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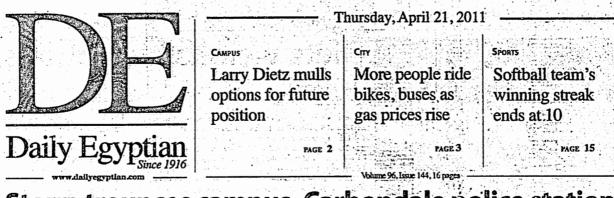
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Storm trounces campus, Carbondale police station

JULIE SWENSON Daily Egyptian

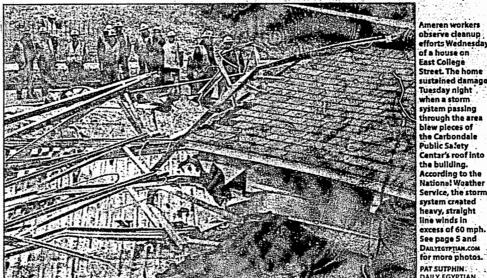
It will take some time before all the damage from Tuesday's storm is found. Phil Gatton said.

"Some things are immediately obvious, and some things it takes a little while for us to discover where damage occurred," said Gatton, director of SIIJC Plant and Service Operations. "There is a lot of square footage to cover."

A strong line of thunderstorms with winds in excess of 60 mph hlt the Carbondale area around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, causing structural damage to homes and buildings, including the city's new police department, Several homes near the police department, at the intersection of North Washington and East College streets, were either destroyed or sustained severe structural damage.

Gatton said he has been assess ing damage on campus and isn't sure how much damage the repairs will cost. The total won't be known for several weeks though Gatton estimated it would be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Power lines were downed on the west side of campus. The Campus Beach House, the baseball and intramural fields, and the Glove Factory lost electricity late Tresday because of the storm, Gatton said: Electricians worked throughout the night to fix the power and restored electricity to some buildings around noon



Wednesday, he said

Eight windows at the Glove Factory were damaged by pieces of the new Carbondale police station's roof that were ripped off by the wind, he sald. The Lesar Law School Auditorium's roof was also damaged.

Carbondale Mayor-elect Joel Fritzler said city officials haven't determined the extent of the damage to city property and need to check with insurance companies to get accurate estimates.

storm cost him five trees: The trees fell around his house and on one of his neighbor's fences, Fritzler said.

'It was a brand new chain link fence, but she's insured," he said. Tom Furby, director of tech-

nology at the School of Law, said water leaking through the Lesar Law School Auditorium's ceiling damaged several closets. The roof was temporarily patched Wednesday, and a permanent roof will be

As for Fritzler, he said the put on in the next month, Purby hies

> Furby said the cost to repair the roof has not yet been determined because the auditorium was initially deemed too unsafe for workers to examine. It was opened to workers Wednesday.

We didn't know if chunks of the ceiling would fall on people," Furby said. "When it gets wet, you never, know when something is going to fall from the ceiling.

He sald workers do their best

of a house on East College Street. The home sustained damage **Tuesday** night when a storm system passing through the area blew pleces of the Carbondale Public Salety Centar's roof into the building. According to the National Weather Service, the storm system created heavy, straight line winds in excess of 60 mph. See page 5 and DAILYZGYPTIAN.COM for more photos PAT SUTPHIN

to keep buildings in good condition so major, costly repairs after a storm aren't necessary, but it is difficult to prepare or be ready for those type of events because they are unpredictable.

Money to repair the storm damage will likely come from University Risk Management, as SIUC is self-insured. Gatton said. although he isn't sure if the damages will be fully covered.

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Fatalities in vehicle crashes decrease with seat belt use

BRANDON COLEMAN

Daily Egyptian

Marcus Campbell's death occurredafter a friend driving a sports utility vehicle lost control and rolled over the median of southbound Interstate 57 east of Mattoon. Campbell's death was one of three to occur in Coles County so far this year.

Campbell and Edward Jackson, another passenger in the SUV, both undeclared freshman from Chicago, were the only passengers in the car not wearing seat belts at the time of the accident, according to the Illinois State Police report.

Peter Gitau, associate vice chancelfor and dean of students, said law enforcement officials told him Campbell and Jackson were ejected from the SUV. Deaths from car accidents are down by 26 people this year compared to this time last year, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation fatal crash data reports. Wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of injury or death though some are unavoidable, said Sergeant William Emery, Illinois State Police safety education officer.

Modern car designs take kinetic energy and disperse it around the car, so drivers and passengers ab-sorb less impact from an accident, Emery said.

We often hear, Well, they don't make cars like they used to," he said. Ti's absolutely true. They make them so much safer. Cars are designed to crumple and crush."

If someone doesn't while riding in a car, they may bounce around inside of the car or be ejected from it, Emery said. People in a rollover accident could be partially ejected from a car, and the vehicle could roll on top of them before they are fully ejected, he said ...

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Hindu temple helps add to Carbondale's religious diversity

KAYLA KEARNS Daily Egyptian

Approximately 200 Hindus in southern Illinois will soon have a place of worship to call their own.

Without a temple, those who practice Hinduism in Carbondale have no choice but to hold services in private homes. But it is hard for homeowners to accommodate

seating for the crowds, which typically range between 40 to 80 people. Hosts have had to limit services to the third Sunday of every month instead of weekly.

Hindu prayer services, known as Pooja, are ceremonies in which Hindus show reverence to a god, spirit or other aspect of the divine with invocations, prayers, songs and rituals. It is considered essential for

devoted Hindus to make a spiritual connection with the divine.

Members of The Hindu Temple and Cultural Society of Southern Illinois, friends, and family gathered. Sunday for a ground-breaking ceremony for the planned Hindu Temple and Community Center. The ceremony was performed by Shri Vedantha Sharma, a priest from the Hindu Temple of St. Louis.

HTCSI is non-profit 1. organization designed to raise public awareness of the Hindu lifestyle in southern Illinois. Dr. Pradeep Reddy, a Marion pediatrician and president of HTCSI, spearheaded the development of the Carbondale temple. The building will be located at 1209 E. Walnut St. on three acres of land donated by Reddy,

relations volumeer for the society. In the 2010-2011 school year, SIUC had a 7 percent increase in international students. Maurine Pyle, director of the Gaia House Interfaith Center, said it is increasingly important for people in Carbondale to be competent in different religions.

said Poornima-Jayaraman, public Please see HINDU 4

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ietz weighs his o

SARAH SCHNEIDER Daily Egyptian

After the elimination of the Division of Student Affairs in the fall, Larry Dietz said he is looking into his career options and preparing to teach in the College of Education and Human Services.

Dietz, vice chancellor for student affsirs, is also one of three finalists for the position of vice president of student affairs at Illinois State University. He spoke at his open forum Wednesday at ISU, where he was evaluated for the position. He said he was nominated by a colleague and the

search committee pursued him. Rita Cheng Chancellor implemented the university college' model in December by restructuring the Division of Student Affairs. The model has been described by the chancellor as an effort to ensure SIUC's supplemental instruction, Living Learning Communities, tutoring and mentoring programs, and the Saluki First Year program work together as a team.

Dietz has been vice chancellor of student affairs since 2000 and will held the position until Dec. 2. Under the terms of his contract, he will continue to be paid his regular salary of \$15,472.34 per onth until then. He said because he is a tenured associate professor, staying at SIUC and teaching is also an option.

"This university has been good to me," Dietz said. "I have been here through lots of changes, so I am certainly not going to leave if other options don't appear to be good options for me

and my family.

In April 2010, Dietz was also one of two finalists for president of the University of Central Missouri.

