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## Financial uncertainty remains, but help on the way

JEFF ENGELHARDT  
Daily Egyptian

The university prepares to end the semester the same way it started — in financial uncertainty.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the university's most difficult fiscal challenges are still to come in July and August, but recent state and federal

legislative activity could help ease the burden.

While Poshard said Gov. Pat Quinn's official budget could be delayed for a few more weeks, there are positive signs for higher education. He said Quinn has requested the fiscal year 2010 payment deadline be extended from Aug. 31 to the end of December. If the Aug. 31 deadline were to remain intact and

the state did not make all the payments on time to the university by then, SIUC would lose out on the money, Poshard said.

The state still owes SIUC more than 50 percent of its FY10 budget — roughly \$103 million.

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# Gulf oil spill effects to vary in Carbondale

## Seafood industry reflects pricing, contamination problems

TRAVIS BEAN  
Daily Egyptian

Despite Carbondale being almost 600 miles away from the Gulf Coast, it will still see effects from the gushing oil spill.

Dan Lewis, owner of Seafood Specialties in Anna, said shrimp prices have risen five to 10 cents a pound, which will cause a rise in his store's prices. Prices could eventually raise anywhere from 30 cents to a dollar per pound, he said.

"Primarily, we will have to look and see how far this damage goes and how extensive it is," Lewis said. "Right now it hasn't affected us too much, but it will the longer it goes."

Jay Means, dean of the SIUC College of Science, said the U.S. Minerals Management Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, needs to focus more on the hard science of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

"The scientific community and the regulatory community need to be looking at what's already happened, what the effects of what's already happened might be and how we can prevent it from happening in the future," Means said.

Means said there is more focus on solving the aesthetic problem of the spill, with officials placing dispersants in the water to rid of the oil slick that sits on its surface. The dispersants are not eliminating the oil, but instead breaking it into smaller portions that are less visible, he said.

Means specialized in environmental toxicology as a professor at Louisiana State University from 1987 to 1997 and said he conducted several



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Lipika Arif, a Carbondale resident, sorts through fresh crabs Saturday at the International Grocery in Carbondale. Every

Saturday, International Grocery receives fresh seafood from the Northeast that is used by many to make ethnic meals.

studies on the impact of oil and gas exploration in aquatic ecosystems, using the Gulf as his laboratory.

The dispersants have a severe effect on wildlife in the Gulf. The dispersants, once in the water, dissolve the cell walls of aquatic organisms' gills.

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## Experts: Spill should not affect area gas prices

NICK QUIGLEY  
Daily Egyptian

Despite more than 200,000 gallons of oil a day pouring into the Gulf of Mexico from the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion April 20, sources indicate gas prices in southern Illinois

will not be affected.

A Monday report from Illinoisgasprices.com shows the average retail price in gasoline in the state falling 0.2 cents from last week, averaging \$3.06 a gallon. The average gas price in Carbondale is \$2.94 as of Monday, according to the Motor

Trend website.

Economics professor Kevin Sylwester said he doesn't anticipate the crisis in the Gulf having any impact on gasoline prices in this region.

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# Sunset Concerts set for another year in Carbondale

JACOB MAYER  
Daily Egyptian

When the sun sets Thursday evenings this summer, the outdoor music scene in Carbondale will just be getting started.

For the 32nd consecutive summer, Sunset Concerts will host a free concert at 7 p.m. every Thursday from June 17 to July 29, with the concerts at either the steps of Shryock Auditorium or Turley Park.

Donald Castle, assistant director of the Student Center, said the concerts are a tradition in Carbondale, and

each summer has a wide variety of performers.

"What makes it exciting is we get to bring in different bands from around the country," he said. "We try to offer diversity and one way we can do it is try to get a different kind of music."

Along with wanting a variety of music, Castle said the concerts try to showcase touring acts that play many outdoor festivals, along with bands that haven't been to Carbondale.

Castle said each concert usually draws around 2,000 people and everybody involved has a good time, including himself.

"I love Sunset Concerts," he said. "It's one of Carbondale's best traditions."

All concerts are carry-in events, so people can bring their own coolers and lawn chairs, Castle said.

The concerts are sponsored the Student Programming Council, the Student Center, the Carbondale Park District and the City of Carbondale. A coordinating committee made up of those sponsors chooses which bands will be asked to come to Carbondale, Castle said.

Jeff Bissing, a non-declared graduate student from Carbondale, said he

has attended the Sunset Concerts for the past five or six years and said it is always a good time no matter what type of music is played.

"They usually have something kind of funky, but not as funk as I'd like," Bissing said. "I like my James Brown."

Although the economy has had an impact on the series, Castle said it has been minimal and hasn't changed how the concerts are put together.

"There's enough money to do the series the way it should be done," he said.

Castle said the concerts have con-

tinued throughout the years because each of the four sponsors has money for the concert series set aside in its operating budget.

During his 22 years with the concert series, Castle said the concerts have always been popular and he doesn't want to change how they are done.

"I don't really want to change it a whole lot," he said. "It fits our campus, it fits our community, it fits our budget ... People really like it the way it is, and we just try to take care of it."

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### Police Blotter

Carbondale police responded Thursday to the 400 block of East Burke Street in reference to a report of a residential burglary, a department release stated. Officers learned between 8 a.m. April 29 and 4:30 p.m. Thursday an unknown suspect entered the residence and stole property. Police are still investigating the incident.

