NATO PROTESTERS
Occupy Chicago

A protester stands in front of a line of Chicago police officers Sunday during the anti-NATO summit march in Chicago. The march began at Grant Park and ended at the intersection of Michigan and Cermak, where protest leaders addressed the crowds and war veterans returned their medals by throwing them towards the McCormick Center. Afterwards, Black Bloc members clashed with the police and were eventually dispersed. Please see page 2 for more on the NATO protests.

Postal Service consolidations cut convenience
Carbondale to lose processing center, retain customer service

The nearly bankrupt U.S. Postal Service will continue to implement cuts, closings and changes through 2014 that may affect rural and urban Illinois communities.

The Postal Service announced Thursday it would continue with a plan to consolidate nearly 250 offices nationwide in an effort to reduce costs by $2.1 billion by 2014, stating it can no longer wait for Congress to find a solution.

By August, the Postal Service will consolidate 48 locations followed by 90 more in early 2013 and potentially an additional 89 in 2014, according to a Postal Service news release.

The cuts will affect processing and distribution facilities in Quincy, Rockford, Bloomington and Chicago as well as customer service mail processing centers in Centralia, Effingham and Carbondale.

Offices such as those in Carbondale that provide customer services and a mail processing center will retain the office providing services to the public while the processing operations may be absorbed by other centers.

“The Carbondale location is only being examined for the feasibility of moving its processing operations into Springfield,” said Valerie Welsch of the U.S. Postal Service’s Corporate Communications Office of the Gateway District.

The post office will remain in Carbondale and customers will still be able to mail packages, buy stamps and other services, she said.

If the amount of mail processed at one location is absorbed by another, she said it would allow the Postal Service to be more efficient with their expenses.

“Given that the Postal Service is currently projecting a $14 billion net loss in fiscal year 2012 and continuing annual losses of this magnitude, we simply cannot justify maintaining our current mail processing footprint,” Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe said in a press release.

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Friday Night Fair grows in second year of operation

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While the upbeat tunes of the Giant City Slickers made people dance together in the heart of Carbondale, the Carbondale Main Street Executive Director Meghan Cole explained how the Friday Night Fair’s creation was intended to revitalize the city’s community.

“The Friday Night Fair is a place where the whole community can come together, young and old,” Cole said.

“The fair is a product of the minds behind Carbondale Main Street, an organization that specializes in economic development, organization, design and promotion, all in the name of the city. In its second year, the fair offers a weekly chance to experience Carbondale’s music and food. Friday was the third week of operation for the fair this year, which offered fresh food from Blind Tea & Cople and Longbranch Coffeehouse & Vegetarian Cafe among several produce vendors, and came alive with the laughter of children who took part in various activities.

Cole said when the organization first came up with the idea for Friday Night Fair two years ago, it was not just seen as a way to showcase local businesses, but an opportunity to bring the Carbondale community closer.

“it’s totally family friendly and we hope to get together all parts of our community, from farmers to people who make jewelry and other things, to people who just want to commune,” Cole said.

Shannon Rainziti, Friday Night Fair coordinator, said this is her first year coordinating the Friday Night Fair and so far the turnout has been greater than last year.

Cole said they had about 500 people attend during the fair’s first week. She said this season seems to be more successful than the last because people are more aware, and Carbondale Main Street is happy to see the fair grow.

Rainziti said with more people aware of the event and new activities coming to the fair she expects it to grow each year. She said she hopes to help the fair become a staple in the Carbondale community.

In addition to bringing the city together, the fair helps promote local businesses which range from organic farmers to massage therapists and restaurants.

Elaine Ramayev, Longbranch general manager, said while it is nice to promote the restaurant and increase sales, she more so enjoys the fair’s atmosphere. She said she particularly favors the music and seeing new or familiar faces greet her at her stand.

It’s "not about making money and selling this stuff," she said, "It’s all for three times as much each week at Longbranch, but to want people to be able to afford it, people who might not necessarily come to Longbranch," she said.

She said it is important for local businesses to get the spotlight, rather than major corporations.