In a letter from Cheng to Dietz in December regarding his reassignment, Cheng said she approved his request for an administrative leave in the spring and summer terms to allow time for him to prepare to take on a fulltime faculty position in the fall.

Dietz said he has taken this time to work on special projects related to his return to the classroom.

Cheng's | letter : said ! an additional \$1,000 per yeart for three years will be provided to Dictz for expenses related to his professional development.

If he stays at SIUC, Dietz said his plan is to teach education administration and higher education admin-Istration graduate-level courses.

Cheng's letter said when his contract expires Dec. 2, Dietz will have a nine-month appointment with a salary rate comparable to that of a faculty member with his credentials.

When the division of student affairs was dissolved, the offices that reported to it were told to report to former Provost Gary Minish. Those offices include New Student' Programs, Career Services. Supplemental Instruction, Premajor Advisement, University 101, Center for Academic Success, Student Support Services, Resident Life and International Programs and Services.

Minish resigned from his position as provost Jan. 19 after 10 days on the job, citing differences with Cheng about changes to the university.

SIUC spokesman Rod Slevers said Minish and Cheng disagreed on the restructuring of the Division of Student Affairs and Dietz's reassignment.

Lori Stettler, the director of the Student Center who previously reported directly to Dietz, now reports to Kevin Bame, vice chancellor for administration and finance. She oversees auxiliary , units such as the Student Health Center, Student Center, Recreational Sports and Services, Student Development, Counseling Center, Rainbow's End Child Development Center and University Housing, 11.15

Stettler said the restructuring supports the university college model by unifying services that directly affect students under one department.

She said the auxiliaries' role in that change is to enhance and streamline services to students.

I don't think the level of student service has changed or decreased in any way," Stettler said. "If anything, it has become more intensive."

Dietz said he is supposed to teach a higher education course in the fall, and is developing an undergraduate leadership course and a student development theory course for spring 2012.

"My goal, if I stay here, is to continue to work with faculty to try and provide a tolid educational foundation for the master's and doctoral students who are enrolled in the programs," he said. "It is important for the university."

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Correction

In the Tuesday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story titled "Provost finalists released" should have said "John Nicklow will speak from 10 a.m to 11 a.m. April 26 in the Student Center Auditorium." The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

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Bike, bus riders increase with gas prices

JUSTIN KABBES Daily Egyptian

Students have parked their cars and begun to ride their bikes as gas prices continue to rise, Ron Dunkel said.

"Even in February, people were riding their bicycles," said Dunkel, coordinator of Saluki Spokes. "They can't afford gas. They can't afford anything. People are broke."

The average price per gallon of regular-grade gas was \$3.95 Wednesday in Carbondale. The average national price has risen to \$3.84 from \$2.86 a year ago. During that time, students have increased their use of alternative transportation. Almost 3,800 more riders rode the Saluki Express Grand Avenue Route in February than in November 2010, according to documents provided by Lori Stettler, assistant vice chancellor for auxiliary services and director of the Student Center.

Stettler said high gas prices coupled with a rough winter led to the increase in ridership. She said the buses are reaching capacity, and some students are left without rides. She said this year's ridership numbers will likely exceed last year's.

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"I know how much it costs me to get back and forth from work every day," Stettler said. "Siudents pay fees to use the bus. It's great they're taking advantage of it.

Mike Wright, vice president of the American Automobile Association in the Mid-America Region, said gas prices are on the rise because of the turmoil in the Middle East and an increased demand from China and India.

Although most of the countries experiencing political unrest aren't major oil-producing countries, they can still adversely affect oil prices, Wright said. Countries that control waterways, such as Egypt, could affect the

The Egyptian protests, which sparked protests in many other Middle Eastern and north African countries, started Jan. 25. However, according to AAA's fuel gauge report, national gas prices have risen significantly since October.

Illinois has the fourth-most expensive average regular-grade gas price per gallon in the country, according to AAA. Wright said 11linois' taxes make the cost of fuel higher. As of January, Illinois has the fifth-highest tax on fuel in the

distribution of oil, he said.

nation, according to data from the

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American Petroleum Institute.

at the Bike Surgeon, sald business has picked up since gas prices have increased. Stateler, a senior from St. Libory studying business management, said although he owns a bike, he also walks because everything is close to his house.

It seems like it's in style now," Stateler said.

Kevin Baity, assistant city manager for economic development, said Carbondale is considering several cost-effective options to increase the number of bike paths. He said the sustainability commission is considering using grant money, expanding existing bike routes, and converting old

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railways to bike paths. The commission also wants to create a bike path that will go from East Grand Avenue to the town square near

Wright said it's unpredictable what gas prices will be this summer. However, the rising costs will have a noticeable affect and a significant burden on families, especially those who

In an April 12 press release, the

paying fees to ride the bus, we might as well utilize the resource," Carletto said. "It's more expensive to pay for gas." nance, parking stickers and fines

for the bus Wednesday at the bus stop across

the street from the Student Center. "Since we're

are just the tip of the leeberg. The Student Center Craft

JESS VERMEULEN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Shop and Saluki Spokes will host a free blke repair workshop Friday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. People can learn how to oil their bike chains, make adjustment and fix flat tires.

"I have a student who has a car," Dunkel said. "Recently, her brake lines got cut. Then it was just one expense after another that were just pulling her down. She decided 'Ya know? I'm going back to my bicycle.",

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coordinator of Saluki Spokes

Ron Dunkel

Dunkel said cars suck money from students in more ways than high gas prices. He said mainteknow how much it costs me to get back and forth from work everyday, students pay fees

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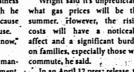




a sophomore from New Orleans studying social work, and Mohammed Dashti, a freshman from Kuwalt studying computer engineering, wait Randall Stateler, an employee Tres Hombres.

Aljurita Patterson, left, a freshman from Chicago

studying radio-television, Alicia Carietto, center,



U.S. Energy Information Administration said it predicts average national regular-grade gas prices to peak at around \$3.91 this summer.

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Dave Tippy, assistant grounds superintendent at the Physical Plant, said almost every tree on campus lost some branches, and some were uprooted.

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Groundskeepers cleared the majority of the debris Tuesday

could not be determined.

Fatality crash data for 2010 shows that 925 people died, 271 from not or improperly wearing r seat belt. Twohundred and ninety of those who died wore a seat belt.

One fatal crash accident has occurred in Jackson County this year. There were five deaths each year in 2009 and 2010, 11

09 and 2010. 11 It's against state law for passen gers not to wear seatbeits while in the front seats of a vehicle, and the state enforces this law with Click it or Ticket, a \$65 fine for people who don't buckle up, Emery said. However, it is not illegal to not wear a seat belt while riding in the back seat of a car, he said.

Sherrie Phipps, a freshman from Chicago studying journalism, said she doesn't wear a seat belt if the driver is someone she trusts. Phipps said she reconsidered wearing a seat

Within four or five days, we ought to have just about everything cleaned up associated with this storm," Tippy said. "We hope we don't see any more of this. We have had enough of it already."

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belt when she read about Campbell's

tor for University Hall, said 30 students traveled to Chicago to attend Campbell's funeral Monday, About 10 SIU students who were already in Chicago for the weekend also attended the service and rode back with Lippert and the other students on a coach bus.

Resident assistants at University Hall are still consoling grieving stu-

Uriah Ware, an undeclared freshnan from Chicago and Campbell's friend since kindergarten, was in the SUV during the accident and spoke at Campbell's funeral, Lippert said.

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"Because (students) may or may not have a home community, Ga. House is where they come to relax and meet other people and mingle in a place that is generically open to everyone. Pyle said.