Carbondale police responded Thursday to the 1100 block of East Grand Avenue in reference to a residential burglary report, a department release stated. Officers learned between 3:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Thursday an unknown suspect entered the residence and stole property, the release stated. Police are still investigating the incident.

Carbondale police arrested Bobby J. Jones, 34, of Carbondale, on suspicion of aggravated battery around 1:25 a.m. Wednesday near the 400 block of West Jackson Street, a department release stated. Jones is being held in the Jackson County Jail.

Anyone with information about any of the above incidents is encouraged to contact the police department at 457-3200 or Crime Stoppers at 549-COPS (2677). Anonymous tips may be submitted.

## Ex-governor's motion to delay trial 'frivolous'

MIKE ROBINSON  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Federal prosecutors scorned the latest request by ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich's attorneys to delay his corruption trial, saying it was frivolous and should be quickly dismissed by an appeals court.

The trial is scheduled to begin June 3, and the weeks beforehand should not get bogged down in frivolous skirmishing, prosecutors told the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in a filing late Friday and again Monday. They asked the court to rule on the former governor's request "on an

expedited basis in order to definitely resolve the issue."

But Blagojevich's lawyers said Monday that it would be unfair to allow the trial to start before the Supreme Court resolves a challenge to the so-called honest-services fraud law, which is the basis for several of the charges against Blagojevich.

They scoffed at prosecutors' claim that the argument had no merit.

"They always say that, what else are they going to say?" Blagojevich attorney Samuel E. Adam said Monday. U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Randall Samborn declined comment.

One complication is that the appeals court told defense attorneys to

file briefs about their delay request by June 16 — 13 days after Zagel has scheduled the trial to get under way. Attorneys said it was unclear exactly how that would affect matters.

As the fight over the trial date heated up, U.S. District Judge James R. Zagel called prosecutors and defense attorneys in for a previously unscheduled meeting Tuesday.

Blagojevich is accused of trying to sell or trade President Barack Obama's old U.S. Senate seat. As governor, he had the power to fill the seat when Obama was elected to the White House. Blagojevich also is charged with plotting to illegally pressure potential campaign contributors.

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# Graduation just around the corner for seniors

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Daily Egyptian

Michelle Stigers is nervous about the balancing act she's performing this week.

Like many seniors, Stigers, a senior from Champaign studying advertising, is trying to find time to work, job search, arrange job interviews and move out of her apartment, in addition to taking finals and graduating Saturday.

Stigers has been at SIUC for four years and is uncertain about her post-SIUC plans. She said what makes her the most nervous about graduation is the job market.

"I'm extremely nervous; every one of my teachers say how hard it is to find a job," Stigers said. "I've sent out about 25 job applications and I've heard back from 10 people. I have an interview coming up in North Carolina for a possible marketing job there, but I am still extremely nervous."

Before thinking about the time after graduation, Stigers still needs to make it through this week, she said.

"I'm not just stressed because of finals, but I have to make sure I invited everyone I want to come out here and make sure my apartment is nice and clean for company," Stigers said. "I just have to get everything ready, and my last final is on Friday, so it's going to be a bit of a balancing act."

Stigers said she also works two jobs

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— Michelle Stigers  
senior from Champaign studying advertising

and the majority of finals week will be spent cleaning her apartment, working and studying for her remaining finals.

"I won't really have any free time at all," Stigers said.

Some graduates are not sure if they are ready to enter the job market in its current state. Kelsie Laughlin, a senior from Cornell studying advertising, is one of those.

Laughlin has a marketing internship in New York City with NBC Universal soon. After the internship, Laughlin said she would evaluate her options.

"I actually applied for grad school at SIU because I don't know what the market is going to be like, but I kinda got to see what happens in New York," Laughlin said. "A lot of times seniors going for internships get job offers — it's definitely scary, so grad school is a pretty good backup plan for me."

Laughlin said she's intimidated by the size difference between her hometown and New York City. Laughlin said Cornell had a population of about 500 people.

"It's definitely going to be a new experience," she said.

Laughlin spent four years playing volleyball at SIU as an outside hitter. Her teammate, Chandra Roberson, a senior middle blocker from Buffalo, N.Y., studying marketing, is also graduating.

Roberson said she was nervous about the world outside of college but felt her time on the volleyball team would serve her well in making the necessary adjustments.

"I feel like playing a team sport like volleyball helps boost your leadership skills and your ability to work with other people," Roberson said. "I am really lucky that I got such a nice opportunity."

Laughlin said the end of her path to graduation will be stress-filled, but her journey to graduation has been worth the effort.

"It's been awesome, that's why I want to do grad school here — I love it here so much," Laughlin said. "The biggest thing about Southern is how down to earth people are. I just have made a lot of really good connections."

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"I just want people to know that we're going to have summer courses and this university is not closing its doors in any case," Poshard said. "We'll be going forward and make the best out of a difficult situation."

The same proposal that could give the university four more months to receive FY10 funds would also delay fiscal year 2011 payments. Poshard said the same Quinn proposal asks for FY11 payments to begin in January instead of July.

The potential six-month delay makes borrowing authority even more important for the university, Poshard said. Quinn is expected to sign the legislation granting borrowing authority to public universities into law within a week or two, Poshard said.

"I'm still worried. I don't think we're ever going to be able to not worry over the next year or two," Poshard said. "We learned this week the state revenues for this fiscal year ... were down 9.2 percent. Overall, we've gotten about 50 percent of our budget with two months to go in the fiscal year."