"Obviously it’s a marketing opportunity for local artisans, people in the healing arts, massage therapists, but I mean all these different small, local business people come out. You’re not getting Alltel and Verizon, it’s strictly local,” Ramayev said.

Rainziti said with the fair becoming a vendor at the fair they can pay $15 for a table for one Friday or purchase a seasonal pass that costs $10 per Friday.

Rainziti said the fair has a good mix from week to week with about 13 seasonal vendors and various other businesses added throughout the season.

Courtney Smith, Carbondale Main Street vice president and Belle Blanche Herb & Flower Farm owner, she likes to be a seasonal vendor because she grows her organic produce directly from her home, and the fair offers an opportunity to promote her business.

Reed Hockstra, a first-time fair-goer from Carbondale, said she saw the fair and heard the band as she was driving by and had to stop because of how fun it looked.

“I mean, I love it, this is the epitome of small town, you would look around and see this in a movie,” Hockstra said.

The bands are booked weekly by David Allen, an audio engineer and show promoter who has booked for many locations around Carbondale such as Hangar.

“The band is a very essential thing to the Friday Night Fair, so we want our real entertainment … good bands that are exciting. Most of the bands that are playing here you would, at least have to pay $5 to see them at any other venue, and you’d have to wait until 10 o’clock at night,” Allen said.

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Chicago police high marks for NATO protests

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CHICAGO — The sight of Chi- cago police raising billy clubs against demonstrators was the kind of image that has dogged the city’s police force longer than most of those who clashed with protesters have been alive.

But after Sunday’s clash during the NATO summit played out on television, virtually no one was talking about a “police riot,” as they did in 1968 when bawo-wielding officers sailed into crowds of demonstrators during the Democratic National Convention. Nor was there the kind of criticism that was leveled at the Seattle police after a violence-plagued 1999 international summit.

Protest leaders outside the venue where President Barack Obama was meeting with world leaders offered a harsh assessment of police tactics. But most others praised the police for their restraint, and in public, they performed mostly as Superintendent Garry McCarthy vowed they would, from their crowd-control tactics to their interactions with protesters.

“We got them trained and equipped, and they executed the plan on all levels,” McCarthy said, on the street Mon- day during a march outside Boeing Co. headquarters. “It hasn’t been that big of a deal, quite frankly. It’s almost like it was harder dealing with the hype than the event itself.”

Chicago police spokeswoman Carolyn Deming said late Monday that 90 people were arrested and eight offi- cers were injured before and during the summit. Authorities said many of those arrested were released without charges being filed.
Famer to get pedestrian mall

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New sidewalks, lighting, landscaping and seating areas are being put in by Farmer Hall.

The $1.25 million project will improve student safety and beautify the area, according to a university press release.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said the money to fund the project came from Plant and Service Operations, so all work will be done internally.

She said the money for the project came from the same budget that was used to improve the courtyard of the agriculture building in 2011.

Construction should be completed by mid-August.

The project location begins at Farmer Drive south, continues to the Student Center and connects with landscaping from the pedestrian overpass to the area between the site of the Student Services Building and Parkinson Hall, according to the press release.

Cheng said the first concern was the lack of lighting in the area, because there was a sexual assault by Farmer Hall May 8, 2011. She said upon inspection, though, there were also cracks in the concrete and unauthorized vehicles that drove in the area.

Because of safety concerns, the university recently put in upright steel bollards by Farmer to restrict vehicle traffic, Phil Gatton, Plant and Services Operations director, said in the press release.

“We’ve had a number of instances where people drive too fast on these areas they consider to be a thoroughfare and you have pedestrians walking,” he said. “We want to eliminate that and make it safer for students to walk.”

Gatton said there will still be some deliveries in the area but on a limited basis.

The project also will remove a ramp in disrepair that connects to Farmer Hall, and there will be outdoor lighting improvements such as path lights along the walkways.

There will also be an emergency phone added to the area, Gatton said.

“If we’re digging things up, we want to make sure at the end of the day we end up with something that will look better, and these improvements will last 20, 30 years,” Cheng said.