Reddy said he chose to build the temple in Carbondale because it is a central location for the Hindu community and SIUC students. Reddy said, in the past, the 200 SIUC students who practice Hinduism have not been represented in the community, and the lack of a central place of its followers.

to have a temple rather than having service in somebody's house every month, which keeps changing in location," Reddy said.

Pyle said there is always a need for religious diversity in Carbondale, and the Gala house works to meet the spiritual needs of all students and community members. Students and researchers from all over the world attend the university, and she said it is the community's responsibility to make them feel welcome. Otherwise. Pyle said people may feel like they don't belong.

Naresh Patel, vice president of HTCSI, said it is important to have a temple nearby so the

classes are used to teach children about Hindu history, he said. They come and learn our

language and our traditions and gods and all the lessons that other kids learn in their Sunday school," Patel said.

Reddy said construction is expected to begin as soon as blueprints are drawn up and approved by the city and will be funded through donations from members of the Hindu community. Once the construction is under way it should take roughly six months to finish building. Patel said the committee decided to work with local contractors to construct the temple.

Tippy said. Though it was similar, and the damage was still substantial, the damage this storm caused wasn't as bad as the storm on May 8. 2009, he said.

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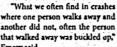
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Tera Lippert, residence hall direc-

dents who knew Campbell.

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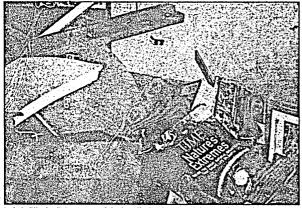
that walked away was buckled op, Emery said. Illinois' seat belt law was introduced in 2003. Of 1,454 total traffic

fatalities in 2003. 517 were caused by not wearing a seat belt, two did not wear a seat belt properly, 375 wore a seatbelt, and it could not be determined if a seat belt was used in 188 of them

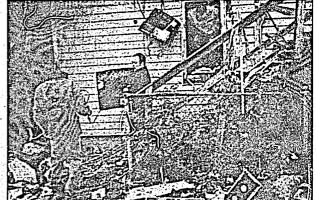
According to the Illinois Crash Facts and Statistics 2008 annual publication, of 1,043 total traffic fatalities in 2008, 350 did not wear seat belts, three improperly used seat belts, 315 did wear them, and the cause of 60 deaths



Robert Danlels, top, a senior studying mining engineering, looks through the remnants of his apartment while Dave Edgington, bottom, a coctoral student in education fit n Chicago, heips Alex Hostick sarch through his apartment Wednesday on East College Street. Both Hostick and Danlels were in the house at 8:30 pm. Tuesday when a strong line of thunderstorms with damaging winds hit the region. The winds blew debris from the roof of the chy's new police station into their living rooms. I was worted because my phone, ID and wallet were in the living room, but now that I've found It, all I want to do is move into my new apartment? Danles said, PHOTO BY PAT SUTPHIN (TOP) Lightning streaks across the sky above South Poplar Street in Carbondale on Tuesday. A strong line of thunderstorms tore through southern Illinois, putting the region under a tornado warning, according to the National Weather Service. Powerful winds knocked out power and damaged buildings in Carbondale, including the new police station, PHOTO BY JAMES DURBIN (BOTTOM) Frnie Escue, of Makanda, cuts down tree limbs Wednesday at Cedar Lane Trailer Park in Carbondale, where two mobile homes were split in half by uprooted trees. Escue said Tuesday night's strong winds combined with the wet ground caused the trees to fall over. He said it is a miracle the two mobile homes were abandoned. "This would have killed the person sitting in the living room," he said. "It's lucky that no one was in there." PHOTO BY LAUREN LEONE



Debris fills the fiving room of the home of Robert Daniels, a senior studying mining engineering, Wednesday after a line of storms passed through southern illinois late Tuesday, PHOTO BY PAT SUTPHIN



Alex Hostick, center, is assisted by friends Dave Edgington and Landon Withrow as he evacuates his apartment on East College Street following the severe storm late Tuesday, Hostick, a senior studying engineering technology, spent the storm in his bedroom at the rear of his house while pieces of the new Carbondale police station's roof burst through his living room wall PHOTO PROVIDED BY BROOKE GRACE



GUEST COLUMN Does Trump want presidency or publicity?

TARA KULASH sophomore studying journalism

Donald Trump says he's seriously considering running for president — again. He supposedly planned to run in 2000, but that was pretty much a publicity stunt. I'm wondering if he's actually serious this time. Bernie Goldberg, author of 'A Slobbering Love Affair, seems to think so.

Appearing on "The O'Reilly Factor" in early April. Goldberg said, "Donald Trump has made up his mind. ... He will run for the Republican nomination for President of the United States. That's as of today. And that's barring any unforeseen circumstances."

But in January Trump told Forbes that he wouldn't be making a decision until June, after the end of his eleventh season of "The Apprentice." In fact, he said he might even use the season finale as a forum, which tells me he's just trying to raise viewership ratings. But if we entertain the idea that he actually is running in the 2012 election, I think Trump would be a pretty interesting candidate, to say the least.

One reason Goldberg believes Trump has a chance is because "millions of Americans v to live between Manhattan and Malibu think that Donald Trump's greatect asset is that he is not a politician, that he doesn't talk like politician or think like a politician." I'll admit that I'm just as sick of politicians as other Americans, but that doesn't mean someone with little to no political experience should run our country. But his business expertise could prove a big help in the nation's debt problem.

While he plans to run for the Republican Party, Trump has a history of liberal views. He used to be pro-choice but suddenly he's anti-abortion. He used to praise Obama, but now he's accusing the president of not being a natural born citizen. He used to encourage a Canadian-like health policy, but now he vows to take down Obama's health care plan. His sudden changes of opinion tell me he's not being honest about something quite like a politician. Needless to say, if Donald Trump, Sarah Palin and Michele Bachmann are in the race, this election will turn into a circus. Then the rest of the world can continue to see us as the joke we're becoming.

THEIR WORD Credit agency sends serious warning to Washington

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Tuesday, April 19:

For the first time in history, Standard & Poor's has revised its outlook on the nation's debt from "stable" to "negative." That sends a blunt message that Washington had better get its fiscal house in order, ASAP.

Monday's warning from the credit-rating agency blends into official Washington's theme of the month. Last week, President Barack Obama laid out a plan to cut deficit spending by 54 trillion over 12 years. The week before that, House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis, proposed a more ambitious, \$60 trillion cut over 10 years. A group of six senators, meanwhile, is working on a bipartisan deficit-cutting blueprint.

S&P didn't wait for the hot air to finish blowing before raising the

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prospect that at some point, the U.S. government may not be able to keep paying interest on its bonds.

The agency's threat to downgrade the sovereign debt of the world's biggest economy is a disturbingly big deal. A rating cut almost certainly would push interest rates higher, undermining the Federal Reserve's efforts to pump up the economy by printing money. It could — could — sound the opening bell for a debt crisis akin to those in Greece and other European countries that have lived way beyond their means for years.

If that day ever comes, all of us will wish we had listened back in 2011 to the throbbing alerts about our government's spending and borrowing. In the Republican bodget plan, Ryan gives a chilling account of how a crisis would unfold: It likely would start with a sudden spike in Interest rates. Then foreign investors who own roughly half of U.S. debt would lose confidence and start selling. As investors dump their government securities, interest rates would rise even more, and inflation would erode the value of the dollar. Unable to borrow on reasonable terms, America would have no choice but to win back the markets confidence by jacking up taxes and slashing programs. That would result in much harsher austerity than either Obama or Ryan has in mind.

