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## A year later, city looks back on storm

NICK JOHNSON  
Daily Egyptian

Francis Murphy said the May 8 storm forced him to do one of the hardest things he's ever done in his life — throw away \$43,000 worth of food.

Murphy, general manager of Neighborhood Co-op Grocery, said there was little else he could do the day after he and his fellow employees watched a derecho — a rapid-moving chain of severe thunderstorms — ravage the parking lot and stores of the Murdale Shopping Center and cut off power to the entire city.

"We were all standing by the windows, which is, of course, what you shouldn't do," Murphy said, laughing. "But it was a good vantage point."

The storm, which hit southern Illinois almost a year ago, caused more than \$26 billion in damage across the region, according to estimates from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The city of Carbondale alone spent about \$3.5 million in its cleanup efforts, City Manager Allen Gill said.

Immediately after the storm, in a generator-powered city hall, city staff began figuring out ways to assess the extent of the damage, Gill said.



STEVE BERGCZYNSKI | DAILY EGYPTIAN

A tree behind a block of apartments on the 600 block of College Street in Carbondale still hangs over a mangled fence a full year after a derecho May 8 damaged much of southern Illinois.

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## Repairs cost SIUC millions, more still needed

### Roof damage primary problem

RYAN VOYLES  
Daily Egyptian

Brad Dillard knew something was not right as he looked outside his office window at a normally still Dumpster.

"I remember most of us in the office looking out the window, seeing

this Dumpster in front of the Physical Plant getting pushed back and forth," he said. "It would be by the steam plant one minute, then crashing into cars on the other side of the parking lot, smashing windows and everything."

Dillard, associate director of facilities of the Physical Plant, and thousands of people in the southern Illinois region are still rebuilding after a derecho — a rapid-moving chain of severe thunderstorms — downed hundreds of trees and caused mas-

sive property damage May 8 in and around the Carbondale area.

Repairs around campus started almost immediately after the storm and will continue until at least fall, Dillard said. He said the damage estimate around campus is around \$8.5 million.

Dillard said almost all repairs have been paid for by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the insurance the university has on some of its facilities. He said there are still some gray areas,

though, which the university will have to fund.

"In the end, the university is going to have to have a balance left over, and the university is going to have to find some way to cover that balance," Dillard said. "There will be some stuff that needs to be fixed that won't be funded."

Among the areas that fall in the gray area is the debris in Thompson Woods, Dillard said.

"The insurance companies and FEMA are pretty much telling us

that if they're not in the way of people or affecting them, then it's not their responsibility to pay," he said. "We'd need to pay for that debris removal ourselves."

Dillard said the university was lucky to have minimal structural damage to its facilities, saying only the roofs suffered damage on many buildings. Dillard said the price of repairing all the roofs would cost more than \$7 million.

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# SIUC honored for support of veterans

SIUC was honored Thursday with the Inaugural Governor's Award for Excellence in Veterans Education at the Student Health Center.

The award was created because of SIUC's efforts to go above and beyond the requirements of the 2009 Veterans Higher Education Bill. The bill includes requirements such as all veterans services provided by the school must be electronically published and any university with 1,000 or more students must have a Veteran's Coordinator, said Christopher Pihla, SIUC's Veterans Center coordinator.

Pihla said the creation of the Veterans Center and two of its programs have set the university apart from other schools. In the Sponsorship Program, a volunteer student-veteran mentors a new student-veteran, while the Veterans Center's housing guide helps student-veterans in their search for housing.

It is estimated there are 750 student-veterans on campus, though Pihla said he believes there are probably many more, and that enrollment numbers for student-veterans will continue to increase as SIUC's reputation spreads.

"People talk, you know. Word of mouth is a powerful thing," Pihla said. "These guys coming out

of the military will know SIUC as a university where they're not only getting a higher education, but one where they know that if they have any problems along the way then they're going to have someone to turn to."

He said SIUC's programs were not the only draw for veterans to the university.

"Everyone on campus seems truly motivated about helping veterans," Pihla said. "It doesn't start and end in the Veterans Center. It goes beyond that. It's their instructors, the university administrators. Everyone is truly vet-friendly."

# Gold's Gym to relocate to West Park Plaza

A local developer group plans to use a new 30,000 square-foot Gold's Gym as the anchor location in its revitalization of a west side shopping center, according to a city press release.

Gold's Gym, currently at 712 E. Walnut St., will relocate to the West

Park Plaza and open its new location around Thanksgiving, the release stated.

J.E.S. Development Group purchased the Plaza at West Main Street and Old Highway 13, the release stated.

"We are proud to play a part in

spurring new growth on the west side of Carbondale," Gold's Gym owners John Etherton and Shane Smith said in a statement.

Gold's Gym joins Walgreens as the second national company to plan developments on the city's west side.

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# Students offered art space in library

MICHARA CANTY  
Daily Egyptian

Morris Library is not only a study sanctuary, but now it is also a haven for artistic expression.

SIUC's Morris Library converted the first floor study lounge located next to the library's cafe into the Art Rotunda, which is devoted to the exhibition of artwork. The library debuted the rotunda May 1 after eight months of planning, Megan Lotts said.

Lotts, fine arts librarian at Morris Library, said inspired artists are welcomed to showcase their work in a real public space.

"This library is the central nervous system to this campus. It provides scholarly resources but education comes in different facets, including art," Lotts said.

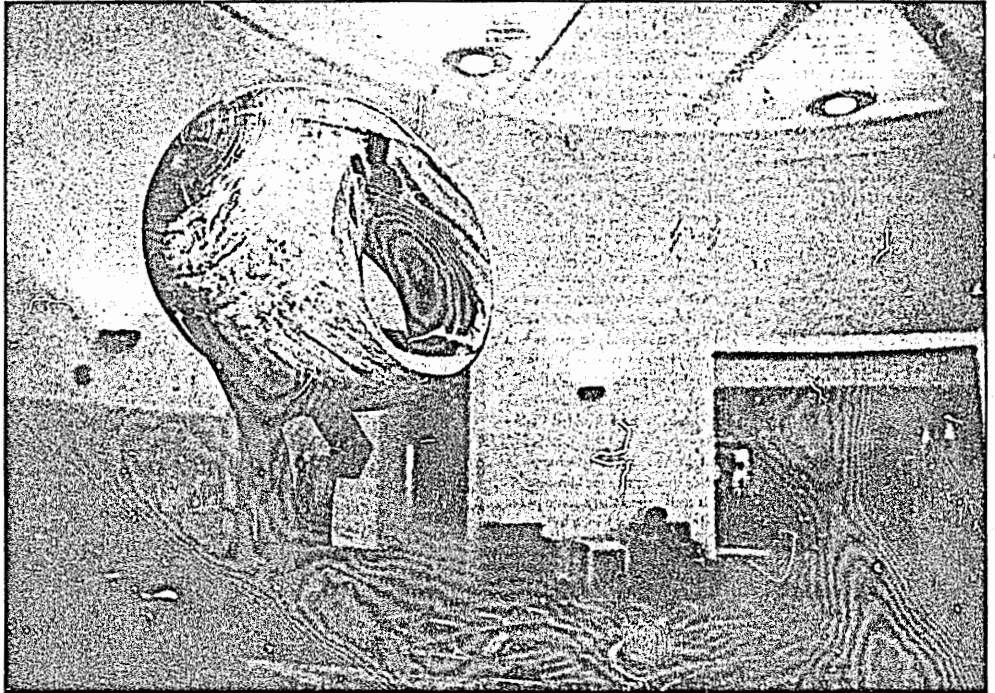
Lotts and library staff sought to create a space where artists can gain publicity, constructive criticism and feedback on their work, she said. The space features work from collegiate and local artists.

Jerel Sloan, a graduate assistant in the School of Art and Design, was the first artist to showcase in the area.

"There are not many spaces in Carbondale that (are) open for showcasing art. The idea of getting our work outside the art department and into the community is a great opportunity," Sloan said.

His sculpture pieces were inspired by the act of "practice" — one design practiced to create the next one. Sloan used different aesthetics and material to better learn how they work together, he said.

One piece, entitled "Practice," featured a wooden egg shape design resting on top of a rusted steel brass wagon wheel. Sloan said it represented the time he learned through continuous practice how to ride a unicycle.



Jerel Sloan's sculpture, "Practice," is one of three of his works of art displayed in the Art Rotunda, a space on the first floor in Morris

The space welcomes students to study, research and engage with artistic pieces surrounding it, aiming to create a tranquil ambience, Lotts said.