While there is a board of trustees meeting Thursday, Poshard said the board could not take action on the bill until it is signed into law. He said the board's executive committee would review the legislation and bring it to the full board in either an emergency session in June or the scheduled meeting in July.

The university would have until Aug. 31 to use the authority and borrow up to 75 percent of what

the state owes. The budget, while unknown, is also a cause for concern next year, Poshard said. The budget is expected to fall from the \$236 million the university received this year to \$219 million. However, a federal bill could offset some of those losses.

Poshard said the projected budget reflects the loss of federal stimulus money, which accounted for 7 percent of the total budget last year. Proposed legislation going through the federal government asks the federal government once again provides stimulus money, which could offset the 7 percent cut, Poshard said.

"The most prudent thing for us right now is to develop a furlough plan, but we don't want to implement it too quickly because there is still a lot we don't know yet," Poshard said. "There is still some (uncertainties) out there at this point."

Even with those uncertainties lingering, SIU spokesman Dave Gross said, the university has a much better idea of where it is at compared to the middle of the semester. Though it is not the best-case scenario, Gross said some stability helps as the university prepares for summer.

"We're in a more predictable situation where if the state cannot get funds to us, we can use our own funds to maintain operations of the university," Gross said. "We are in a much better position today, due mostly to the certainty that comes with being able to borrow money."

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What began as a typical dining-out experience quickly turned into a seamy situation yesterday when sophomore

Looking for something more authentic than local favorite Pizza Barn, the group had decided to venture out and try a new place.

"I swear it was the scariest moment of my life," Karl Winsay, a friend of Danny's, recalled. "It was like we time-warped into Italy or

something. The waiter came over and started talking in Italian! Um... what to do."

For the group, Italian 101 explained, "so comfortable in that I heard him say 'mad at us or what I did to nome'."

After the waiter and friends wanted pizzas on the table, what they really wanted was a good day.

Professor Vacanti was proud of me. Or maybe we would've been

Professor Vacanti refused to answer the question.

According to Senior Ben Higgins, eight professors (including those mentioned above) were spotted in the faculty parking lot behind the school just after noon, watching football and playing

hacky-sack.

"They were freaking tailgating!" Ben exclaimed furiously. "Charcoal grill, coozies, Chinese horseshoes... the whole shebang. They're supposed to be helping us here... not gilling holidays and high-fiving."

The faculty did not deny the claim. In fact, Art History professor Michael Fineman spoke with great liberty.

"Did we eat too many Doritos? Maybe. Throw a little Frisbee around?"

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**RSO to help bring community together**

**DEREK ROBBINS**  
Daily Egyptian

The SIUC chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is not just about bringing colored people together. It's about bringing everybody together, said Candace Cooper, president of the organization.

The Blacks Interested in Business registered student organization held its annual barbecue Saturday at SIUC's boat docks. The barbecue served as a relaunch point for Southern's NAACP group.

Cooper, a senior from Chicago studying health care management, said she was not sure why the organization closed down the first time but said she helped bring it back to fill a need.

"I want to be able to help in any way I can," she said. "What I want to do most is inform people on what's going on in the world, and I think a club like this would be very helpful in accomplishing that goal."

The club's goals are to raise awareness and work towards equality among all students, Cooper said. She said she wants to use the club to help create a better world and to expand the range of people the club can help.

"We don't want to just focus on Carbondale or America, but everywhere else as well," Cooper said. "We want to help everybody."

Cooper said the club does not have many members yet, but she expects there to be around 200 during the fall.

The members the club has are part of the organization's board of trustees, Cooper said.

"They are all very hard working people and it makes me think that I chose the people in charge very wisely," Cooper said.

Tiffany Jones, a senior from Carbondale studying fashion design merchandising, is a member of the organization and she said the goal of the organization was to bring people together.

"We're promoting leadership and education," Jones said. "We are trying to bring together our campus."

Bringing the RSO back was done mostly by Cooper, Jones said.



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Matthew Simpson, a senior from Rockford studying business economics and finance, prepares a plate of food at the annual Blacks Interested in Business barbecue Saturday at the Campus Lake Boat Dock. The annual barbecue served to relaunch the SIUC chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Even though the RSO reformed in February, it will not start official club activities, such as weekly meetings, until the fall semester, she said.

Jones said she was glad to be a part of the organization.

"It feels really good knowing that I did something more at college than just getting my degree," Jones said. "To know that I can help bring a change to SIU in some little way feels really good."

Michael Haywood, faculty adviser for both Blacks Interested in Business and the SIUC chapter of the NAACP, said he was also glad to be affiliated with the organization.

"It's great being a part of an organization that stands with your moral values and allows you to help mankind, humanity and the place with you live in," Haywood said. "Working with different diversities, races, creeds, colors and religions is just a great opportunity."

Cooper said the club was open to anybody who wanted to join and help make a difference in the community. For more information, Cooper can be reached by e-mail at [cooperc@siu.edu](mailto:cooperc@siu.edu).

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## Companies point fingers in oil rig blast

**MATTHEW DALY**  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Early finger-pointing erupted Monday among companies involved in the oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico and unstopped leak of millions of gallons of oil, on the eve of the first congressional hearings into the accident.

A top American executive for BP, Lamar McKay, said a critical safety device known as a blowout-preventer failed catastrophically. Separately, the owner of the rig off Louisiana’s coast said BP managed it and was responsible for all work conducted at the site. A third company defended work that it performed on the deepwater oil well as “accepted industry practice” before last month’s explosion.