S&P's statement didn't come as a complete surprise, and neither did the knee-jerk White House response. It boiled down to: Nothing to see here, Americans, just keep moving along. Why the faux nonchalance? The president is trying to regain the initiative from Republicans in the budget debate, and he doesn't want a bunch of credit wonks telling him to hurry up and reduce federal spending. Thus the University of Chicago's Austan Goolsbee, a key Obama economic adviser, on Monday criticized S&P for making a "political judgment." Well dub.

This is politics on a trillion-dollar scale. The overspending under fire isn't in the private sector, after all. It's the federal government that can't bring itself to stop borrowing more than \$4 billion a day to pay for politicans' priorities. Other AAA-rated countries in similar straits have made hard decisions, the United Kingdom among them. So far, the U.S. hasn't, and the credit-rating agency is voicing doubt that Democrats and Republicans can bridge their political differences, absent an older financial crisis.

True, the U.S. is a lot bigger than Britain, and our economy more

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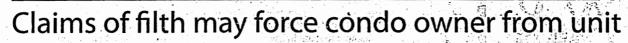
flexible. It's also much more diversified and adaptable then the smaller European countries now in severe distress. But even the world's most powerful nation can't buy time forever when its maning up a tab it hasn't got the money to pay.

Goolsbee does make one good point A debt crisis can be avoided. For now, the market doesn't speak with one mind. Some savry traders have given up on U.S. debt. Others believe the problems will be corrected over time without too much pain. Even the major credit-rating agencies don't agree among themselves, and Goolsbee pointed to S&P rival Moody's, which called recent developments inside the Beltway "credit positive."

On that, we agree. Hearing the president embrace deficit reduction last week is positive. Now comes the hard part: reducing deficits.

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NASHVILLE. Tenn. Managers of an upscale condominium , tower said of an they couldn't get rid overwhelming stench that had residents complaining frequently. They decided to go to court, instead, seeking to get rid of the condo owner.

The homeowners association for Nashville's Windsor Towers filed suit and won its case in trial court after describing, with records presented in court, what they characterized as filth and hoarding in the owner's first-floor unit. Their documents described books, clothes, papers and other belongings piled everywhere and a refrigerator so stuffed with food the door wouldn't close.

Owner Stacy Harris, a 59-yearold writer who produces a website focused on Nashville's music industry, denied she is a hoarder and vowed to keep fighting in court. She may soon be forced out by court order.

The Tennessee Court of Appeals on Friday upheld a lower court's decision to force the sale of her unit and use the proceeds to pay for more than

\$116,000 in legal fees to go to her homeowners' association.

The decision stems from a legal battle with the association that has tried repeatedly to get Harris to either clean up or get out. The condo was thoroughly cleaned out in the fall of 2008, according to court records, which said the unit declined into a state of filth a year later.

Harris, who has lived at the condo for 35 years, vigorously denies being a hoarder. She said she is hoping to appeal the case to the state Supreme Court.

"Well, I have to," she said. "This is my home, this is not an apartment.

Management and the homeowners association declined to speak with The Associated Press., Neighbors reached for comment also declined.

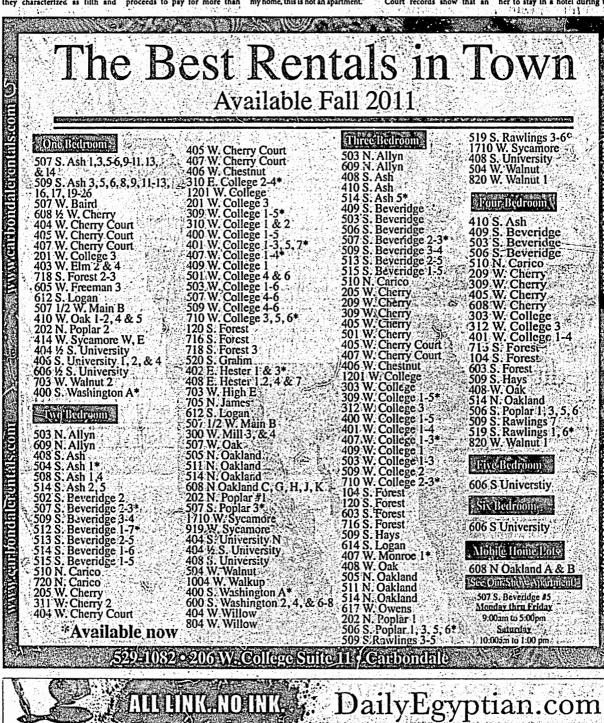
Harris said the homeowners association has a vendetta against her because she sued them years ago. She said she couldn't smell anything coming from her apartment and told The AP on Wednesday that she wondered why, if the association considered her a hoarder, it hadn't contacted health authorities before. She added that the homeowners association hasn't treated anyone else as she has been treated.

Court records show that

apartment manager who went to the unit in the fall of 2008 said the odor inside was so overpowering that it made her eyes water and she had to fight not to gag.

A supervisor at a local biohazard cleaning company testified that Harris lived in a "gross filth and hoarder situation." The cleaning company said it filled and emptied a commercial-size trash bin three times with waste and debris.from the unit.

The condo manager, according to court reco.ds, helped Harris do her laundry and neighbors brought her food and paid for her to stay in a hotel during the





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Gorillaz rise, not 'Fall,' in unconventional album

RYAN VOYLES Daily Egyptian The Fall

One label that does not fit Damon Albarn is conventional.

The Blur frontman has become known stateside for his animated electronic side project, Gorillaz. While his side group performed on its first tour of the U.S. last year, Albarn continued to record new material.

These songs, recorded on Albarn's iPad, have now become available for online downloadnot the most conventional way to record and release an album. And just like most of the work released under the Gorillaz's name, it can be quite harrowing for those unfamiliar with the group.

The entire work feels as though it was hastily put together. The bleeps and electronic atmosphere feel rougher than most of the group's previous releases. Tracks such as "The Snake In Dallas" and "HillBilly Man" seem like instrumental rough drafts just waiting for one of Gorillaz's patented guest stars FORITI

and his philosophical, sad tone drapped a dreaded mood over the entire album.

There are no ready-made hits like "Feel Good Inc." or "Clint Eastwood," but there are some rough diamonds in the mix. The thrilling, R&B influenced "Bobby in Phoenix" features the crooning of soul legend Bobby

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familiar with Albarn should not be surprised. While rumors swirl about the U.S. tour being a last-hurrah for Gorillaz, Albarn seems to have ended the legacy of one of the more popular acts of the 21st century not with a bang, but with a whisper. After all, a conventional ending just wouldn't fit Albarn.

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Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band describes shows, life on road

BRENDAN SMITH Daily Egyptian

Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band has pumped out funky groovedriven tunes for nearly a decade. The Asheville, N.C., natives have made a name for themselves on the festival circuit and spent the greater part of 2010 in a bus. The group's front man and guitarist JP Miller talked with the Daily Egyptian before the band's performance Saturday at Tres Hombres.

DE The burks name is attention grabbing. How did you come up with

JP: All the band members took a survey on this computer program. It's highly experimental, and after everyone answered the questionnaire the computer generated a little piece of paper with Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band based off all the information all the members put in individually.

DE: I know that the band formed in 2002, but your first album, "Now You Know," came out in 2007. What's the story on the group's early years?

JP: We all started off jamming in North Carolina, People were all there in various locations, Basically, the gap between us starting up and us having our first studio album was us trying to record in a multitude of different studios and not being completely satisfied with the results. We recorded most of our songs in a studio in Asheville, and they were brand new.

They just got started, and we were actually the first studio album to come out of there. We were happy with the results. Then, we went through some member changes. Our front man split off to do some more mellow coustic stuff, and we kind of changed directions from there. Basically, as of now, for the last year and a half we've had a solid lineup that we're really happy with. We just recorded a new album down in Miami that should be coming out in a couple months called

than the first record?