Students can study and be inspired by the art, said Evan Halleck, a freshman from Barrington studying architecture, said she studies in the space two or three times a week.

Art Rotunda.

Lotts said she hopes the new space can evoke interest and increase appreciation for the complexities of the arts.

Maggie Sigwalt, a freshman from Barrington studying architecture, said she studies in the space two or three times a week.

"It no longer seems like a library,

Library dedicated to the showcasing of local and student artists. The piece represents Sloan's experiences of learning to ride a unicycle.

but a gallery. Its cool to see the different things that people can create. This definitely adds a uniqueness to the space," Sigwalt said.

Lotts encourages artists to showcase their talent and partake in future projects planned for the fall semester.

"I hope this area, and others alike, reaches out to make the 'whole' of SIU

and broadens the ideals of art," Sloan said.

Students looking to submit pieces to the Art Rotunda can contact Lotts at 453-2663.

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# Sonar technology brings peace of mind

**DEREK ROBBINS**  
Daily Egyptian

It's a night and day difference, Chris Mohrman said.

Mohrman is a Jackson County Conservation police officer and said sonar technology has made finding objects underwater significantly easier than it was in the past.

"I've been working here for 20 years and the difference is just night and day," Mohrman said. "Before, we would just have to blindly dive and search for objects, only relying on first-hand information, but now if we know generally where an object is, we can find it really quick."

The sonar devices first came to Jackson County in 2006, Mohrman said. The Jackson County Conservation police officers use two types of sonar to locate different objects underwater. The first is a side scan sonar — a type of sonar device used on the move to depict large areas of the seafloor.

Side scan sonar works best when used at a speed of three to four miles per hour, Jackson County conversation police officer Kris Taylor said. The second type is called sector scan, which only works when the boat is stationary, Taylor said. He also said Hummingbird, manufactures the Jackson County Conservation police officers' sonar devices.

Taylor said the devices are used to detect a variety of objects underwater.

"We get requests from all over to find objects underwater, like we'll work with the police department to help track down stolen cars they feel might be dumped in the (Murphyboro) lake," Taylor said.

Other objects include sunken boats and even more obscure objects like ATM machines, which Taylor looked for using side scan sonar Wednesday.

The most important function of the sonar devices is the recovery of drowned bodies, Taylor said.

"With our sonar devices, we can track down drowned bodies really quickly," Taylor said. "It makes you feel good because you can help bring a life closure to their family's lives."

Taylor said it usually takes about three hours to find deceased bodies underwater.

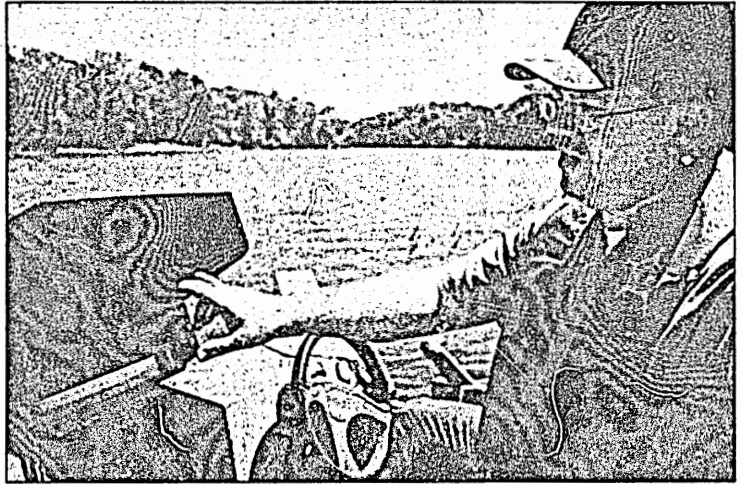
Mohrman said he was happy to provide this service for families.

"It really gives them some peace of mind, and I am happy to help in any way I can," Mohrman said.

The sonar devices not only help out families of victims, but it can also help out divers who need direction underwater, Taylor said.

"You never know what is going to be underwater, so it's nice to be able to see what is around on sonar and be able to tell the diver," Taylor said.

It takes about a week to learn how to read a sonar screen, Mohrman said.



STEVE BENCZYNSKI | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kris Taylor, of Carbondale, demonstrates how sonar equipment is used to search underwater for objects Wednesday at Lake Murphyboro. Taylor was part of a missing person search last year that drew national attention after three bodies were discovered using the sonar equipment.

Taylor said the screen is like a Magic Eye illusion.

"You can stare at it for hours and not know what you're seeing," Taylor said. "Then all of a sudden, you can get it and when you do, it just starts coming to you naturally."

The Jackson County Conservation police officers also train others on how to use sonar devices, game warden Tony Rendleman said.

Rendleman said the program trains firefighters, as well as other police officers on how to use sonar, with training usually taking place at least once a month.

The participants in the training are usually very excited about it, Taylor said.

"The people who do it are definitely dedicated," Taylor said. "Personality kind of takes over and they

come back looking for more things. The lake is big; who knows what they could find."

For more information on Lake Murphyboro — where the sonar training takes place — contact Lake Murphyboro State Park at 684-2867.

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## Blagojevich lawyers can't mention suicide at trial

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The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A federal judge on Thursday ordered Gov. Rod Blagojevich's attorneys not to mention a fundraiser's suicide during the former governor's upcoming corruption trial.

Prosecutors had asked for the order, saying the suicide last September of millionaire roofing contractor Christopher G. Kelly, a one-time head of the Friends of Blagojevich campaign fund, was unrelated to the federal charges Blagojevich faces.

U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel approved the order in a one-line entry on the court docket that also granted a number of other requests from prosecutors to set limits on the tactics defense attorneys can use during the trial, which is set to start June 3.

Blagojevich is charged with scheming to use his power as governor to fill Senate vacancies to sell or trade President Barack Obama's former Senate seat. He also is charged with plotting illegally to squeeze individuals hoping to do business with the state for campaign donations. He has pleaded not guilty.

Kelly, 50, was indicted along with Blagojevich and four other defendants in the government's investigation of corruption in state government under the former governor.

Kelly was found dead of an overdose of pills in September, days before he was to enter prison on unrelated charges. He had pleaded guilty to writing off losses to his bookie and Las Vegas casinos as business expenses and swindling two airlines by inflating the cost of an O'Hare International Airport roofing contract.

Asked about Zagel's approval of the

restrictions prosecutors had requested, Blagojevich attorney Sheldon Sorosky said: "I'm still digesting it."

Messages were left for two of Blagojevich's other defense attorneys, Sam Adam, and his son, Samuel E. Adam.

Randall Samborn, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, had no comment.

The other restrictions approved include a ban on introducing evidence of "good acts" that Blagojevich may have performed. Prosecutors said such testimony might be brought out "to distract the jury from the charges for which the defendants are standing trial."

Defense attorneys also can't argue that the Blagojevich's actions were simply "politics as usual" and as such represent "what all politicians do and, to the extent that their conduct violates the law, then the law is unrealistic or unfair."

## Illinois Democrats moving budget that shorts pensions

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. — Democrats in the Illinois Legislature are pushing forward with a budget plan that would delay money for troubled pension systems.

It would also give Gov. Pat Quinn new power to dip into special funds and trim spending.

A House committee approved the budget Thursday evening, setting the stage for a vote by the full House.

Illinois owes government pension systems \$3.7 billion but can't come up with the money. So the proposed budget would delay that payment until January.

Pension systems say the delay will cost them huge amounts in investment income. They'll probably sell assets to keep paying government retirees.

Another worry is that officials in January still might not come up with the required money.

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ENGLAND

Conservatives win most seats in U.K. election

LONDON — The Conservatives captured the largest number of seats Thursday in Britain's national election but will fall short of a majority — triggering uncertainty over who will form the next government, according to television projections based on exit polls.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Times square bomb suspect cooperating

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Eric Holder on Thursday rejected the notion that reading Times Square bomb suspect Faisal Shahzad his Miranda rights hindered investigators, telling Congress that Shahzad's cooperation is ongoing.

# BP brings in the big box to deal with disaster

HARRY R. WEBER  
TAMARA LUSH  
The Associated Press

ON THE GULF OF MEXICO — Workers gathered to begin lowering a giant concrete-and-steel box over the blown-out oil well at the bottom of the sea Thursday in a risky and untested bid to capture most of the gushing crude and avert a wider environmental disaster.