“We are looking at why the blowout preventer did not work because that was to be the fail-safe in case of an accident,” McKay, chairman and president of BP America, said in testimony prepared for a Senate hearing Tuesday. A copy of his testimony was obtained by The Associated Press. “Transocean’s blowout preventer failed to operate.”

The chief executive for Swiss-based Transocean, which owned the oil rig and the blowout preventer, shifted blame to BP.

“All offshore oil and gas production projects begin and end with the operator, in this case BP,” CEO Steven Newman said in his Senate testimony, also obtained by the AP. Newman said BP was responsible for submitting a detailed plan specifying where and how a well is to be drilled, cased, cemented and completed.

Newman also said BP’s contractor, Halliburton Inc., was responsible for encasing the well in cement,

putting a temporary plug in the top of the well and ensuring the cement’s integrity. That cementing process was dictated by BP’s well plan, Newman said.

A Halliburton executive, Tim Probert, said the company safely finished a cementing operation 20 hours before the rig went up in flames. Probert said Halliburton completed work on the well according to accepted industry practice and at the direction of federal regulators.

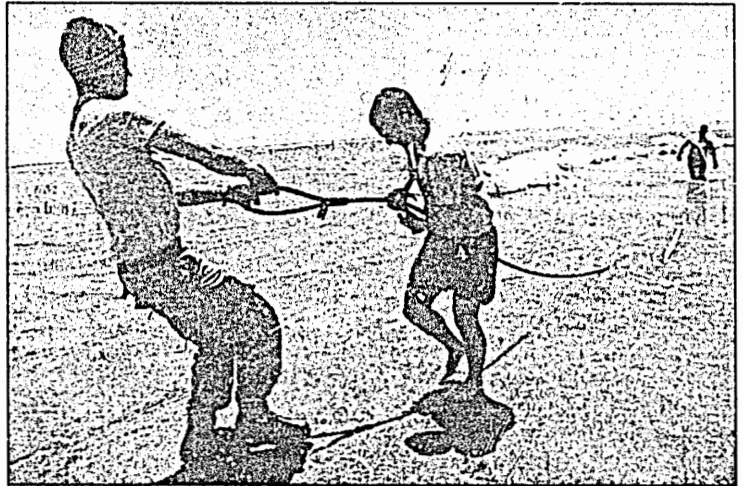
The blame-game took hold on Capitol Hill as Congress and federal investigators were to begin a series of hearings in Washington and on the Gulf Coast. Two Senate hearings were set for Tuesday, and a House hearing was scheduled for Wednesday. In Louisiana, near the disaster site, a six-member panel that includes investigators from the Interior Department and Coast Guard was to begin two days of hearings.

McKay, the BP executive, said the company wants answers itself. He disclosed that the company has at least 40 people internally investigating the accident, but he acknowledged that the cause is still a mystery. Transocean has its own investigative team, Newman said.

“We are looking at our own actions and those of our contractors,” McKay wrote in his Senate testimony.

Newman said it makes no sense to suggest the blowout preventer caused the accident. He said it was ironic that attention was being focused on the blowout preventer because at the time of the explosion drilling at the site was finished.

The blowout preventer, made by Houston-based Cameron Inc., is a 450-ton piece of equipment that sits on top of the wellhead during drilling operations. It contains valves



Members of the Louisiana National Guard entering the wetlands of Grand Isle and Port position sand bags Monday, to prevent oil from Fourchon, Louisiana.

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that can be closed remotely in case of an accident or increase in pressure.

“The systems are intended to be fail-safe, sadly and for reasons we do not yet understand, in this case, they were not,” McKay said.

The cause of the explosion is under investigation, but lawsuits filed after the disaster have alleged it occurred when Halliburton workers improperly capped the well — a process known as cementing. Halliburton denies wrongdoing.

According to a 2007 study by the Minerals Management Service, an agency within the Interior Department, cementing was a factor in 18 of 39 rig blowouts in the gulf between 1992 and 2006.

Probert of Halliburton said the company had four workers stationed on the rig performing sev-

eral tasks, including cementing — a process of applying cement and water to a pipe to prevent the wall of the hole from collapsing during drilling.

A positive pressure test was conducted after the work was finished to demonstrate the integrity of the cement job, Probert said. Transocean, the well owner, decided to continue operating the well after the cement job was completed, he said.

Probert said a “negative” pressure test, which measures the integrity of the casing seal assembly, was conducted by BP at the direction of Transocean and according to requirements of the Minerals Management Service.

After the test was completed, BP then continued to displace the ris-

er with seawater before the planned placement of the final cement plug, which would have been installed inside the production string and enabled the planned temporary abandonment of the well,” Probert said.

Before Halliburton personnel could set the final cement plug, the explosion occurred. “As a result, the final cement plug was never set,” Probert said.

David Nagel, a senior vice president and head of BP America’s Washington office, emphasized in a meeting with reporters Monday that the company is making every effort to find a way to halt the spill, pay for cleanup and address claims from people that are being harmed — a theme that will be repeated by BP executives to senators.

## Obama nominates Elena Kagan for Supreme Court

**BEN FELLER**  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Barack Obama on Monday nominated Solicitor General Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court, declaring she would demonstrate

the same independence, integrity and passion for the law exhibited by retiring Justice John Paul Stevens.