JP: Yeah. Each record that we put out is different. After the first, we put out a live album that was a compilation of recordings that we did up and down the East Coast from New Orleans to New York. We had our old guitar player and old drummer, and it was a completely different feel. Each album has a different feel to it. This time we added a female vocalist who always plays keys. Our new drummer is our monster; the two of them were actually in a band together called Eymarel. They were an electronic sounding band. They've given our funk a harder edge.

DE: The sound of the band is really edectic. What are your influences?

JP: Everybody, and all sorts of different music. It's amazing the variety I hear when we're traveling around. We're definitely influenced George Clinton, Parliament bv

Funkadelic, Red Hot Chili Peppers, early hip-hop, electronica, everything. We're all record junkies, so whenever we go to a city, we all break out to the records store to see what we can find on vinvl. We're on this constant search for old and new music.

DE: What's tour life like for you guys?

JP: We're pretty much continuously on tour. Last year, we did four national tours around the country. We're pretty much on the road all the time. We had a bus that made it from the Florida Keys to New York to San Diego to Seattle, where we flew out 10 Alaska, which was really cool.

DE: How would you describe the live shows?

IP: Our live shows are always super high energy. We like to slow it down to give the song a nice groove to it, but aside from that it's pumping, and we're dancing the whole time. We're not afraid to cut up and tell some jokes and goof off with the crowd.

DE: What is it like performing in Carbondale? JP: We've only played at Tres

Hombres, but every time we do it's a blast. Everyone gets down. It's pretty amazing to see a Mexican restaurant transform into a dance floor music mania.

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CALIFORNIA Izzard finds his kind of role in

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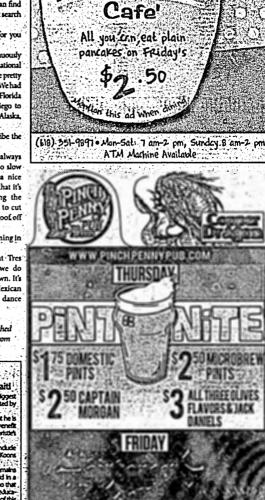
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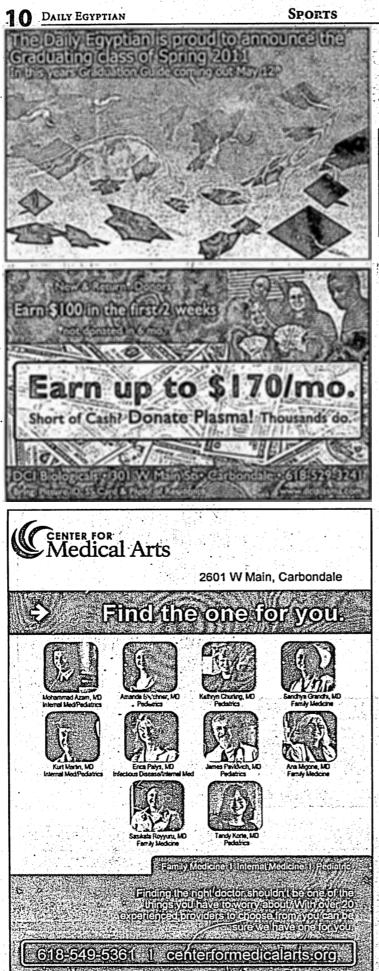


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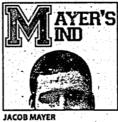
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Cardinals' early struggles could be fixed with new closer



Daily Egyptian

The St. Louis Cardinals sit at the respectable, if not surprising, .500 mark two and a half weeks into the season, but they could be well above that mark if they fix their seemingly eternal bullpen problems

Ryan Franklin was moved from the closer role after he gave up a gut-wrenching, walk-off homer to Los Angeles Dodgers right fielder Matt Kemp on Sunday. The blown save was Franklin's fourth in his first five opportunities this season.

The person who is most justified to want Franklin off the mound is Cardinals starter Chris Carpenter. The Cardinals ace is still winless this season but would have two had Franklin not blown save opportunities on Opening Day and Sunday.

Now the Cardinals are faced with the worst of all pitching staff questions: Who is going to be the closer?

Manager Tony La Russa hasn't confirmed yet who it will be, but all signs point to Mitchell Boggs. Boggs has been with the Cardinals since 2008 and came up as a long reliever and spot starter. He has since solidified himself as one of the most dependable righthanders in the Cardinals bullpen and has given up just two earned runs this season.

While Boggs is in the best position to take over the closer role, the Cardinals also don't have many other options at this point. The team tried to make Jason Motte the closer of the future in 2009, but that experiment ended quickly after he had a Franklinlike start to the season that included a blown save on Opening Day against the Pittsburgh Pirates. A couple weeks of similar performances eventually led the Cardinals to turn to Franklin.

This is not to say Franklin has been terrible in his time as closer. In fact, he played pretty well. He saved 38 games with an earnedrun average of 1.92 when he was named to the all-star team in 2009. Not surprisingly, the Cardinals also made the playoffs that season.

However, as was the case with former closer Jason Isringhausen, Franklin lost nearly all of his effectiveness this season, and it

was time for a change. Overall, this could be a good change for the Cardinals in the long run. Boggs is still young, and his fastball can reach upward of 95 mph.

Boggs has several characteristics now-injured ace Adam Wainwright, who was the closer the last time the Cardinals won a playoff game. Both pitchers could e a starter if necessary, throw hard, and have a sharp breaking ball that works best when it's only needed for one inning.

Things turned out pretty well for St. Louis with Walnwright closing the Cardinals won the 2006 World Series - and while it's still a stretch the team could make another World Series run this season, having a dependable reliever at the end of the game will go a long way toward turning the franchise back in the right direction.

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ELORIDA Peavy hopes to make rehab start not week Pearcy hopes to make rehab start next week ST. PETERSBURG — White Sor pitcher Jake Peary hopes to make a minor league rehab start next week. Peary left ha last fart for Double A Binningium on Mondys start 15 pitches due to muscle tendems and in hittation in his uncludy manifer hist houder. The right hander said Wednedday that the problem stemmed right houder. The right hander said Wednedday that the problem stemmed right houder. The size heavy is on anti-fullermation medication and won't throw until Fridys. Th was painful, but at the same time, fin very encouraged about the reports heavy said Just a minor serbick? An MRI rem on Turcidy found na major problems. "Obviously, it was good news", jany said. That disappointing for me, personally, it ful visant it ar away, frais feeling so good. To feel something close to what fleffright before I blew it our at the repair site was the disturbing thing, but when everything checks out, it's good way into flad in them. They is tendaring starbaided to pitch again in the minors April 23, it would be his fourth reliab to then.

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Shot NIU football player released from hospital

DEKALB -- A Northern Elinois Einstein for integrate by hooting earlier this month has been released from the hospital Hospital officials say Decon Butter was released from OSF Salt Anthony Medical Center in Rockford Tamday evening. Housies coach Dave Doren tells two Barly Chronicle in Dekalb that Butter has a lot of rehabilitation work to do.

Los a lot or rencontation work to do. Butler was wounded in a drive by shooting while off campus on April 5. Authorities say a gumma in an SUV free line to be apartment buckling where Butler was visiting with friends. A judge has set bond at 51 million each for two NU students accused in the shooting.

the shooting 9 Butler is a junior from Pembroke Pines, Fla. He was in on 50 tackler second on the team — and had 4 1/2 sacks.