"We haven't done this before. It's very complex and we can't guarantee it," BP spokesman David Nicholas warned.

The 100-ton containment vessel is designed to collect as much as 85 percent of the oil spewing into the Gulf and funnel it up to a tanker. It could take several hours to lower it into place by crane, after which a steel pipe will be installed between the top of the box and the tanker. The whole structure could be operating by Sunday.

The technology has been used a few times in shallow waters, but never at such extreme depths — 5,000 feet down, where the water pressure is enough to crush a submarine.

The box — which looks a lot like a peaked, 40-foot-high outhouse, especially on the inside, with its rough timber framing — must be accurately positioned over the well, or it could damage the leaking pipe and make the problem worse.

Other risks include ice clogs in the pipes — a problem that crews will try to prevent by continuously pumping in warm water and methanol — and

the danger of explosion when separating the mix of oil, gas and water that is brought to the surface.

"I'm worried about every part, as you can imagine," said David Clarkson, BP vice president of engineering projects.

If the box works, a second one now being built may be used to deal with a second, smaller leak from the sea floor.

"Hopefully, it will work better than they expect," first mate Douglas Peake told The Associated Press aboard the ship that brought the box to the site. The AP is the only news organization on board the vessel.

The well blew open on April 20 when the Deepwater Horizon drilling platform exploded 50 miles out in the Gulf of Mexico, killing 11 workers. The well has been spewing an estimated 200,000 gallons a day in the nation's biggest oil spill since the Exxon Valdez disaster in Alaska in 1989.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar on Thursday halted all new offshore drilling permits nationwide until at least the end of the month while the government investigates the Gulf spill.

Oil slicks stretched for miles off the Louisiana coast, where desperate efforts were under way to skim, curral, and set the petroleum ablaze. People in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida watched in despair.

The dropping of the box is just one of many strategies being pursued to stave off a widespread environmental disaster. BP is drilling side-

ways into the blown-out well in hopes of plugging it from the bottom. Also, oil company engineers are examining whether the leak could be shut off by sealing it from the top instead.

The technique, called a "top kill" would use a tube to shoot mud and concrete directly into the well's blow-out preventer, BP spokesman Bill Salvin said. The process would take two to three weeks, compared with the two to three months needed to drill a relief well.

On Thursday, oil reached several barrier islands off the Louisiana coast, many of them fragile animal habitats. Several birds were spotted diving into the oily, pinkish-brown water, and dead jellyfish washed up on the uninhabited islands.

"It's all over the place. We hope to get it cleaned up before it moves up the west side of the river," said Dustin Chauvin, a 20-year-old shrimp boat captain from Terrebonne Parish, La. "That's our whole fishing ground. That's our livelihood."

During a visit to Biloxi, Miss., Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said of the containment vessel: "I hope it works. But we are still proceeding as if it won't. If it does, of course, that will be a major positive development."

"We are facing an evolving situation," she warned. "The possibility remains that the BP oil spill could turn into an unprecedented environmental disaster. The possibility remains that it will be somewhat less."

Meanwhile, a six-member board

## Currents could carry oil slick to the Carolinas

Although the chances are slim, under the right conditions of the Gulf Stream current the Atlantic coast more than 200 years ago near Naples, Fla., an outflow of cold water called a 'red tide' did just that. Here's a look at the currents and some details from the red tide incident.



composed of representatives of the Coast Guard and the federal Minerals Management Service will begin investigating the accident next week.

And a federal judicial panel in Washington has been asked to consolidate at least 65 potential class-

action lawsuits claiming economic damage from the spill. Commercial fishermen, business and resort owners, charter boat captains, even would-be vacationers have sued from Texas to Florida, seeking damages that could reach into the billions.

# Pakistani Taliban: N.Y. bomb attempt a 'brave' act

RASOOL DAWAR  
TOM HAYS  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Pakistani Taliban on Thursday denied any role in the botched car bombing in Times Square but praised the suspect for a "brave job" as New York authorities pressed him on his claims of terrorist training.

U.S. law enforcement officials traveled to Pakistan to question four alleged members of another militant group, Jaish-e-Mohammad, about possible connections to Faisal Shahzad, who is charged with terrorism and weapons offenses in the failed bombing that shut down Times Square and unnerved tourists and theatergoers on a busy Saturday night.

Scary headlines kept New York on edge Thursday and law enforcement agencies pounced on anything suspicious. The bomb squad was called out to look at a truck with a strong odor of gasoline that was abandoned on the Manhattan Bridge, but nothing dangerous was found inside, and a flight to the Mideast on the same airline that Shahzad boarded before his ar-

rest Monday was called back when a passenger's name was similar to that of someone on the government's "no-fly" list.

The 30-year-old Shahzad — an ex-budget analyst who had been living in a low-rent Bridgeport, Conn., apartment since returning from a five-month trip to Pakistan — is in custody and talking to investigators. They are trying to trace his movements in his homeland and whether he is connected to foreign terrorist groups.

"He's being cooperative," Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said, adding that investigators want to find out if "what he's saying is in fact the truth."

Law enforcement officials have sought to find out if Shahzad is connected to a broader terror plot and are trying to trace his steps during his trip to Pakistan that ended in February. U.S. authorities said they have yet to establish a firm link between Shahzad and an extremist group.

"We are directly looking at who did he have contact with while in Pakistan, what did he do, who is supporting him and why," State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley

said, adding that U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Anne Patterson laid groundwork for requesting help from Pakistan by reaching out to Prime Minister Yousuf Gilani and Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi.

A senior State Department official said the administration would be asking Pakistan to take "significant" actions based on what Shahzad has been telling investigators about his visits to the country. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the requests have not yet been made.

Federal officials are investigating how Shahzad paid his rent and financed the bomb plot since he returned from Pakistan with no apparent job. He paid for the used SUV with 13 \$100 bills. Officials have been investigating if Shahzad was got money from militant groups — including the Pakistani Taliban, which claimed responsibility for the bombing in three videos over the weekend, a law enforcement official has told The Associated Press.

The group on Thursday reversed that earlier position, with a spokesman saying the Pakistani

Taliban had nothing to do with the attempted bombing, but adding: "Such attacks are welcome."

"We have no relation with Faisal. However, he is our Muslim brother," Taliban spokesman Azam Tariq told the AP in Pakistan by telephone from an undisclosed location. "We feel proud of Faisal. He did a brave job."

Tariq said the Taliban only knew from media reports that Shahzad had told authorities he learned how to make bombs in Waziristan, an autonomous tribal region of Pakistan seen as a terrorist stronghold.

The group has never launched a successful terrorist attack against the U.S.

Kelly said Shahzad has claimed he got bomb-making and small arms training at camps in Pakistan before returning to the United States. The crude bomb was rigged with gasoline and propane tanks, battery-operated alarm clocks and fertilizer with no explosive power and didn't go off. A retired NYPD bomb squad member told the AP that the design of the bomb showed the suspect had some training but failed to grasp how to attach a detonator or use the right kind of fertilizer.

"He was trained, but he certainly didn't graduate at the top of the class," Kevin Barry said.

In Karachi, Pakistan, U.S. and Pakistani officials questioned four alleged members of the Jaish-e-Mohammad militant group, two Pakistani security officials told the AP, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media. The militant group is believed to have been established by Pakistani intelligence agencies, and has been linked to the al-Qaida terror network and the 2002 killing of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl.

Shahzad's father — a former top air force officer — was taken in protective custody by Pakistan's main intelligence agency, an agent from the organization said. The father was not a suspect and was being questioned about his son's activities, the agent said.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said Shahzad is continuing to provide useful information to authorities and rejected notions that reading him his Miranda rights hindered investigators. Shahzad faces a potential life prison term, Holder said.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Take a stand if you want something changed

DEAR EDITOR:

In response to the letter written Thursday by Lucas McCallister about the string of recent articles written in the DAILY EGYPTIAN. If you are so upset about funding issues at the university, then why didn't you show up for the university's Lobby Day in Springfield April 25 to debate these issues with the people who really matter?

No, this isn't the DE, it is the Illinois General Assembly and its members — for your information that would be the elected House and Senate members. I did, but you clearly do not, understand the full extent to the problem that the USG is facing and for that matter the whole university. The budget cuts are not coming from the university but rather from the projected budget cuts of Gov. Pat Quinn.