Google, Motorola complete phone deal

Google has completed its $12.5 billion purchase of device maker Motorola Mobility in a deal that poses new challenges for the Internet’s most powerful company as it tries to shape the future of mobile computing.

The deal closed Tuesday, nine months after Google made a surprise announcement that it wanted to expand into the hardware business with the most expensive and riskiest acquisition in its 14-year history. The purchase pushes Google deeper into the cellphone business, a market it entered four years ago with the debut of its Android software, now the chief challenger to Apple’s iPhones.

In Motorola, Google gets a cellphone pioneer that has struggled in recent years. Motorola hasn’t produced a mass-market hit since it introduced the Razr cellphone in 2005. Once the No. 2 cellphone maker, Motorola now ranks eighth with 2 percent of the worldwide market share, according to Gartner, Inc.

As had been expected, Google CEO Larry Page immediately named one of his top lieutenants, Dennis Woodside, as Motorola’s CEO.

Woodside has spent the past three years immersed in online advertising as president of Google’s America region, which accounted for $17.5 billion of Google’s revenue last year. Motorola booked $13.1 billion in revenue during its final year as an independent company.
The agency’s mail processing network had become too big, given declining first-class mail volume and mounting debt, he said.

In order to keep mail affordable and return the Postal Service to financial stability, reducing the mail processing network to match the anticipated workload is necessary, Donahoe said in a press release.

Since consolidation activities are being conducted at only 48 locations this summer, nearly all consolidating activities in 2012 will occur in August and will resume again in the early 2013, Megan Brennan, chief operating officer of the Postal Service, said in a press release.

This initial phase of consolidations is projected to reduce Postal Service staff by 13,000 and save the mail agency roughly $1.2 billion annually.

Welsch said when studies were done to determine closures, communities made it known they did not want to lose their post offices.

However, a second and final phase of 89 consolidations is scheduled to begin in February 2014 if the circumstances of the Postal Service do not improve.

By late 2014, the Postal Service will have 28,000 fewer employees with an estimated annual savings of $2.1 billion.

Welsch said it’s important to note that post offices will not be completely closing under the modified strategy proposed by Donahoe.

She said Donahoe wanted to find a solution that would help keep post offices in rural America while helping the postal service.

In order to balance the Postal Service’s current financial situation in the interest of the employees and the customers, she said implementing modified hours of operation would help gain foothold toward financial stability while still offering services to communities.

“It’s a win-win situation,” Welsch said. “Customers may have to get accustomed to new hours, but there will still be a post office for them.”

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Wednesday’s Puzzle Solved

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Wednesday’s Answers:

Aries — Today is a 5 — Stay close to home for the next few days. Work through an intermediary. Create the vision plan and explain the objective. Keep the others on track.

Taurus — Today is a 6 — You gain extra learning, study and research power. Crack those books! You’re making a good impression. Disregard a ridiculous suggestion.

Gemini — Today is an 8 — The foreseeable future is perfect for concentration, study and learning. Exploration and practicing your art go well. Investigate new sources of income.

Cancer — Today is an 8 — Consider all your options and choose. You’re getting stronger. Focus on the present without losing sight of the future. Curtail travel until later.

Leo — Today is a 5 — Meditation or a stroll in nature helps dilute stress and anxiety today and tomorrow. Circumstances may be whatever they are, but you are not your circumstances.

Virgo — Today is a 7 — Slow down and consider all the possibilities. Abandon the idea of doing it all yourself. Friends are a big help for the next few days. It’s important to show you care.

Libra — Today is a 6 — Accept an invitation from someone important. Dress up for the occasion. Having fun is a priority. Add some relaxation to your evening, and a little sparkle.

Scorpio — Today is a 6 — You’re a negotiation powerhouse, and can overcome any obstacle. Work on the business plan. Knowledge helps you get out of your head and into action.