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SPORTS

SOFTBALL Aces end Saluki winning streak in doubleheader

AUSTIN FLYNN Daily Egyptian

The SIU softball team extended its winning streak to 10 with a 13-3 wih in the first game of its doubleheader Wednesday against Evansville, but the streak ended when the Purple Aces turned the second game into a 3-0 shutout in Evansville, Ind.

Coach Kerri Blaylock credited the winning streak to the team's discipline at the plate and consistency, but the team lost the second game because it lacked patience.

We were a little bit panicky, and we went away from all the good things that we were doing, and that's what contributed to us losing that second game," Blaylock said.

Just as SIU made it to 10 wins in a row, freshman second baseman Jayna Spivey hit her 10th home run of the season in the first game, which tied the school record for eighth-most home runs in one seasor

But Spivey said she prefers a win to another home run

"Other teams know what we've done in the past, and they know that no lead is safe with us, and so that puts more pressure on them," Spivey said.

The first game was a strong offensive effort by the Salukis. They had 13 hits, four of which were home runs.

Senior patcher Danielle Glosson pitched the entire game and held Evansville to three runs off six hits. Senior center fielder Chelsea Held

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included freshman first baseman

Taylor Orsburn, who went 3-4 and had

two RBIs; junior left fielder Mallory

Duran, who went 2-5 and had 3 RBIs;

and sophomore right fielder Morgan

Freshman catcher Allie Vadeboncouer, senior pitcher Alex Peters and freshman second baseman Jayna Spivey cover the field at Charlotta West Stadium on Tuesday after their mercy-rule victory

led the team offensively as she went 2.3 and hit two of the Salukis' four home runs

Held said she paced herself in the first game, but she did not have quite as good a showing in the second.

She said it was nice to have the winning streak, but she thought it ended too soon.

"It shouldn't have been ended," Held said. "We just didn't make an

against SIU-Edwardsville. The Salukis traveled Wednesday to Evansville, Ind., for a doubleheader against the Purple Aces. SIU won game one 13-3 and lost game two 3-0.

> Both teams had fewer hits in the second game, with five from the Salukis and two from the Purple Aces.

Aces left fielder Jen Stahlhut began the fourth inning by reaching second on an error by senior third baseman Natalee Weissinger. The next Evansville batter, Katie Sears, got to first when she bunted and advanced Stahlhut to third.

With runners on first and third,

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an error by freshman catcher Kelses Ashton brought in an uncarned run and moved a runner to second.

The next two runs were scored after a fielder's choice and an RBI double by Evansville first baseman Allison Aguilera.

Senior pitcher Alex Peters, who pitched the entire second game, said errors played a role in the loss. She said that kind of inning will happen throughout a season, but the Salukis did not do a good job recovering.

It was just really unexpected, and we've been going through and playing really well, and we just kind of let it happen to us, and I didn't shut it down like I should have." Peters said.

Orsburn grounded out to second base to start the seventh inning, but the Salukis mounted a comeback as Spivey hit a double followed by a single by Held, But SIU couldn't score as Weisringer flied out to center field and sophomore pinch hitter Michelle Bradley struck out to end the game,

Spivey said the defense needs to be there for the pitcher in the future so games like this can be avoided.

"Alex pitched great, and she did her Job" Spivey said. "We just didn't help her out behind her, and I think that transferred over to our offense, which normally doesn't happen to us, and I think we'll be back ready to go the next game. We won't let it happen again."

SIU will start a three-game series against the Missouri State Bears at 3 p.m. Friday at Charlotte West Stadium.

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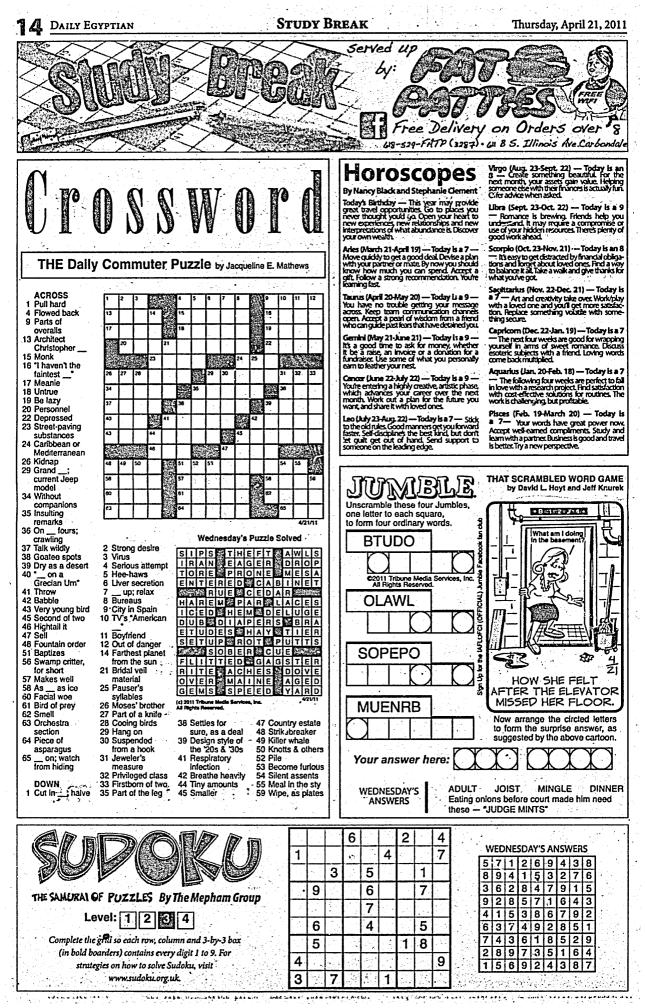
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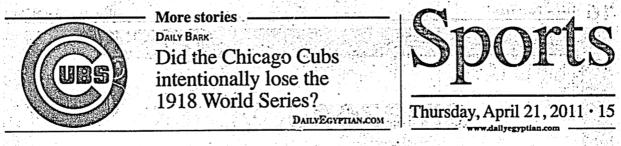
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ROCK CLIMBING Climbers get grip on southern Illinois

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With chalk on his hands and his crash pad beneath him, David Quinney held himself parallel to the ground as he worked on his form and technique.

Quinney, the president of the SIUC Climbing Sports Club, said it is not a coincidence he goes to a school in a geographical hotbed for dimbers.

He said he chose SIUC because of the abundance of rock-climbing routes in southern Illinois. He said Trillium, a climbing route about 20 miles south of Carbondale, stands as one of his most challenging climbs in his four years in the sport. "I like it because it's not necessarily against other people, just myself. Quinney said. Trillium took me about a year and probably a few hundred tries before I got it."

Since Carbondale sits just north of the the Shawnee National Forest and the several state parks that cover much of southern Illinois, climbers have a medley of climbing options. While many across the country have limited access to climbing sites, residents of southern Illinois are within a couple hours, if not minutes, of some of the best climbing in the Midwest, Quinney said.

Giant City, the closest of the recreational climbing areas, is only 17 minutes south of Carbondale, and climbers can travel about an hour to get to Jackson Falls in the Shawnee National Forest. Kentucky also offers several popular climbing areas that range from a two- to sixhour drive from Carbondale.

Whether it is sport climbing with a rope and harness, or



David Quinney, a junior from Crystal Lake studying geology and environmental resources, reaches for a small hold while bouldering Wednesday at the Holy Boulders southwest of

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creates a satisfaction they right magazine. not find in other sports, said

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In southern Illinois, rock climbing is a sport that

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completing that as you reach your goal," Ellison said. "It's the sort of thing where you wouldn't want to do it if it was something that was easy to do.".