I personally have talked to the Senate Appropriation's Committee Chairman, Sen. John Sullivan, D-Rushville, and he told me he and his fellow Democrats, as well as fellow Senate members, will do everything they can to prevent the 10 percent budget cut.

However, this would mean an income tax increase that Illinois citizens are not willing to pay. Illinois has always had a regionalism problem, meaning that people are only willing to fund education at the local level with property taxes. Clearly, this is not likely to happen. I challenge you to stay informed on Illinois politics before you go ranting and raving in the DE.

**Joseph Howard**  
senior studying  
secondary education

#### "Hurricane Katrina" game is stupid even without name

DEAR EDITOR:

This is a response to Bryant Payne's letter Wednesday.

I'm having a problem with "making the connection" of how Hurricane Katrina only affected the lives of African-Americans. I'm also having a problem with "making the connection" of how Monday's cover was a slap in the face to only the blacks on this campus.

Let me clue you in on something — you're wrong. This natural disaster affected the lives of millions of Americans all over the world. And yes, it also affected the lives of white Americans, Chinese-Americans, Muslims, Catholics, Christians and anyone else that you apparently forgot

lives in the country.

Did you not realize that 40.9 percent of the deaths related to Hurricane Katrina were non-black? Did you not realize that nearly every race in this country had someone down there that was affected by this also? Apparently not. I guess you've just become too close-minded.

I'm also having a problem "making the connection" of how this was racist. I hardly believe this game was intended for what you stupidly call "white entertainment." Remember the minstrel shows! No, sure don't.

That's because they happened more than 100 years ago. Have we not moved forward since then? Didn't Dr. King do something back

in the 1950s and 1960s?

Wait a minute — who's that guy sitting in the Oval Office? Apparently you're pretty apathetic about nearly all of this and are still stuck in the 1800s.

Let me finish by stating that I do in fact find this game to have a lack of sensitivity. Even with a new name attached to it, this game sounds pretty stupid. I can't quite grasp the thought, either, as to why someone would want to play this game or even title it after such a disaster.

I sure do hope this was made a little bit of sense to you.

**Clayton Henschberger**  
senior studying  
university studies

#### There are more important issues

DEAR EDITOR:

This is a response to Bryan Jennings: Don't bring up the argument about white people creating their own holidays, TV shows, etc. It doesn't hold much water. Since when were all those things not mostly for or created by white people?

We just don't notice it like that because we are white. I encourage solidarity among minority groups because America has too long relegated them to the side. Yet this letter has another purpose I must get to.

I've been following these "Hurricane Katrina" game letters over the past few days and can't help but think how ridiculous such matters have become. Yes, the game is insensitive and moronic but calling it racist is a stretch in my mind.

Look at the Arizona immigration law issue. Third-generation Mexican-Americans and other legal immigrants that support the law are being called racist by their own ethnic groups because

they support it. Does that make much sense at all?

Do any of you know about Proposition 187, which was to limit the social services and education illegal immigrants could have in California? It was later struck down as unconstitutional, but there were second-generation Mexican-American teachers in communities of many illegal immigrants that favored this legislation. Sure enough, people called them racist too.

I'm not saying whether those issues are right or wrong, but I want people to see how often we throw around the words racism or racist. Please, for the sake of our society, stop slinging these words so often.

They seem to be too convenient to use and divide us even further. I think we have a calling to be much more responsible than that. We should stop being inwardly focused and look toward the outside. Listen and learn, don't condemn.

**Blaine Harvey**  
senior studying history

#### Sen. Luechtefeld needs to take a stand

DEAR EDITOR:

Sen. Dave Luechtefeld is betraying my fellow students at SIUC. We hear every day about how much the university is owed by the state of Illinois and programs and faculty could be placed on the chopping block. This happens while higher education costs increase and obtaining a college education is put farther and farther out of reach.

None of this will get better until the state pulls itself out of the budget crisis. Unfortunately, Luechtefeld has done nothing to help put Illinois in a position to improve the budget mess.

He voted against the recent pension reform bill that will save the state billions over the next three decades and allow the state to begin rebuilding its suffering credit rating. Luechtefeld also voted

against a tax increase that would have shielded our most vulnerable citizens while raising the necessary revenue to balance our budget.

This increase would have also allowed the state to stave off the most severe cuts to higher education funding, including funding that goes to various state scholarship programs. If we do not educate our state, our economy will never be prepared for the 21st century.

So I call on Luechtefeld to stop playing the same old political games in Springfield and start representing the people of the 58th Senate district. Now is the time for true leadership, not two-faced political rhetoric.

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# Gill: City to absorb \$750k hit from storm

NICK QUIGLEY  
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale will have to absorb \$750,000 in damages from last year's May 8 storm, even after insurance and Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements are in, City Manager Allen Gill said.

Some of Carbondale's reimbursement and insurance claims from the post-storm cleanup are still pending, but the city has received compensation for more than half of its \$3.5 million in damage expenses, Gill said. He said Carbondale would receive \$1.3 million from FEMA and \$800,000

from insurance companies.

A little more than \$2 million has been collected so far from insurance groups and FEMA, with some claims still outstanding, Gill said. Assistant City Manager Kevin Baily said there was no allotment of funds in the fiscal year 2011 budget to do anything more related to last year's storm.

"We're done with cleanup," Baily said. "Any repair work has been done."

As the city gets money back from insurance and FEMA, Baily said those funds will be put back into the fund-balance reserves. The city did not have to restructure the FY10 budget to allow for any storm

damages, but Baily said the budget was amended to show a \$3.5 million increase in spending for cleanup and repairs.

Gill said the city is also collecting \$633,000 in reimbursements from the Federal Highway Administration for clearing debris from state-owned roads.

Baily said the city began receiving reimbursement money as soon as five months after the storm. The process usually takes between one and two years as state and federal governments must process the paperwork, Baily said.

"We actually received the first part of the money a whole lot quicker than

we anticipated," Baily said.

Money for the expenses incurred from the storm came from the city's general fund balance reserves, Baily said.

A press release from Gov. Pat Quinn's office from July 2009 stated FEMA assessment teams found around 560 homes in southern Illinois were damaged as a result of the storm, with 69 homes being destroyed and 191 uninhabitable without major repairs. The storm caused more than \$26 million in damage in the region, according to estimates from FEMA.

Gill said city buildings suffered

mostly roof damage, with the Carbondale Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant being hit hardest.

Baily said work on the plant is complete, and any remaining residential debris issues are being routed through the city's code enforcement office.

"I'm helping to skate through (this) May 8 with nothing happening," Baily said.

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## UPROOTED



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The remains of many uprooted trees are still scattered around Cedar Lake, such as this one that has exposed roots.

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"We had most of our main damage between the dorms and the academic facilities' roofs — I'll say a good 80 percent of the overall damage," he said. "We've been working on this for months, and we're still going to be working on it until the fall."

Dillard said the problem with fixing the roofs has been getting contracts with the construction crews.

Glenn Stine, deputy director of University Housing, said the dorms received significant damage, as more than 70 windows were blown out and roofs at Brush Towers, Thompson Point and Evergreen Terrace suffered damage.

He said most of the repairs started immediately.

"We did the things that we could do by ourselves, replacing windows and doing a temporary fix on the roof," Stine said. "The Physical Plant hired some carpenters and they were able to make the buildings stand up to the rain until a new fix could be made."

Stine said roofs at Evergreen Terrace and Schneider Hall have been repaired, while work on Mae Smith's roof should be done in a few weeks. He said repairs to roofs at Thompson Point and Neely Hall should start in the fall.

Dillard said the situation could have been worse if it were not for the campus' disaster committee, which had emergency plans prepared.

"We already had a list of people we would need to contact in case something like this happened," he said. "Within hours we were calling carpenters, handymen and (anyone we) could have needed to help us out. If we didn't have that plan set aside, it could have taken hours before a response."

Dillard said if something as rare as a derecho happens again, the university would be ready for it.

"We learned things; God forbid it happens again," he said. "If it does though, I feel we'll have an even better response than we did before."

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"We knew that afternoon that we had a major disaster on our hands," Gill said.

Among the city's immediate priorities were to inform Ameren of the citywide power outage and get roads cleared of debris, Gill said.

"Public works was busy immediately," he said.

Carbondale police then began directing traffic and collecting damage reports, he said. City inspectors began a door-to-door assessment of damage the next day, Gill said.

Tom Eakins, general manager of Carbondale Schnucks, said his store quadrupled its hourly business because it was one of the only stores open at the time.