Capricorn — Today is a 7 — There could be an inclination to go in several directions at once. It may be easier to choose one direction now and revisit the others later. Choose love over money.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 — You’re heralding a whirlwind of activity. Use your energy efficiently for the best performance. Crazy dreams seem possible. But no gambling now.

Sagittarius — Today is a 6 — The next two days are reserved for love. Call ahead and notify if you’re going to be late. Distraction is part of the creative process.

Pisces — Today is a 6 — You’re a negotiation powerhouse, and can overcome any obstacle. Work on the business plan. Knowledge helps you get out of your head and into action.
Organization teaches baseball the ‘right’ way

Ben Conrady
Daily Egyptian

While only a handful of batted balls make it out of the infield, spectators might argue a baseball game played between 10 and 11-year old boys Monday night renders as much zeal as any of the nightly professional games played across the country.

The junior baseball league is organized by Carbondale Junior Sports, a group that promotes and sponsors a variety of sports for youth throughout the southern Illinois region. Games played at the Superblock Sports Multi-Complex provide a place for athletes, grades kindergarten through eighth, to learn to play the game, at a time when role model athletes can be hard to come by.

Carbondale Junior Sports President Mike Stevens said the opportunity for young athletes to play baseball through Carbondale Junior Sports is a healthy alternative to the game they might see on television.

“Watching athletes on TV gives kids someone to inspire them,” Stevens said. “But on the other hand, the kids see the money and greed, they see the drama. We just want to provide a great atmosphere and a place for the kids to play ball.”

Games are held three nights a week throughout the summer, and while the athletes may not hit towering home runs, each game provides a level of excitement for the players and spectators.

“We’re a non-profit organization that supplies baseball for kids,” Stevens said. “We offer something that kids don’t normally get to play. They can come out, learn the game of baseball and have fun playing it in a safe environment.”

At a crucial moment in Monday’s game, a player was thrown out at home for the third out in the bottom of the third inning. Without pause, the young kid dusted himself off and returned to the dugout, never once questioning the call or stopping to feel sorry for himself.

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Men’s basketball formally introduces new staff, two recruits

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The coaching carousel hit the Salukis and Illinois State when both men’s basketball head coaches left under different circumstances: Chris Lowery was fired March 28 and Tim Jankovich left April 26 to become the associate head coach at Southern Methodist University.

The two moves eventually led Anthony Beane Sr., an assistant for Jankovich at Illinois State, to SIU as an assistant coach and the last of three coaches named to coach Barry Hinson’s staff. Beane Sr. was formally introduced as an assistant coach Monday alongside associate head coach Tom Hankins, assistant coach Terrance McGee and director of basketball operations Nate Mast.

“It’s the nature of our business; things change,” Beane Sr. said of Jankovich’s departure from Illinois State. “But (my family and I) are really glad that (God) led us here.”

Hinson said Hankins, who was officially hired April 20, kept telling Hinson to be patient when he was still looking for another assistant, and that the search might need to go into the summer. But Beane Sr. became available once Jankovich left, and Hinson said he was the perfect candidate because of his familiarity with the area and the league.

Beane Sr. also had a former Illinois State signee follow him to SIU: his son Anthony Beane Jr. a senior guard out of Normal Community High School originally signed a letter of intent to play for Beane Sr. at Illinois State, but he was granted his release May 18 after his father left.

“As a father, it’s been a real pleasure to watch his development from his freshman year all the way to now,” Beane Sr. said about his son, who was a two-time All-State player in 2011 and 2012. Hinson said he initially thought Beane Jr. was a junior in high school and he wasn’t going to pressure Beane Sr. into making his sign with SIU.

“That was kind of a funny part of the deal,” Hinson said. “I said (to Beane Sr.), ‘Well, this proves my point Anthony, I’m really trying to sign you first.’”

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Jonathan Hudson, of DeSoto, watches his teammate bat Monday during a Carbondale Junior Sports baseball game at the Carbondale Super Block Sports Multi-Complex. Hudson is on team Robinson Construction, which consists of 10 and 11 year olds from southern Illinois. “They are a good group of kids,” said coach John Korte. “I love working with these boys.”