If confirmed by the Senate, Kagan would become the third woman on the high court. Obama introduced her in the White House East Room as “my friend.”

The former Harvard Law School dean “is widely regarded as one of the nation’s foremost legal minds,” Obama said.

Kagan, 50, said she was “honored and humbled by this nomination.” She called it “the honor of a lifetime.”

“I look forward to working with

the Senate and thank you, Mr. President, for this honor of a lifetime.”

Obama cited what he called Kagan’s “openness to a broad array of viewpoints” and her “fair-mindedness.”

In a statement issued before Kagan had completed her remarks, the lawmaker who will preside over her

confirmation hearing, Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, said, “The Senate should confirm Ms. Kagan before” Labor Day.

“Our constituents deserve a civil and thoughtful debate on this nomination, followed by an up-or-down vote,” he said.

**ENGLAND**  
**PM Gordon Brown to resign to seek coalition with Democrats**  
LONDON — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown made a dramatic bid to keep his beleaguered Labour Party in power after it was punished in elections last week, announcing Monday he will resign by September at the latest even if the Liberal Democrats — being wooed by the Conservatives — decide to join his party in government.  
The political theater played out in front of the iconic black door of No. 10 Downing Street, comes as David Cameron’s Conservatives — which won the most seats in Parliament but fell short of a majority — struggled in their attempts to win over the third-place Liberal Democrats.

**WASHINGTON D.C.**  
**Employer health premiums will rise nearly 1 percent**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Letting young adults stay on their parents’ health insurance until they turn 26 will nudge premiums nearly 1 percent higher for employer plans, the government said in an estimate released Monday.  
The coverage requirement, effective starting later this year, is one of the most anticipated early benefits of President Barack Obama’s new health care law. Many insurers have already started offering extended coverage to families who purchase their coverage directly. And employers say parents have flooded their benefits departments with questions.

**IRAQ**  
**Bombs, shootings hit Iraqi cities north to south, killing 99**  
BAGHDAD — A man with explosives strapped to his belt blew himself up in a crowd of bombers struck a southern city and gunmen sprayed fire on security checkpoints in attacks Monday that claimed nearly 100 lives — most of them in Shiite areas — in Iraq’s deadliest day this year.  
Officials were quick to blame insurgents linked to al-Qaida in Iraq for the shootings in the capital, saying the militants were redoubling efforts to destabilize the country at a time of political uncertainty over who will control the next government.

**CALIFORNIA**  
**Sunday school teacher charged in death of Calif. girl, 8, pleads guilty**  
TRACY — A California Sunday school teacher accused of kidnapping, raping and killing an 8-year-old playmate of her daughter, then stuffing the body in a suitcase, pleaded guilty Monday to murder.  
Melissa Huckaby, 29, entered the plea in San Joaquin County Superior Court to a charge of first-degree murder with a special circumstance of kidnapping. As part of a deal with prosecutors, all other charges — including two involving rape and lewd or lascivious conduct with a child under 14 — were dropped, according to court spokeswoman Sharon Morris.

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"We're losing output from one oil well, but there's thousands of oil wells around the world," he said. "You just don't have the size (of the well) to affect oil prices from this."

Sylwester said the real impact from the oil spill wouldn't be with fuel prices, but with other market sectors like tourism and fishing industries in the South.

"It's not the loss of oil that matters," he said. "It's the fact that it's spilling over a wide area."

Despite being in the immediate area of the oil spill, fuel stations in Louisiana are selling 87-grade gasoline at least 0.18 cents cheaper than stations in Illinois, according to GasBuddy.com. Even the highest-reported gas price in Louisiana, a Shell station in Jennings, is selling gas at \$2.96 per gallon, compared to \$3.56 per gallon, the highest-reported figure for Illinois, at a Mobil station in Chicago.

The price of crude oil rose 3 percent Monday from its lowest pre-barrel price since mid-February to \$77.68, a result of the \$900 billion bailout plan approved by leaders of the European Union for Greece, according to CNN Money.

Sylwester said he anticipates gas prices to be on the rise as the economy improves, noting that fuel prices tend to go up in the summer as people go on vacation and travel more.

However, Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com, said he predicts prices will continue to fall at least through Memorial Day weekend.

"If the sentiment that ruled last week continues to weigh on traders, we could see the average price for gasoline drop across much of

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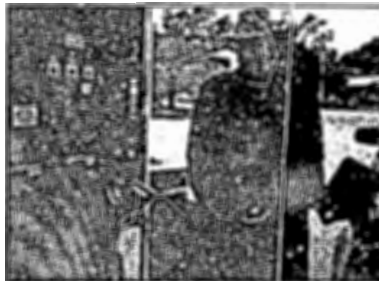
A group of environmentalists, led by the Sierra Club, along with representatives from the Louisiana fishing industry, gathered Saturday in New Orleans' Lafayette Square to protest the country," he wrote in a press release.

Rebecca Jarvis, a business and economics correspondent for CBS, told The Early Show May 4 the daily loss of oil will have a miniscule effect on gas prices, but the potential impact on important shipping channels could drive prices up in several economic sectors.

"(These) shipping channels that are vital to our U.S. production could be the main factor that eventually drives prices higher," she said.

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dependency on oil energy. Protesters, such as Renate Brown, of New Orleans, point to the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion to emphasize American investment in renewable energy sources.