"I think everyone else just didn't have the generators or the power to stay open," Eakins said. "We were just doing a tremendous amount of business."

Murphy said the Co-op reopened after he rented a refrigerated storage trailer that ran off a generator, he said.

Murphy said his store was able to receive insurance reimbursements for the spoiled food, but still estimated his

profit loss for the storm period to be at about \$45,000. He received that money back through insurance as well, though he said his insurer was reluctant to give it at first.

Eakins said there were about 100 people lined up outside Schnucks the following morning for a cup of coffee.

"We ended up setting up a coffee pot and giving away free coffee," Eakins said.

Eakins said Schnucks employees had to deal with their own storm-related issues as well as the store's unusual influx of customers.

"Many (employees) sustained damage to their own homes," Eakins said. "They had all the discomforts everybody else did, but they, really pitched in to help our customers."

Neither Schnucks nor the Co-op sustained major structural damage.

Ed Knight, president of E.A. Knight Construction, Inc., said most of the work his firm got after the storm was repairing houses damaged by fallen trees.

"You don't see the trees around the businesses," Knight said. "It just didn't hit commercial properties that hard," Knight said.

Among the city properties most heavily damaged by the storm was the

Carbondale Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant, Gill said. The plant's storage shed collapsed, a basin cover was blown off and the property's fencing was damaged, he said.

Other city buildings damaged included the Forensic Science Laboratory at 606 E. College St., the Eurma C. Hayes Center on Willow Street and both fire stations, Gill said.

The Forensic Science Laboratory sustained roof and structural damage when a tree fell on it, he said. The Eurma C. Hayes Center and fire stations sustained roof damage; the center had its roof replaced after the storm.

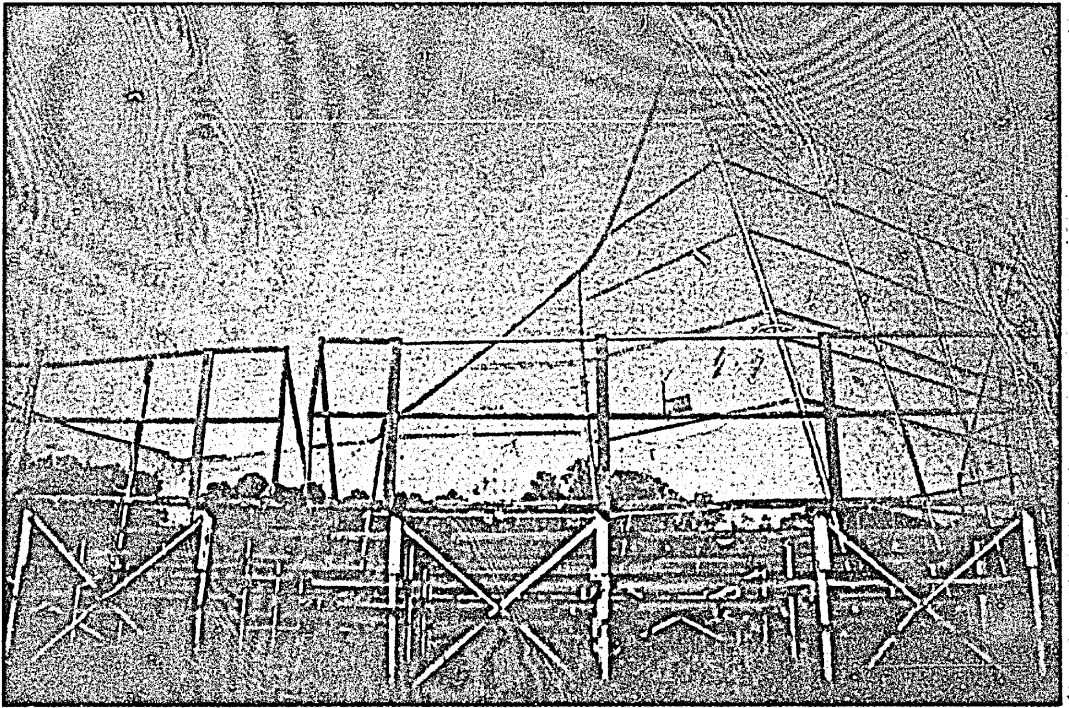
Assistant City Manager Kevin Baily said all city cleanup and repairs have been completed.

Even though his store was one of only a few grocery stores in the region that was able to operate in the aftermath, Murphy said he never was worried about crowds or crime.

"It seemed like people were pretty chill about the whole thing. It wasn't like there were hungry hordes or anything," Murphy said. "It was all very memorable."

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The backstop of the baseball diamond southwest of Evergreen Park remains bent and twisted after a tree fell on it in the May 8 storm.  
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DAILY EGYPTIAN



Several trees lay across a creek that flows under Cheutaqua Street after being knocked down by the storm that hit southern Illinois May 8.  
PAT SUTPHIN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN



Two main portions of a tree remain on Park View Apartments property after the May 8 storm caused the tree to split its trunk.  
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# Local shelters better prepared for disasters after last year

DEREK ROBBINS  
Daily Egyptian

The View Church saw the storm. But it couldn't shelter anyone from it. A year after the May 8 derecho — a rapid moving chain of severe thunderstorms — The View Church in Carbondale is one of more than 50 establishments in the area equipped to be an emergency shelter, said Sandra Webster, director of the American Red Cross in Murphysboro.

Webster said the Red Cross views schools and churches as shelters and has tried to sign as many as possible to be designated shelter areas.

The View Church was unavailable May 8 because it had just moved into a new building. Jacob Swain, the senior pastor at the church, said if a similar disaster were to occur tomorrow, the church would be prepared for it.

"We could immediately begin to provide hot meals for people in need as well as provide shelter," Swain said. "We are very well prepared for another event like that."

Swain said the church's congregation held a meeting on how to deal

with future emergencies such as the May 8 storm after the derecho occurred. The church has a large food supply, he said, because of a program it has that provides needy Carbondale children lunches on weekends.

While the church was not available for shelter May 8, it was available for electricity.

"Within 24 hours, our power was back on," Swain said. "People would come in and use our power to contact their family or their insurance. We were happy to accommodate them."

Karen Hulet, a junior from Springfield studying in finance, left town the day after the storm, but returned a few days later to find her power was still out.

"It was definitely devastating. ... All of my appliances are electric," Hulet said. "I couldn't keep food in my house; I couldn't cook anything."

The power remained out for a few more days, she said. She would take advantage of shelters to get warm food and electricity, especially because so many places in town were closed, Hulet said.

Webster said not many people took advantage of staying in Red Cross shel-

ters, but more would have if the power outages had lasted longer.

"It seems that when a disaster goes on, people get to a point where they say, 'Alright, we need a shelter,'" Webster said.

People had the opportunity to use the Red Cross for food as well, Webster said. The American Red Cross, in combination with Southern Baptist Church, supplied more than 30,000 meals to citizens in southern Illinois after the storm, Webster said.

They were able to provide much relief because of volunteers, Webster said.

"We had 47 volunteers who were impacted by the storm," Webster said. "They had trees in their yard, trees on their houses. They would stay home for a couple of days and then come back. It's really humbling to work with people like that."

Webster said the Red Cross implemented new tactics to help with future storms.

"The biggest glitch at the time was that I didn't have texting, so it was difficult to contact volunteers to get them to places where they could help, so we've worked on that," Webster said. "John A. Logan (College) has also allowed us to park our trailer there, so we can have easy access to Williamson County."

Webster said what he wants most in case of another disaster is a student response force.

"We haven't had a student disaster response team since '98 or '99," Webster said. "We trained them in damage assessment, case work and how to run a shelter. They were an incredible response team and that's something we're needing at SIU."

For more information on how to volunteer for the American Red Cross, the Red Cross Center in Murphysboro can be reached at 998-1147.