Ellison said climbing has also grown in popularity because it has become more accessible to people regardless of their location. She said people living in an area without many climbing areas now have the option to go to their local climbing gym to learn and get involved with the sport. *

Eric Prusaczyk, a boulderer from Carbondale, said climbing is different from a sport such as basketball because it requires a higher level of commitment. He said it is a time-consuming lifestyle and creates a special network of friends.

Since climbers intentionally out themselves in a positic where they might be seriously injured. Pruzaczyk said it takes a certain kind of person to get involved in the sport.

"Anyone you meet at a climbing spot, you're going to have a serious bond with them," Pruzaczyk said. "There are other people doing the same thing that doesn't make any sense at all."

Quinney said it is important for SIUC to have a climbing club because it gives students the opportunity to take advantage of an existing network and meet other climbers who are at or above their experience level.

Tt's about trying to get more people involved, but at the same time get people who want to do it." Quinney said.

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SWIMMING & DIVING Team looks for new way to find swimmers

JACQUELINE MUHAMMAD Daily Egyptian

Rachael Barry, a walk-on freshman for the 2010-11 SIU swimming and diving season, said she was unsure whether she would swim at the collegiate level in April of her senior year of high school.

But with the encouragement of her personal coach, she e-mailed SIU swimming and diving coach Rick Walker, who invited her to join the team.

"They both saw potential in me that I didn't know I had," Barry said.

Walker said Barry has developed as a swimmer, and she now swims at - it but weren't sure if they were good

times that could potentially help her qualify for nationals. Because she was somewhat overlooked in high school. she may have never gotten the chance to prove her capability, he said. Walker and staff worked closely with Barry on her technique throughout the semester, and she was a finalist at the Missouri Valley Conference meet by the end of it.

Other swimmers could have a similar opportunity when the women's swimming and diving team hosts tryouts starting at 2:15 p.m. Monday. Walker said now is as good a time as

any to have an open tryout.

We want to provide an opportunity to girls who may have thought about enough or would be able to handle it," Walker said.

Walker said he has shrave wanted to host tryouts but has never had the chance because of other obligations.

Senior associate athletic director Kathy Jones said the tryouts could attract swimmers who may not be ready to leave the sport.

"Coach Walker is giving students who thought they were done competing the chance to see if they are ready to walk away," Jones said."

He has chosen to host the tryout during the offseason to take some pressure off potential members and allow them time to develop.

"I know we have takent," Walker said.

There are girls walking around who aren't sure if they want to be a part of the team, they can come work with us and see if they're a good fit."

Walker said he is looking for swimmers who have room for growth, are willing to work hard and are academically sound.

"Being a part of the team isn't easy," Walker said. The girls average a 3.2 GPA, and we are looking for someone who will be able to balance everything." Those interested will go through practice with other team members, and Walker will assess their technique, skill land and times

While the coaching staff and team will help new swimmers adjust, Jones

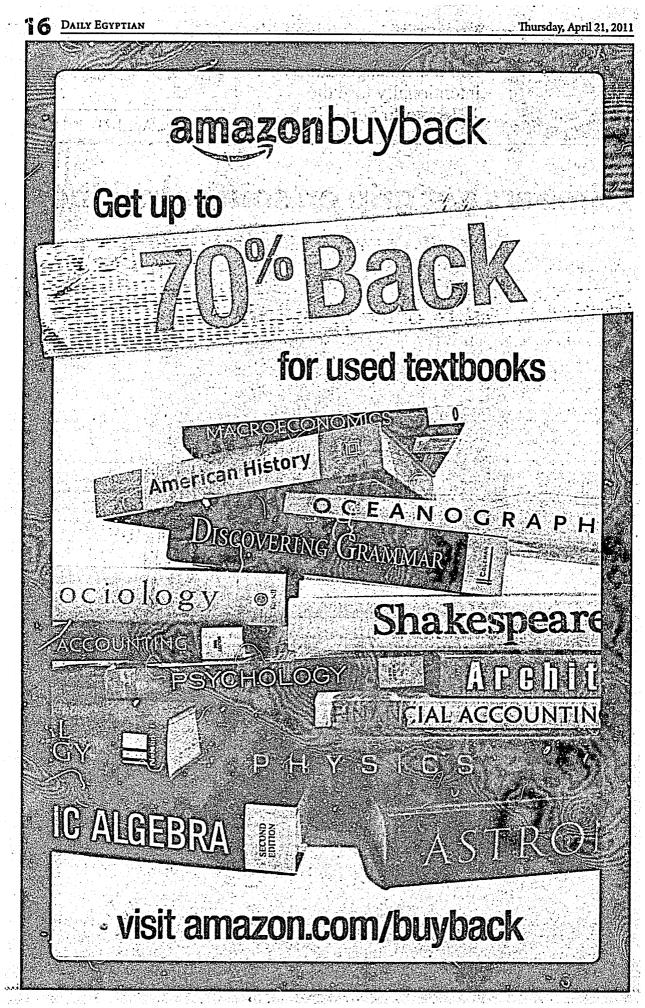
and members of the athletic department are responsible for making sure new members will meet NCAA eligibility standards when the season begins.

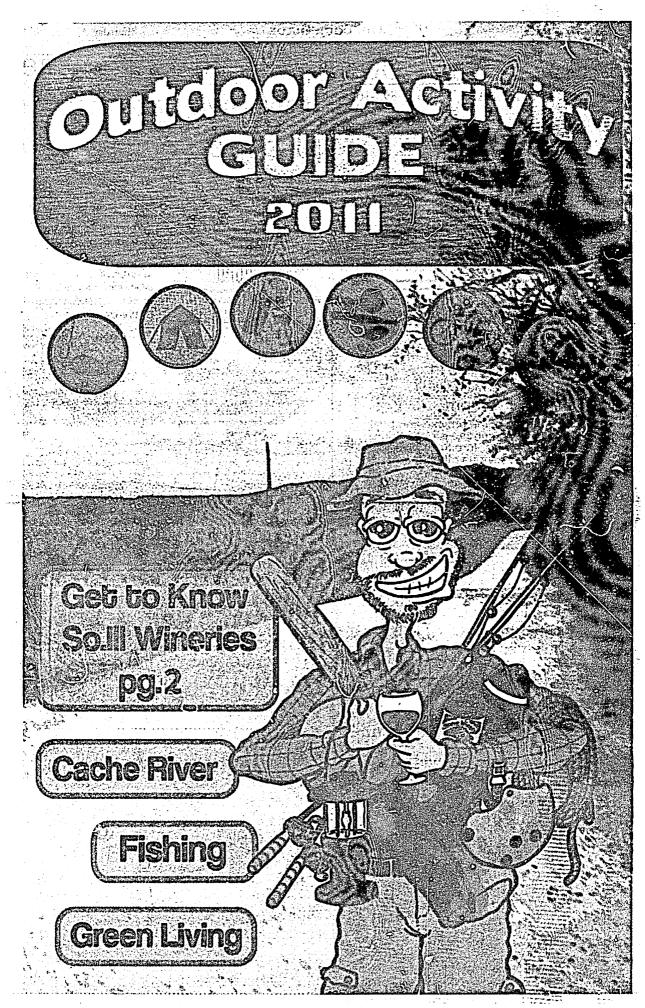
Walker said being a part of the team has benefits that would appeal to any student.

There are a lot of benefits for anyone who joins healthwise, the experience of being a college athlete, but most importantly, this gives you the changes be a part of an awesome group of girls," Walker said.

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Southern Illinois wine trails give patrons plenty of options

RYAN VOYLES Daily Egyptian

Wine enthusiasts In southern Illinois face a problem of too many choices, though few will complain.

As the weather warms up, many of the nearly 30 wineries in the region will open their doors to the public, each one promoting a different aspect of their business. What most of the wineries share is renowned wine. as many representatives spoke of the awards their establishments have won over the years. But sometimes it is about more than just the taste of the wine.

