data... there will be full revelation." - JULIAN ASSANGE, founder of WikiLeaks, after its controversial operation in December, which gave the details of the Swiss bank accounts of 2,000 prominent people. Critics of the operation are saying that the leaks are the best of all time.

"At my request, the board of directors has granted me a medical leave of absence so I can focus on my health!" - STEVE JOBS, CEO of Apple, announcing in an email to Apple employees that he will be temporarily stepping down as CEO of the company and will be treating his cancer.

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**Europe slips as EU discusses bailout strategy**

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**Associated Press**

**MILAN** — The euro currency was under pressure Monday as European finance ministers disagreed over how to tackle the debt crisis, while stock markets struggled on a light trading day amid worries about Chinese growth to an all-time high.

The euro slipped to $1.3239 as European finance ministers met in Brussels. All eyes are on Germany, to see if it will be willing to liquidate and financier will resist boosting the size of the EU bailout fund.

Indebtedness on the matter of the size of the fund is expected to dominate "sentiments over the coming days," said Michael Hewson of CMC Markets.

"There is a chance in the euro this week, will be a confidence vote Tuesday of Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen against criticism of the country's handling of its debt crisis, which will lead to an expensive international rescue effort.

Government took a latest move to curb the flood of money into its economy, putting a lid on growth, continued to weigh on markets. Oil prices slipped to near $91 a barrel amid prospects for weaker demand for crude. The FTSE 100 closed down 0.3% at 5,983.26. Germany's DAX was up 0.3% to 7,078.06, while the CAC 40 in Paris dropped 0.2% to 3,975.37.

Trading was light, with U.S. markets closed, for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Shares in Apple Inc. fell 5.2% in Frankfurt after news that CEO Steve Jobs was taking medical leave.

Germany's finance minister Wolfgang Schaeuble insisted Monday that bolstering the European bailout fund to 2.2 trillion euros ($3.1 trillion) — which it currently cannot do due to technical reasons — is as far as his country will go to prop up the euro zone.

The ministers will also debate whether to allow the fund to buy private debt, which it currently cannot do, and if so how big the fund will be.

"We are going to keep the same strategy for those countries that have no other option," said German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble.

Although Europe's debt crisis eased somewhat last week with successful bond auctions, many experts still say Portugal will eventually need a bailout and governments are worried that the austerity measures needed to calm bond markets will cost them years of economic growth.

In Asia, the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index hit 2.3% to 2,796.66 and the Shenzhen Composite Index for China's smaller, exchange second exchange $3.5% to 1,180.39.

"The market will remain bullish, at least for a while, as it seems there is a consensus that the only way to control current serious inflation is to sacrifice growth," said Liu Kan, an analyst at Guoyin Securities in Shanghai.

China on Friday ordered state-owned banks to set aside an additional 0.5% percent of deposits as reserves, effective Jan. 20. It was the seventh time in a year that the reserve rate was raised. China's central bank uses increases in bank reserves to help reduce the amount of cash circulating in the economy.

A frenzy of lending over the past two years has helped China rebound quickly from the global crisis. But, combined with bad weather and rising global commodity prices, it has complicated efforts to cool inflation.

Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average closed up by less than 0.1% to 10,502.66. South Korea's Kospi was 0.4% lower to 2,099.85. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index dropped 0.5% to 24,154.27 and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 fell 0.8% to 4,763.10.

Benchmarks in New Zealand, Singapore and Taiwan also retreated. Markets also will be watching meetings between Chinese leaders, Hu Jintao and President Barak Obama in Washington this week for any signs of improvement in often-tense U.S.-China relations.

But analysts did not expect major breakthroughs.

The big story this week is the visit by President Hu, and I support them will be all smiles and emphasize the need for cooperation — and then they'll politely resist each other's demands," said David Cohen of Action Economics in Singapore.

The U.S. wants Beijing to move toward faster appreciation of its currency. The Chinese government intervenes in currency markets to hold down the value of the yuan against the dollar — by as much as 40 percent, according to U.S. manufacturers. That makes Chinese products cheaper for Americans while increasing the price of U.S. goods in China.

But Beijing says relying currency controls too sharply would "upset" the Chinese financial system, hurt its exporters and cost jobs.

"I don't think the market is really bracing itself expecting China to relax on U.S. pressure on the yuan," Cohen said.

In currencies, the dollar was down against the yen, at 2.268.