An oak tree lays in a vacant field Thursday off Murphysboro Road in Carbondale. The tree fell as a result of the May 8 storm.  
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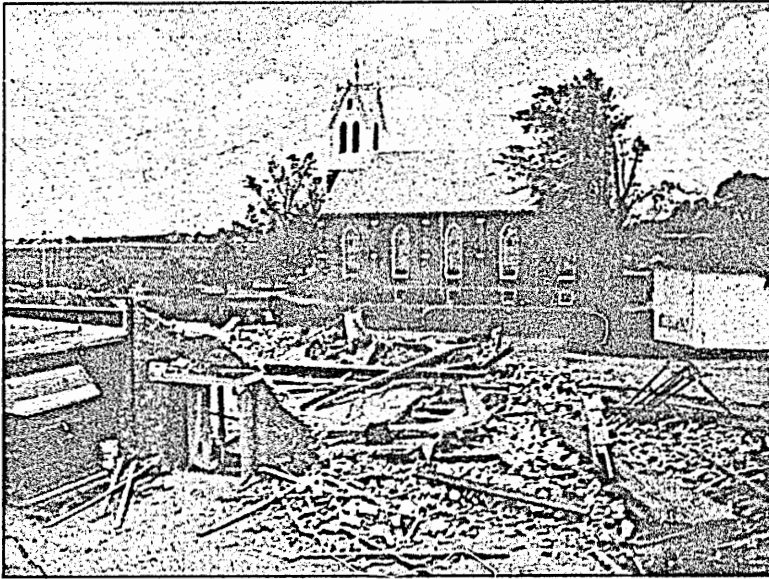


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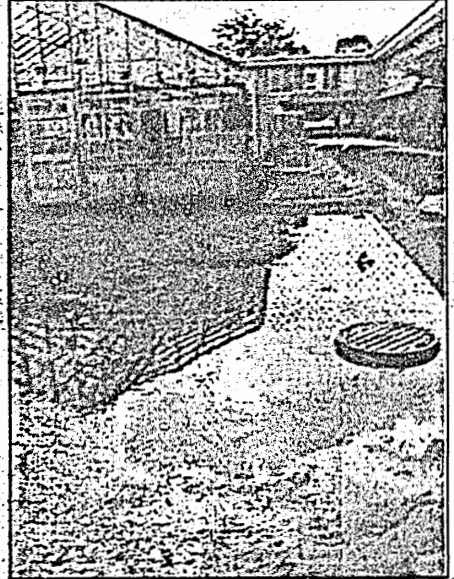


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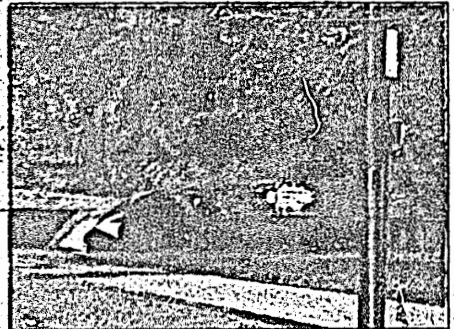


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# Anniversary of storm stirs memories

JEFF ENGELHARDT  
Daily Egyptian

*It makes you cherish everything and realize it can all be gone at any second. You can't take anything for granted.*

Caitlin Rogers called it crazy and horrific.

Justin M. Murphy called it scary. Peter Gitau called it the worst storm he has ever seen.

Devton Valliant simply called it "Cartrina."

It has been one year since the May 8 derecho ravaged southern Illinois, but some students and administrators still have vivid memories of both the destruction and unification that resulted. The derecho — a rapid-moving chain of severe thunderstorms — downed hundreds of trees and caused massive property damage in and around the Carbondale area.

Gitau, dean of students at SIUC, said he is still amazed at the change of scenery that occurred from the time he walked into Quiznos to get a sandwich that day to when he was able to walk back out.

"I was going to get my sandwich and it started to get bad outside so we all huddled in the basement," Gitau said. "When I got out, it looked strange. There was debris all over and I tried to drive back to campus, but roads were blocked from tree trunks. Even Anthony Hall was locked so I couldn't get back in for a while."

Gitau said he felt blessed there was only minimal damage to his house and that the storm did not cause a large number of fatalities. He said the university was also fortunate it happened near the end of the semester when most classes were finished.

Still, Gitau said he would remember the storm for a long time as he is reminded every time he sees the vacant spot in his yard where a tree

used to stand or the grill he cooked meals on for two straight weeks because of the power outage.

"It just did not seem like America," Gitau said. "You couldn't take a hot shower. It was getting hot outside so the stuff in your fridge would go bad ... it's just something most people won't forget in a long, long while."

Valliant, a junior from Carbondale studying theater, said he would never forget the storm.

Valliant, who was working at Lentz Hall at the time, described the storm as "four days of darkness" because of the chaos that came from the power outage. He said he remembers the mass destruction as well as the increase in robberies, with the latter happening to him.

Out of those four days of darkness came the light of people's sacrifice and assistance, he said. The event he remembers most is when University Housing dining services put on a free barbecue for the students to ensure they had something to eat, he said.

"Within all that chaos that was going on, people got together to help each other get through it," Valliant said. "It was crazy, but I guess there was some good out of it to see people help each other in a way you would never expect."

Rogers, a junior from Eldorado studying marketing, said people wanting to help poured in from more than just southern Illinois.

On the day of the storm, Rogers said she left for home with her boy-

senior from Chicago studying administration of Justice

friend and as they were driving the derecho continued to get worse. Her boyfriend's mother told them to try to get back right after finals because of the looming storm, but had she known the severity, Rogers said she probably would have stayed.

The two managed to make it back to Eldorado — just more than an hour northeast of Carbondale — through falling trees and wind gusts of up to 106 mph, she said. The next day she said she went up to Champaign with her family and it was evident help was on the way.

"There were just trucks from everywhere coming down here," Rogers said. "Tree cutting services, workers for power companies; just so many trucks were coming down to southern Illinois — in convoys almost."

Murphy, a senior from Chicago studying administration of Justice, was in the same situation as Rogers as he was trapped in a car.

Murphy said he was on his way to a friend's house when the storm picked up, so he pulled over. He said it was a scary situation, but like Valliant and Rogers, he said it was how people came together he will remember most.

"I will always remember what happened," Murphy said. "It makes you cherish everything and realize it can all be gone at any second. You can't take anything for granted."

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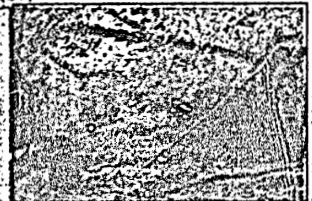


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# From the SOUTH

## Two DAILY EGYPTIAN journalists travel to southwest Louisiana to document the effects of the massive BP oil spill

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JULIA RENDLEMAN  
Daily Egyptian

COCODRIE, La. — Beyond Grand Isle's bend, a tip of Louisiana where media have flocked to relay stories of oil flowing closer to land, are bayou fishermen who wait.

If the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico reaches farther west, their shrimp season — and income — could vanish. For now, people such as Aaron Scott continue to do what they've always done.

He detangles shrimp nets, checks his crab traps, takes naps in his chair and waits.

"If the oil come over here, they're gonna shut all this down," Scott said.

"This" is an industry Scott, 73, said he's been in all his life. The spring shrimp season, according to the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, helps account for 30 percent of what's sent up the Mississippi River to places like Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Carbondale, Ill., and opens every May.

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission allowed an emergency early opening Friday after the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded April 20, but closed it again Tuesday.

Nervous chatter throughout Terrebonne Parish, a county with local waters 40 to 50 miles from the spreading oil, included rumors that officials might reopen Monday rather than May 17.

Scott said he hopes they do. "In my 43 years, this is the worst I've seen it," Scott said.

If the oil does come, some say it could be no different than after annual hurricane havoc, such as when Katrina or Rita hit.

Lawyers from Opelousas, La., who visited Cocodrie Thursday, said the people of Louisiana's southern parishes, or counties, are known for self-mobilizing instead of waiting for help from the government. One said six months after Hurricane Rita, Cocodrie looked untouched while places like New Orleans were still struggling, a representative from the Opelousas firm said.

It was because the people cleaned up the area themselves, rather than waiting on funding for things like debris removal, he said.

The lawyers were there to gather fishermen in an effort to file a class-action lawsuit against BP for the loss of revenue because of the spill.

Rosalie LaPeyruse said she wor-



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On the fishing docks of Cocodrie, La., west of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, fishermen are anxious about where the oil will move and how it may affect their fishing season. Aaron Scott said the shrimp season, which was

opened early to allow fishermen the chance to make a little money with the oil approaching, was closed Tuesday, but may reopen briefly again Monday. "If the oil comes, they going to have to shut this all down," he said.

**F**or an audio slideshow on bayou fisherman Aaron Scott, please see [dailyegyptian.com](http://dailyegyptian.com).



— Gus Bode ried that entering into a deal with lawyers would prevent participants from receiving aid from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, which provided similar help after Hurricane Katrina.