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Dan Lewis poses for a portrait Monday in his store, Seafood Specialties, in Anna. Lewis said because of the recent disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, shrimp prices are going up. According to the AP, an estimated 210,000 gallons of oil a day leak from the ruptured well. ISAAC SMITH DAILY EGYPTIAN

**SEAFOOD**  
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While toxicity of oil has an effect on the wildlife, Means said water contaminated with radiation comes from oil spills as well. This water, which can be four times saltier than seawater, contains toxic metals and radiation that can cause genetic damage in organisms. He said these organisms become part of the food cycle and continue to affect organisms down the chain,

thus creating a long-term effect.

"It's not just the oil contamination that makes things smell bad and taste bad and toxic when you eat them, but some of it is potential radiation as well," Means said.

While shrimp prices have affected Seafood Specialties, oyster prices have impacted Hunan Village. Owner Chan San said his oysters, which come from Louisiana, have gone up in price. He said he has not had to raise his menu prices yet, but may have to if oyster prices continue to increase.

"Looking at the oil spill, I think the price is going to get worse," San said.

Lee Rosli Habibullah, owner of International Market, said his store is unaffected by the oil spill because his seafood comes from the northeastern coast of the United States.

Lewis said he used to live in New Orleans and takes trips down to the coast to gather seafood for his store. His business started through his interactions with fishboat owners and grew from there.

Lewis said it is frustrating because his business is being affected by the oil spill, but he is more concerned for the life and landscape of the area.

"I lived there for 15 years. I spent a lot of time on the bays and the gulfs and the marshlands," Lewis said. "I just hate to see the destruction of the wildlife and everything else."

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**SUNSET**  
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Castle also said the concerts are a way for the university and the city to come together and do something that benefits everybody.

"It's a great mixture," he said. "It's a great combination of music and social. You can be with your friends and listen to good music."

Saleh Almarri, a freshman from Saudi Arabia studying mechanical engineering, attended his first Sunset Concert last summer. He said the concerts are a chance for students to relax during the summer and make new friends.

"It's a way to enjoy the bands that they bring here," he said. "It's just cool. It's a place to gather the students together and have fun."

Castle said the first concert will feature Grammy-nominated artist John Primer in the Blues genre on the steps of Shryock Auditorium, with The McClymonts, a country group from Australia that is gaining exposure in the United States, to play the following week at Turley Park.

Overall, Bissing said the concerts are a good time to catch up with friends during the summer and are something that brings people together.

"It gives the community something to gather around," he said. "It's just a good time."

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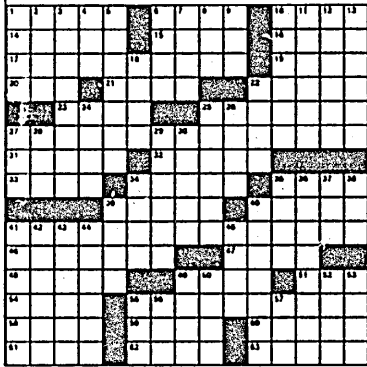


### The Duplex



# Crossword

Monday's answers



- Across**
- 1 Pinocchio plays
  - 6 Lure
  - 10 Arced line connecting two musical notes
  - 14 Construction gender
  - 15 Road in a hot rod
  - 16 Sniffer
  - 17 Cough cause
  - 19 School reunion attendee
  - 20 Ambient music pioneer Brian
  - 21 Madeline of "Blazing Saddles"
  - 22 Cathedral top
  - 23 Not at any time, in verse
  - 25 Trew a pline
  - 27 Courtside coverage
  - 31 Sources of fiber
  - 32 Blackens, as tuna
  - 33 Puts in stitches
  - 34 Like a birdbrain
  - 35 Rip
  - 39 Grand Canyon pack

- Down**
- 1 Scampering squeakers
  - 2 Black, in verse
  - 3 Statute that protects car
  - 4 Public works project
  - 5 Camel users
  - 6 "Goldberg Variations" composer
  - 7 Neural transmitter
  - 8 Not well
  - 9 Bat's "excellent adventure" partner
  - 10 Be short with
  - 11 Nabokov nymphet
  - 12 Loan shark
  - 13 Cure
  - 14 15-Down in a bust
  - 22 Breaks a commandment
  - 24 Ages and ages
  - 25 Legendary female warrior
  - 26 Quite
  - 27 Its eye is on TV
  - 28 Refrainable rock
  - 29 Egyptian god of the dead
  - 30 Part of MGM

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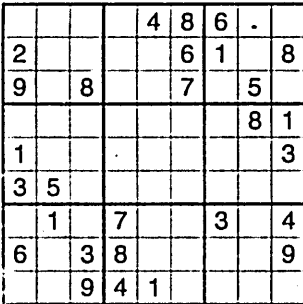
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- 38 Deaf leaf
- 39 Soft-voiced Crosby
- 40 Starred bling as a hobby
- 41 Section of A-Jays
- 42 Prompt
- 43 Hang around
- 44 Tablecloths and more
- 45 Designer Chanel
- 49 Guitar ridge
- 50 Double red woodwind
- 52 Big galoots
- 53 Combustible pile
- 54 One with a beat
- 55 "The World"
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## Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