While many wineries get their fruits from the region, Blue Sky does as much as possible to support southern Illinois growers, said Jim Ewers, general manager at Blue Sky Vineyard and Winery in Makanda.

"At this point every drop of wine is made at our facility that we sell here," he said. "Which I mean, believe it or not, is not always the case around here. There are only two wines where the fruits are not from a 40-mile radius of our winery. We try to be as close to Illinois-born and grown as we can be."

A friendly staff helps customers become nore aware of the wine-making process at the Shawnee Winery in Vienna, manager Sonya Carlton said.

We do free tours whenever they ask," she said. "And if they say they have never been to a winery before, we'll take them in the back and show them the process. It seems to make the experience a whole lot better.

Along with its bed and breakfast, Kite Hill Vinevards is known for its two frozen wine drinks, which are sold by the glass and the craft, owner Barbara Bush said. The drinks are especially popular in the summer, she said.

"If it is a typical summer day to southern Illinois, it's hot, and our frozen wine drinks help," she said.

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but most of the wine it sells is from local distributors, director of marketing Austin Goins-McCree said

McCree said what makes Walker's Bluff stand out from the competition is its focus on live entertainment for patrons. Walker's Bluff shows movies that appeal to all ages on Fridays and brings in bands to play on Saturdays and Sundays.

"On Sunday afternoon we have acts who are a little more relaxed," she said. "We just have that entertainment factor here every weekend that other wineries may not be able to offer."

Carlton said Shawnee also likes to focus on entertainment, and it brings in local acts as well as ones from as far as Nashville, Tenn., on weekends.

She said while most wineries share similarities, there are some differences that make each one stand out.

"Each winery thinks they are unique in their own way," Carlton said. "We're not well structured, but we are very effective in how we do things."

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Visit state champion trees at the Cache River Wetlands

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water hickory, green hawthorne, swamp privet pumpkin ash, water locust, water tupelo, water elm and cherrybark oak. The water locust was once the national champion.

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One of the other more famous state champions is the water tupelo. It is located only 500 feet from the highway at the end of a boardwalk that led out to the tree for the public to view. The boardwalk was severely damaged in 2008 during the record flooding that spring and has been closed since that time. Fund-raising efforts by the Friends of the Cache River Watershed are underway to restore it so that the public can once again view the champ.

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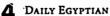
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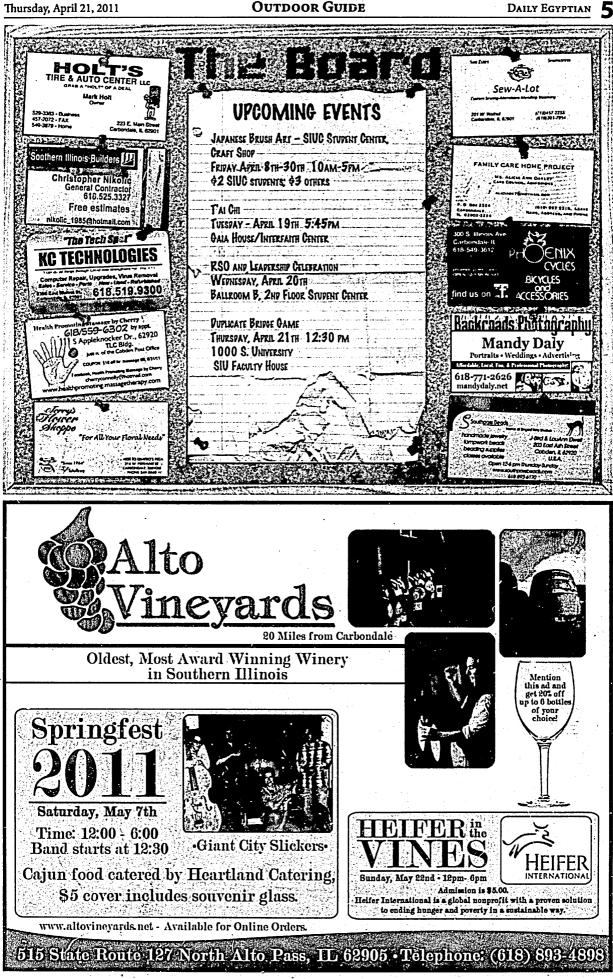






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used only in the seas. Nets allow fishers to catch many fishes at a time. This can be thrown at a fishing spot to catch a big quantity of fishes. After throwing the net in water, it has to be taken out after sometime. You can catch any size of fishes with this equipment. This equipment can be reused for several times.

Fly fishing rods and feathers -Fly fishing rods are used to catch medium level fishes. These rods can be used only while catching fishes in rivers. These fly fishing rods are used with feathers so that the fishes get attracted to it. You can use them for fishing salmon and trout fishes. Stripy feathers are also available which can be used for fishing Rainbow fish., Both these materials are available in the fishing stores.

Fishing rods and bait Fishing rods are easily available in any fishing store. This rod is also used to catch medium size of fishes. Rods can be used in river as well as in seas. You may also find bait in the local fishing stores. If you want to choose fishing with rods, you have to use bait to catch fishes. Bait helps in attracting the fishes toward rod and when a fish tries to eat it, it get stuck in it. You have to tie one piece of bait to

catch each fish.

Harpoons - Harpoons are used to catch medium and high level of fishes. This equipment is only used in seas. Two kinds of harpoons are available in the stores which are- regular type harpoon and the barb tail type harpoon. Most of the fishers use barb-till type of harpoon as it can be manipulated and stored easily. Both of these harpoons are good for catching any kind of fish.

Lobster cages - Lobster cages are used for catching lobster in the seas. This equipment can be placed in the sea at the lobster spotting point for fishing lobster.

This pot can catch a huge quantity of lobsters at a time.

Karambwan vessel - This equipment is available only for those fishers who are registered for fishing in the sea. Karambwan vessels are used for fishing karambwanji which is mainly found in the Lubufu Lake of Brimhaven.

You should use good quality as well as reliabie equipments while fishing otherwise it can cause danger to you. It would be good it you learn the function of these equipments so that you may use them properly otherwise you can hurt yourself.

How solar energy will impact your home

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Even though most of us know the positives of energy from the sun, only few of us devote few minutes to understand why it has such a broad influence on our environment. Your may be interested in understanding the positives and negatives of solar power equipment. Here are some of them.

One of the main positives is the long term personal savings. Even though a solar system initially establishment costs more for

after this cost is recouped - all the energy you get is practically free. Most offices and households with massive energy consumption needs will start to see their investment paid off in a relatively short period of time. There are also rebates and other incentives offered by Governments to encourage people to use solar electricity equipment.. A related benefit is, since solar energy is not affected by supply and demand of fossil fuel, you can ensure very low payments for electricity in the long run.

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benefits, these equipment also have a great helpful impact on the environment. We can say that solar electricity is a long term sustainable energy source. Chemicals or other gases are not released to the atmosphere by solar energy equipment. By not using fuel for energy generation solar wer helps to keep the costs of transportation at a low level.

As with any good source, solar energy equipment also have few disadvantages. The initial costs associated can refrain some people from going for a solar power system. Generally, solar equipment are highly priced and they require personnel with certain knowledge for installation. Because a large open area is required for

establishment, solar panels is not

an option for peoply living in rural apartments. The amount of sunshine the panels receive could be a restrictive factor as well. In some countries the final output maybe affected during various seasons, and therefore the time it takes to see a beneficial return on investment can be longer.

As with any energy system, solar power has its own pros and cons. Because of that, when you're on the lookout for a solar energy generation system, do some research to find the right product to suit your needs.



