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The death of Freddie Gray Baltimore erupts in riots

Hours after thousands attend funeral of man who died while in police custody, violence and looting breaks out, with rioters grabbing items from stores, setting buildings and police vehicles ablaze and thwarting attempts to restore calm.

The governor declared a state of emergency and called in the National Guard to restore order, while the mayor imposed a weeklong daily curfew. The man's family said they were shocked by the violence and were planning a peace march.



A man carries items from a store as police vehicles burn behind him Monday after the funeral of Freddie Gray in Baltimore. Gray died from spinal injuries about a week after he was arrested and transported in a Baltimore Police Department van.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS

While Steven Salaita travels the country pleading his case, the UI is ...



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Supporters of Professor Steven Salaita, whose job offer was rescinded by the University of Illinois, wear UI-themed stickers over their mouths at a rally in September on the Quad in Urbana.

BRACING FOR A HIT

AAUP subcommittee finds university violated his due-process rights

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URBANA — A national academic panel investigating the University of Illinois has concluded that the school violated Steven Salaita's due-process rights and academic freedom last year when it withdrew the professor's job offer days before he was to begin teaching.

While expected, the findings from a subcommittee of the American Association of University Professors' Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure is the latest step toward a possible censure of the university.

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Committee A has already approved the report and will decide whether to recommend censure at its meeting May 29-30, officials said. If it does, AAUP members will make the final decision at their June 13 national meeting in Washington.

It's possible that a major development in the case before then could avert censure, but "I'm not holding my breath," said AAUP First Vice President Henry Reichman, chairman of Committee A and professor

emeritus at California State University, East Bay. Reichman also chaired the three-person subcommittee that visited campus in late February.

Avoiding censure would require a significant change in institutional policies to prevent a similar case, as well as a satisfactory legal settlement with Salaita, said Reichman and Joerg Tiede, a member of the subcommittee and a professor at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The committee would also want to know that "the atmosphere of academic freedom on the campus is acceptable," Reichman said.

"I actually don't see that difficult a road ... if they do some things between now and June," Reichman said Saturday, but added, "I think it's very unlikely."

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FORMER SULLIVAN CHEVROLET COMPLEX

Champaign plans up to \$710,000 in incentives

Deal similar to offer made for County Market in Campustown

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CHAMPAIGN — City staff will ask the city council tonight whether to prepare a development agreement offering up to \$710,000 in incentives for the redevelopment of the former Sullivan Chevrolet complex in downtown Champaign.

Developer Tom Harrington Jr. has proposed leasing a portion of the building at 500 N. Walnut St. to Common Ground Food Co-op for a new store. Five other commercial tenants are expected to occupy that building and an adjoining building to the north, at 509 N. Market St. Harrington is seeking 80 percent reimbursement of local sales and food-and-beverage taxes generated from the project for up to 10 years or \$710,000, whichever comes first.

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CHAMPAIGN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board approves raise for Wiegand

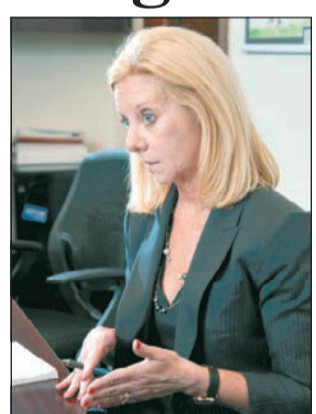
Members say bump of at least 3% in line with what others got

By NICOLE LAFOND
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CHAMPAIGN — A week before five new faces join the Champaign school board, it voted Monday night to give Superintendent Judy Wiegand a raise of at least 3 percent.

The bump mirrors recent raises given to other Unit 4 employees and aligns with national cost-of-living standards, members said.

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The Champaign school board approved a raise of at least 3 percent for Superintendent Judy Wiegand, seen Monday at the Mellon Administrative Building in Champaign.

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