**Today's birthday** — This year, the foundation of your efforts includes creative inspiration and thoughtful decision. Persistence overcomes obstacles that stop others cold. Skilled methods include knowing how hard to push to get your way and when to acquiesce.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 6 — Sprinkle your abundant passion through your work and relationships. You may want to do everything at once, but a methodical effort gets better results.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 9 — The balance of power has shifted to a distant location, causing agitation. Plan for more phone calls to work it out.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 7 — The person who handles finances causes agitation among the team. Your mission is to get the facts and communicate them with enthusiasm.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 6 — A favorite associate comes under fire. To relieve stress, offer help with both muscle and money. You're not doing it to be repaid, but you will be.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Don't let a bossy co-worker spoil your day. Get your own work done, and nix any gossip that comes your way to someone who can do something about it.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Handle all communications as if they were private. Secrets need to be protected. Also, what you hear today could change dramatically by tomorrow.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Don't let anyone draw you away from a principle you consider essential. They can argue all they want, but you have the final decision.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 5 — In starting the active phase of your project, there's lot of static from a powerful person who wants to be in charge. The more you push, the less gets done.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 7 — Imagine yourself infinitely powerful and ruler of the world. A little too much stress? Instead, act as a cheerleader for everyone in the group and share the glory.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 6 — The normal flow of resources may be interrupted, causing a brief moment of panic. Upon further consideration, you realize that you can get by with what's on hand.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 6 — Anticipate the stress associated with unavoidable obstacles. Sidestep to make forward progress. Your partner is enthusiastic about the suggestion.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 5 — If you're in charge of the group, use your own stress level as a barometer of group energy. Choose practical ways to get the job done.

## JUMBLE

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

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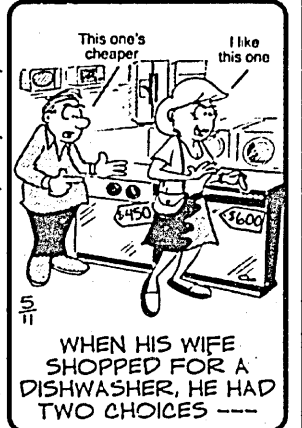
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### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Arglion and Jeff Knurok



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

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Monday's answers | Jumbles: AWAKE CABLE ABOUND GLOOMY  
Answer: What the blacksmith did when his helper was late — "BELLOWED"

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Turner said he believes the Saluki men will come in second to Wichita State, winners of the indoor championships on both the men's and women's side, while he said he believes the women can bounce back from their second-place finish after a strong outdoor season.

This outdoor season brought the women a perfect four-for-four first-place titles in scored meets, while the men finished with one

first-place finish, two second-place finishes, and one third-place finish.

Throws coach John Smith said he thinks the women throws team has the best chance at scoring major points for the Salukis, believing they could take first place in the women's shot put, discus and hammer throws.

Smith also said he believes the men could win the men's hammer, discus and, potentially, the shot put. However Indiana State sophomore Brandon Pounds will prove difficult to beat in the

event, Smith said. "We beat him indoors, but he is always a tough guy to beat and is probably one of the more talented guys on the men's side in the conference," Smith said.

Pounds threw 69 feet in the shot put and was the Nike U.S. Champion in high school.

Bloomington is expected to receive rainfall throughout the week, but the weather should clear up for this weekend's competition. However, Smith said he believes his team would have a distinct advantage if it rained during the

hammer throw competition. "My kids throw good in the rain, because any time it rains, we throw in it," he said. "A lot of other teams freak out and don't throw in the rain."

Smith also said he predicts a lot of season and career bests in the throws events in the conference championship across the board.

Javelin and pole vault coach Dan Digman said he would like to get three women in the top four, and four within the top eight for javelin. The top three being senior Toni Whitfield, junior Jess Vermeulen and freshman Kim Fortney, said Digman. He hopes senior Katie Wagner can be the fourth Saluki in the top eight.

Wagner joined the team this spring in her last year of eligibility after four years of softball and a season of basketball for the Salukis.

Digman said if the women can pull it off, it would be the best outing the Saluki women have shown as a team in the MVC Outdoor Championships.

The men will have only one competitor in the javelin — senior Trevor Poore — because of an elbow injury to sophomore Brad Foote, who will be sidelined for three to six months. However, Digman said he believes Poore can finish third or fourth.

Digman said he thinks sophomore Cody Doerlein and junior Miracle Thompson can win the men's and women's pole vault titles. Doerlein has taken a commanding lead in the MVC this outdoor season, winning the pole vault title in five of six meets,

only coming in third at the Drake Relays, a nationally recognized meet with some of the best vaulters in the nation.

Digman said Thompson's chances increased with an injury to Indiana State senior Kylie Hutson, a three-time national champion who cut her hand this past weekend and will not be competing in the championships.

"It was really an unfortunate accident, she was jumping better than anyone in the country," Digman said. "That being said, I think that it opens the door for Miracle." Turner said the sprinters could take home titles in the championships.

Junior Meredith Hayes is the defending champion in the 100-meter hurdles. Turner said she and junior Kandise Thompson should do well in the 200- and 400-meter dashes, as she was runner-up in the indoor championships.

Sophomore Brandon Deloney looks to win the 200-meter dash again, as he has never lost the event in conference since coming to SIU as a freshman.

"The goal is for everyone to go in and compete at a very competitive level," head coach Connie Price-Smith said. "The outdoor season is a little different because the events change a little bit, but the competition is still going to be there and it is just a matter of us going there and competing."

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Junior sprinter Meredith Hayes competes in the 200-meter dash during the Jesse Owens Classic Saturday in Columbus, Ohio. The men's and women's track and field teams travel this weekend to Bloomington to compete in the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Championships.