"The oil spill has really messed up our shrimp season. ... We catch, buy, dry and sell shrimp here," said LaPeyruse, owner of the LaPeyruse Seafood Bar & Grocery, where about 15 fishermen met to listen to the lawyers. She said her business could lose a lot of revenue, and it could be even worse for the fishermen.

Meanwhile, Scott remains rational. "If it comes, the season's over. If it doesn't, we have a chance," he said.

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Lawyers from Opelousas, La., visited the Bayou Petit Caillou in Cocodrie, La., to gather fishermen in order to file suit against BP for the loss of revenue because of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Terry LaPeyruse, who owns a fishing pier, dock, campground and general store, reads over a proposed contract with the lawyers in his establishment Thursday in southwest Louisiana.



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Aaron Scott, of Cocodrie, La., repairs nets Thursday on his dock. Scott, a fisherman in the bayou of southwest Louisiana, has yet to be directly affected by the oil spill in the Gulf of

Mexico but says fishermen in his area are anxious about how the oil will travel. "Most of them shrimpers are poor people. ... Something like this is going to set them back if they can't go



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Aaron Scott, of Cocodrie, La., works to repair fishing nets Thursday. Scott is one of only a few men in the area who still hand-repair nets. "I'm one of six who still do it, and I'm the youngest one," the 73-year-old Scott said.





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WATER

THE DUPLICX

57, I WAS SITTING THERE GOING

IT'D LIKE TO SEE YOU MAKE ME, SQUIBLY!

SHMAK

THE BAR GAVE ME THE TARI FERM THEIR SECURITY CHECK. NOW YOU CAN SEE HIM MAKE YOU SURE OF YOUR SEAT OVER LOU ONE!

**Crossword**

Thursday's answers

Across

1 Mine, to a minimalist  
5 Coil, performance barometers  
9 Boardloads  
14 Reflection in a cave  
15 Its quarter reads "Birthplace of Aviation Pioneers"  
16 Penny objection  
17 Sign at a laundry?  
20 Low cells  
21 Like a quarter's edge  
22 Lion e due  
23 Wilbur Post's buddy  
24 Sign at a nuclear reactor?  
29 Killer... powerful software  
32 Turkish peak  
31 Dept., headed by Tom Viskac  
34 First king of Israel  
35 Secondary  
36 Results of some receptors; Abbc.

**Crossword**

- 37 Deal ear
  - 38 Soft footwar
  - 39 Strong squeezer
  - 40 Wisc... in college or its CP
  - 41 Whatever
  - 42 Sign at Cape Canaveral?
  - 44 Not exactly exact words
  - 45 Perps' patterns
  - 46 Butler's position
  - 49 CD holder
  - 54 Sign at the Ukrainian tourism bureau?
  - 55 Culprit in some food recalls
  - 57 Pro's opposite
  - 58 Either "Haising Arizona" director
  - 59 Like the Taj Mahal
  - 60 Exploit
  - 61 Oldest daughter of Cronus
- Down
- 1 Rowdy
  - 2 Neutral shade

- 3 Commonly bruised bone
- 4 Track perforin
- 5 Words of encouragement
- 6 Ringers
- 7 Pretensions
- 8 Message in a storm
- 9 Shield from view
- 10 Submitted
- 11 All fired up
- 12 Rolling "bones"
- 13 Arctic carrier
- 18 Be very successful
- 19 Fielder's flub
- 23 "Top Gun" enemy planes
- 24 Third in a sequence
- 25 Sirus' master, in some decisions
- 26 Surgeon's pal
- 27 Fertily deey
- 28 Time's 1977 Man of the Year
- 29 Baseball record breaker of 4/8/1974
- 30 Like the wren between Carthage and Rome
- 31 Subject of the 2003 film

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"SMAs"

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- 36 Miss Licht bite note
- 37 Afternoon service
- 39 "The Buddy Holly Story"
- 40 Screw up
- 42 From flower
- 43 Ruzo novel
- 44 Firms de ptre
- 46 Lang, that gives us

"bumbudman"

- 47 Tex-Mex noosh
- 48 Molecule constituent
- 49 Flag Day month
- 50 Solidarily hero Walesa
- 51 Gen. led by a Grand Exalted Ruler
- 52 "D" button letters
- 53 Princess from Amish folk
- 55 Lummmok

**SUDOKU**

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES - By The Mephams Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1-9. For strategies on how to solve Sud. 3, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

**SUDOKU** grid with some numbers filled in.

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Thursday's answers

7	3	6	8	5	9	1	4	2
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**Horoscopes**

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

**Today's birthday** — This year you can use your dreams to amplify personal power in your social life and career. Dreams provide a rich source of symbols and archetypal characters to spice up your writing and conversation. Record them and note their subliminal potency.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 7 — Because you've done your homework, your sales pitch strikes just the right note. You convince with practical observations that show you understand your audience.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 6 — Social activities are on today's agenda. Some travel may be required for you or a guest. Consider comfort over speed. Confirm all reservations.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is an 8 — Your intuition is right on the money concerning career matters. Everything turns out brilliantly, so pay attention and take action.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 3 — You or your partner may have waited for approval from a distant associate. Now you see opportunities everywhere. Advantageous outcomes are a given.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Put yourself in the driver's seat at work. Leadership is essential to making deadline. Promise nothing unless you plan to deliver soon. Focus on integrity.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 5 — Consider your partner's needs early in the day. Once they're taken care of, allies will help you identify opportunities and choose which to pursue.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 7 — When you begin work today, soften the focus in order to perceive subliminal images. Then move on to practical matters and communicate with simple language.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is an 8 — You get a chance to flex your creative muscle while convincing your partner that you're on the right track. Communication strengthens the foundation of your kisses.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 6 — You wake up with the desire to stay home with family. Theirs work to be done, and you probably need to get to it. Take off early.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — Deliver each message with dignity and compassion. Your desire to convince others requires no coercion.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 7 — A powerful person in the group offers an assignment that leads to a nice self-esteem boost when you see your name on the final roster.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 6 — The boss has a very specific agenda. You see broader opportunities but need to stick with the program. A lot is accomplished in a short time.

**JUMBLE**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argiron and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GUGOE

TUCOL

NEBOMA

UMLOVE

How was your day? Dinner's almost ready. Do you have a lot of homework? Say something!

WHAT A CONVERSATION WITH A TEENAGER CAN TURN INTO.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: A (Answers tomorrow)

Thursday's answers: Jumbles: ONION CYCLE SEAMAN HOOKED  
Answer: When he bought an umbrella on a rainy day, he got "SOAKED."



# Salukis, 'Raiders square off in weekend series

## Forer takes care of business on, off diamond

RAY MCGILLIS  
Daily Egyptian

The last time the SIU baseball team played Middle Tennessee State, the Blue Raiders outscored the Salukis 30-10 through 18 innings at Abe Martin Field.

The two schools have played each other 14 times and the Blue Raiders (26-18) took the series advantage, 8-6, after defeating the Salukis March 2 and 3.

SIU (23-22) travels to Murfreesboro, Tenn., this weekend for a three-game series against MTS at Reese Smith Field.

Head coach Dan Callahan said it was a mismatch the first time the Salukis played the Blue Raiders.

"When they came in the first time, it was almost unfair," Callahan said. "Our pitching was in shambles, we had a few guys who weren't ready and they got into our bullpen early both games. They were hitting the heck out of the ball and they still are, so we'll have to keep our pitching in the zone."

The Salukis have won six straight games and seven of their last eight. Callahan said the team should not look too much into these streaks.

"Baseball is a kind of sport where you need to have a short memory because you can be humbled in a hurry," Callahan said.

"I'd like to believe that we're playing a little bit better and I'm looking forward to, hopefully, playing them more on our terms than we did the first time around."

A 9-2 loss at Wichita State on April 9 began a six-game skid, but it was also the beginning of a positive individual streak for one Saluki.