On Friday, the Dow Jones industrial average gained 50.5 percent while the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.7 percent.

Gold, which will also be up, fell by 0.1 percent to $179.32 an ounce in Singapore. The contract rose 14 cents to settle at $91.54 a barrel on Friday.

**Australia floods could be costliest disaster ever**

**Associated Press**

**MELBOURNE, Australia** — Floods that ravaged Australia's northeast and swept a major city today could be the country's most commonwealth money a Aid also . Australian flood $s could be the country's most commonwealth money a Aid also .

The further away from South Australia to the south, and drains into the sea via South Australia on the southeast-central coast.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said Monday that the bodies of two more flood victims had been found, bringing the death toll from Queensland's disaster to 30, most of whom died in a flash flood that hit its towns west of the state capital, Brisbane.

The flooding in the state also left a vast territory under water, including hundreds of homes, businesses and 52,000 people.

The prime target for the relentless floodwaters will be the state's biggest cities: the city of Brisbane, the capital of the state, and the population of the state is about 3 million people.

"It looks like this is possibly going to be worst flooding event in our state’s history," Federal Treasury Wayne Swan told Australian Broadcasting Corp. Radio on Monday. "It will involve billions of dollars of economic output value, much of it state government money, and there is going to be impact on local governments as well.

And the flooding is not finished," Victoria State Emergency Services spokeswoman Natasha Ducket warned that the town of Hornsby could face a major flood during Tuesday's expected peak of the Wimmera River, and electricity supplies Powercor said it will keep its distribution there to ensure it remains dry.

"The township could be blazed with a waterway right through the middle of town and the Western Highway cut," Ducket said.

... up to 500 properties in the town of about 14,000 people could be affected.

Hornsby official David Eppingham said the town was expecting "a one-in-1,000 year flood." More than 3,500 people have evacuated their homes, and central Victoria state, with 43 towns and 1,500 properties already affected by rising waters.

Funding has also hit New South Wales, where nearly 7,000 people are reliant on supplies of food and fuel and are being isolated.
Rare HIV transmission changed transplant practice

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Associated Press

CHICAGO — The rare transmission of HIV through transplanted organs to four Chicago-area patients made headlines in 2007. A new study says it also caused some U.S. transplant surgeons to limit their use of organs from high-risk donors such as gay men.

That’s an “exaggerated response” based more on fear of lawsuits than on science, said senior author Dr. Dorry Segev of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore.

The death of death while waiting for an organ transplant is far higher for many patients than is the risk associated with these organs,” Segev said.

The findings, appearing in Monday’s Archives of Surgery, show that a rare event can have “a major impact on the way medicine is practiced and is a reminder of the litigious environment we’ve created in medicine,” Segev said.

Nearly 1 in 10 organ donors is “high-risk” undetected by screening because of new guidelines set by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The category includes men who’ve had sex with men in the past five years, people who’ve injected illegal drugs in the past five years and people who got hepatitis C, as well as HIV, after receiving organs from one deceased, high-risk donor.

The transplant done at three Chicago hospitals, resulted in at least one lawsuit. An unnamed “Jane Doe” claimed the hospital should have checked her for HIV, saying she received the organ from a woman who had sex with men. That lawsuit, filed against University of Chicago Medical Center, is pending.

The second lawsuit was filed against Northwestern Memorial Hospital. It’s illegal to transplant an organ from someone known to be infected with HIV. But transplants from high-risk donors are allowed — as long as the risk is outweighed by the benefits.

In 2007, standard tests for HIV and hepatitis antibodies showed the donor didn’t have the diseases. The donor may have acquired the infection a few weeks before death, too soon for the tests to detect antibodies.
The New York Jets went into Foxborough Sunday and knocked the Patriots out of their own building. After plenty of talk between both teams during the week leading up to the game, are you surprised the Jets walked the walk and are headed to the AFC Championship Game?

I'm not surprised the Jets beat the Patriots. I don't personally care, but hey, it happened. The Patriots said themselves that they had an awful second half and we all saw that.

I was shocked. I thought the Patriots were a lock to beat the Jets. They not only ran the Jets out of River 45-3 backdoor to Week 13, but they also came into the game on an eight-game winning streak, while the Jets had lost three of their last five to finish the regular season before narrowly beating the Colts in the playoffs.

Rex Ryan's "taking things personally" strategy somehow killed the Jets past Peyton Manning and then the No. 1-seeded AFC. The Jets don't stop now.

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