**Saluki Insider**

Oakland Athletics pitcher Dallas Braden became the 19th pitcher in MLB history to pitch a perfect game in the AL game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday, 4/27/10. Braden, 26, the next big pitcher?

It takes more than one game to be considered the "next big thing." The kid obviously has good stuff, but can he put it all together over a long period of time? The perfect game was impressive, but I want to see him pitch well for a couple years before I anoint him the chosen one.



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The perfect game is impressive, and is one of, if not the, greatest single accomplishment in all of sports. However, I don't know if that solidifies him as the next big thing. I just can't wait until Braden and A-Rod meet again in July. My fingers are crossed for a bench-clearing brawl.



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## Track & Field

### Southern prepares for MVC Outdoor Championships

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The Salukis are looking to conclude some "unfinished business" in the Missouri Valley Conference Outdoor Championships held Fri-

day through Sunday at Illinois State University in Bloomington after a weekend off from competition.

"With the women's team, it is kind of unfinished business because we were favored to win the indoor (season)," sprints coach

Alan Turner said. "For the men, I don't believe the depth is there to necessarily win it, but I think we can come in second."

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## SOFTBALL



DAN DWYER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sophomore shortstop Haley Gorman throws a University of Northern Iowa opponent out at first base during an 8-5 Saluki victory May 1 at Charlotte West Stadium. The Salukis will compete in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament Thursday in Des Moines, Iowa.

## Salukis focused on MVC Tournament

STILET. SMITH  
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Last season the No. 2 SIU softball team, after finishing the regular season 15-7 in the Missouri Valley Conference, was upset by No. 6-seeded Bradley in its first game and eliminated from the tournament.

That won't happen again this season.

A new tournament format guarantees the top two seeds at least two games, and SIU, after going 20-5 in the MVC this season, is the No. 1 seed.

Following the first two rounds of play, the tournament now goes into double-elimination mode until the championship game, which is single-elimination. With the No. 1 seed, the Salukis received a double-bye into the third round.

Head coach Kerri Blaylock said the new format was created to give protection to higher-seeded teams.

"We'll see how it works," Blaylock said. "The coach from Illinois State suggested it, and we all kind of got on board."

No. 5 Missouri State will take on No. 8 Evansville in the first round, and the winner of that matchup will take on No. 4 Northern Iowa. The winner of that game will play SIU at 11 a.m. Friday.

The Salukis swept both Missouri State and Northern Iowa this season and won two of three games against Evansville.

Senior right fielder Katie Wilson said she likes the new format because every team has the potential to have a bad game.

"Everyone has their off days," Wilson said. "It sucks if you have your off day at the tournament, and then you lose it after having a great season. I think that will benefit the teams that are supposed to be there."

Wilson said she has no preference which team the Salukis meet in their first game, because they will go at each team the same way.

Junior catcher Christina Trapani said she thinks the team is prepared for all competition going into the tournament.

"I feel like we're putting everything together,"

Trapani said. "I think we're all feeling pretty good."

The Salukis clinched the No. 1 seed and the regular season MVC championship by winning two of their three games against Drake Friday and Saturday.

Blaylock said with the wins, the team completed one of three goals on the season; the other two goals are to win the MVC Tournament and advance to the NCAA Tournament.

"I know I'm hungry for a tournament title and I want to go to the NCAA Tournament," Blaylock said.

Blaylock said the team is on the bubble for an at-large berth in the NCAA tournament, so it would be safer to win the MVC Tournament and automatically qualify.

"We're definitely not guaranteed," Blaylock said. "We need to try to take care of business ourselves."

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## Boston adds intrigue to playoffs

STILET. SMITH  
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**SPORTS** The Los Angeles Lakers, Phoenix Suns and Orlando Magic all have their opponents down 3-0 in the NBA playoffs.

Yawn.

But luckily, the Boston Celtics are providing some excitement this season against Cleveland.

The Cavaliers, the Eastern Conference's No. 1 seed and the team with the best regular season record in the NBA, have struggled to contain Rajon Rondo in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Rondo recorded a triple-double in Sunday's contest with 29 points, 18 rebounds and 13 assists to lead the Celtics to a 97-87 victory and tie the series at two games apiece.

Yes, you read that correctly, a point guard grabbed 18 rebounds. The game's next leading rebounder, LeBron James, had exactly half that number.

Entering the playoffs, the Celtics were looked at as though they were past their time. They were too old. There was no way they would compete for another NBA title.

The Celtics easily took out the Miami Heat in five games in the first round, but there was no way they could take down the almighty Cleveland Cavaliers in the second round.

Wrong.

Boston could easily be up three games to one right now had it not let go of an 11 point halftime lead in game one.

Doctor's "Big Three" of Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen is now the second, third and fourth-best players of the team. Rondo has come in and quickly became the best player and go-to guy on the Celtics.

During the regular season, Rondo averaged 11.7 points, 9.8 assists and 4.4 rebounds per game.

He has turned it on in the playoffs, though, averaging 17.9 points, 11.4 assists and 7.1 rebounds. In four games against Cleveland, Rondo has averaged 21.8 points, 13 assists and 8.3 rebounds per game.

He gets better when it counts.

And Rondo's playoff highs in each of those categories have come against the Cavs.

In game four, Rondo put up 29 points and 18 rebounds, while in game two Rondo dished out 19 assists.

The takers of Cleveland was expected to prevail against the battle-tested Celtics in this round, and it still might when things are said and done.

But at least Boston is making it interesting.

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