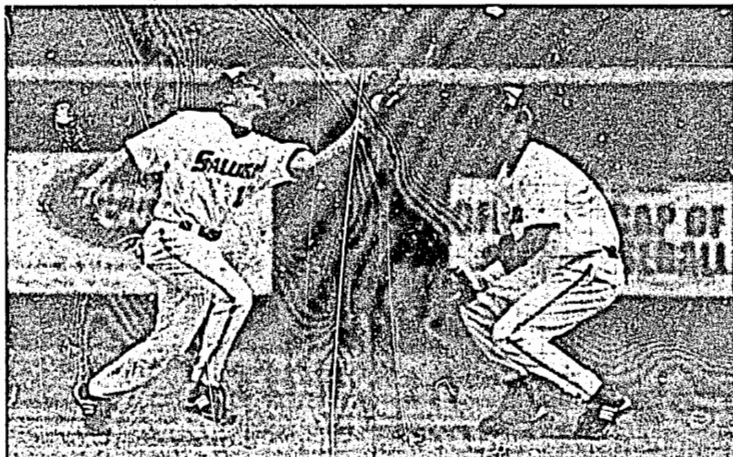
Sophomore first basemen Chris Serritella has a 16-game hit streak since that game and it on the line this weekend in Murfreesboro.

During the streak he has hit .438 with six doubles, three homers and 20 RBIs.

"I've just been getting good pitches to hit, and I've been taking advantage of those," Serritella said. "When I get down two strikes, I don't get fazed about that and keep the same approach. I've been able to put the ball in play and keep my strikeouts down — that's the key."

Serritella said the team has already forgotten the first two games against MTS and believes the Blue Raiders will be in for something different this time.

"At the beginning of the year we were a completely different team," Serritella said. "Now we just got a lot of confidence, a six-game win streak and our pitching is a total different staff than it was at the



DAN DWYER | DAILY EGYPTIAN  
Junior Blaka Pinnon catches a fly ball during a 7-3 Saluki victory April 30 at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis take on Middle Tennessee State at 6 p.m. today in Murfreesboro, Tenn. for a three-game weekend series.

beginning of the year. ... I think we just forget about the games in the past and make it a good series these next three games."

Thursday, the College Sports Information Directors of America named Nathan Forer, a senior pitcher studying sociology (2-2), to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V First Team.

Forer, who hails from Brampton, Ontario, Canada, said he always aims to succeed on the diamond, but what he achieves in the classroom is far more important.

"That's just the way I was brought up," Forer said. "Obviously baseball is important, but school is always No. 1. Coming down here from back home, that's something I really wanted to do — accomplish something in the classroom."

Forer was named MVC Pitcher of the Week on April 5 and Prairie Farms/MVC Scholar Athlete of the Week on April 17.

While he excels in the classroom, Forer has also been a top performer on the diamond.

His 1.75 ERA is best among conference starters and ranks 12th lowest in the nation, and he has not allowed more than three runs in a single start. Forer has 30 strikeouts and 17 walks.

The first pitch of game one is scheduled for 6 p.m. today, while games two and three will be played at 4 p.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

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# Saluki Insider

The A1-NBA teams have been decided. LeBron James and Dwight Howard were unanimous selections to the A1-NBA First Team. Are there any selections you didn't agree with?



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The voters definitely got it right this year. I was really happy to see Kevin Durant make his first A1-NBA team. He's going to be a superstar in this league, and this is just the first of many accolades that will be headed his way in the coming years.

I felt like they were pretty representative of where the players rank up against one another. Kobe Bryant earned a spot on first team the last five consecutive seasons and Kevin Durant being selected is not a shocker to me either, even though he is young. There weren't any mind-blowing selections.



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No disagreements on my behalf, but Milwaukee's center Andrew Bogut might feel a bit snubbed. Though he played in only 69 games, he started every game, averaged 16 points and 10 boards a game while finishing second in blocked shots this season. Only Howard (228) finished with more blocks than Bogut (175). All the more reason to fear the deer.

## SOFTBALL

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"They want something bad," Blaylock said. "You just go out and you play hard, and I think good things happen."

Blaylock said the four seniors have never won an MVC championship, which has made them more focused during the last few weeks.

Hanson said it was nice for the team to have fate in its own hands.

"I do remember last year being like, 'Oh, we need Creighton to lose to Illinois State,'" Hanson said. "We know we can do it."

The Salukis have won six of their

last seven conference games to put themselves in position to win the regular-season crown in the final weekend.

But Drake could prove to be a difficult team to beat. The Bulldogs are coming off splitting a doubleheader against Kansas. However, the Bulldogs have struggled in conference play recently, losing seven of their last nine MVC games.

Junior catcher Erin Mollohan, who has hit .308 with four home runs and 23 RBIs, has led Drake offensively.

The duo of junior pitchers Jenna DeLong and Brynne Dordel has been solid on the mound for Drake. DeLong is 16-10 with a 1.50 ERA

and 208 strikeouts, while Dordel is 15-8 with a 1.84 ERA and 174 strikeouts.

Blaylock said any MVC opponent would be difficult to beat at the end of the season.

"At this time of year, everybody's playing to win," Blaylock said. "Everybody's got something to play for."

The Salukis and Bulldogs will meet up for a doubleheader beginning at noon Friday with the second game beginning at 2 p.m. The series will conclude at noon Saturday.

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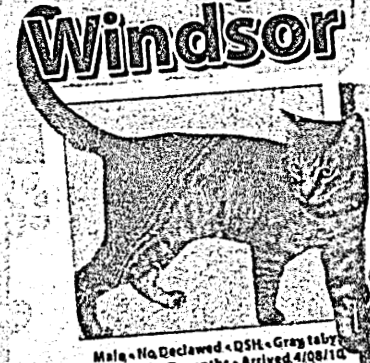
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SOFTBALL

# Salukis hope to wrap up MVC title

## Dawgs set to take on Bulldogs

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This weekend the SIU softball team has a chance to do something it hasn't done since 2005 — win a regular season Missouri Valley Conference championship.

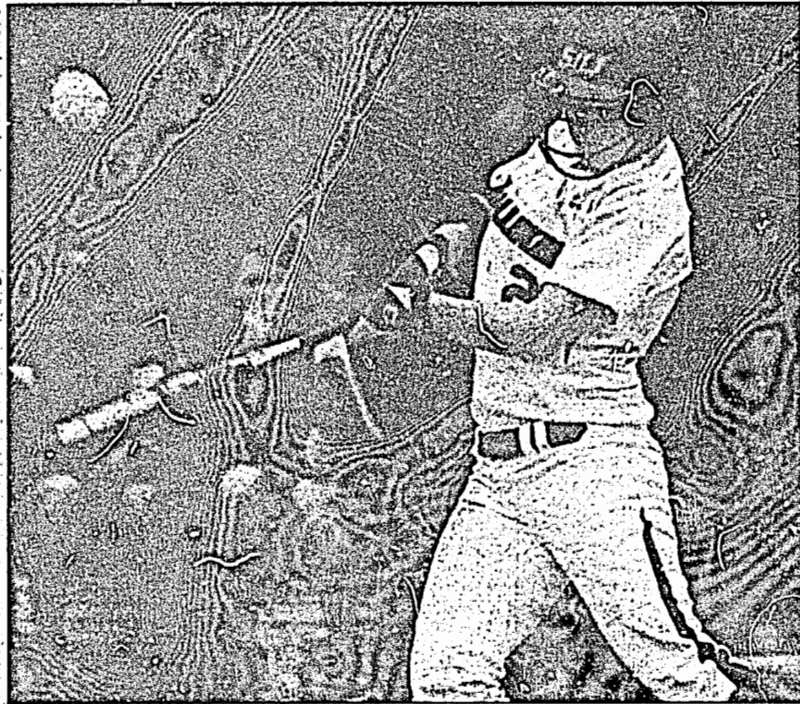
The Salukis (34-17, 18-4 MVC) head to Drake today for a three-game series with the Bulldogs (30-18, 11-11 MVC) at Des Moines, Iowa.

SIU is 1.5 games ahead of second-place Illinois State (29-16, 16-5, MVC), which finishes its season this weekend with a three-game set against Bradley (15-31, 5-18 MVC).

"I've been waiting for it," senior second baseman Alicia Garza said. "We've always been so close, then it's been drop a stupid game here or drop a stupid game there, and this year we haven't really done that. It's nice to be at the end and be at the top."

The Salukis moved into first place last weekend when they swept Northern Iowa in three games while the Redbirds lost two of three against Creighton.

Head coach Kerri Blaylock said the team, especially seniors Garza, Allie Hanson, Katie Wilson and Jenene Ebstein, is very hungry.



Sophomore shortstop Haley Gorman makes contact with a pitch Saturday during the Saluki doubleheader against Northern Iowa at Charlotte West Stadium. The Salukis play at noon today against Drake to begin a three-game series with a chance to win the regular season Missouri Valley Conference championship. ISAAC SMITH DAILY EGYPTIAN

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