



# RIOTS IN BALTIMORE

Violence erupts after funeral for man that died after suffering a severe spinal injury in police custody. **6A**

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## Nepalese students planning local fundraiser

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Krishna Dhakal's mother was on her way to Nepal's capital city of Kathmandu when she and others started to feel the bus ride turn bumpy and shaky. They were wondering why the bus was shaking, and then noticed dust in the air over the city in the distance, Krishna recounted his mother telling him in a telephone conversation hours later.



Dhakal

His mother was still about 35 miles from Kathmandu, which was struck Saturday by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. More than 4,200 people are believed dead from the quake and aftershocks, while several buildings, including historic World Heritage sites, are collapsed and destroyed.

Now, thousands of miles from Nepal, the Nepalese Student Society of SIU is planning

### FOR MORE

- Nepalese Students Society Facebook page, <http://tinyurl.com/NepaleseSIU>
- Nepalese Student Society of SIU, <http://nss.rso.siu.edu/>
- Red Cross relief, <http://www.redcross.org/>

a fundraiser to help survivors of the earthquake. The organization is planning to raise funds to donate to either the Red Cross or Nepal's Prime Minister Relief Fund; donations may be made to the Nepalese Student Society Earthquake Relief Fund' at Old National Bank.

"We want to use that (money raised) for water, food, shelter those kinds of things, but we will donate it to the Red Cross or to the government agencies so that we can assure that the money is not misutilized," said Krishna Dhakal, a doctoral student who is an adviser to the student group.



Nepalese residents carry belongings from their destroyed homes Monday as they walk through debris of Saturday's earthquake, in Bhaktapur on the outskirts of Kathmandu, Nepal.

None of the group's members lost relatives in the quake, said Basanta Dahal, a molecular biology and biochemistry doctoral student from the city of Janakpur.

"But still, right now, there are aftershocks and quakes," Dahal said. "We still have not decided that (they) are safe."

The student organization spent part of Monday contacting SIU administrators for the OK to pass out fliers to and solicit funds from area businesses, organizations and students.

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## Nepal quake death toll tops 4,000; villages plead for aid

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KATHMANDU, Nepal — As the death toll from Nepal's devastating earthquake climbed past 4,000, aid workers and officials in remote, shattered villages near the epicenter pleaded Monday for food, shelter and medicine.

Help poured in after Saturday's magnitude-7.8 quake, with countries large and small sending medical and rescue teams, aircraft and basic supplies. The small airport in the capital of Kathmandu was

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## SIU's Energy Center wins \$4.6M grant

As state threatens cuts, program gains recognition

STEPHANIE ESTERS  
THE SOUTHERN

Gov. Bruce Rauner's proposed cuts to Southern Illinois University will not impact the school's Advanced Coal and Energy Research Center, which announced Monday that it had won a \$4.6 million grant.

The grant came from the Illinois Clean Coal Review Board, which will enable SIU to establish an "Energy Boost" program. The program will create a new interdisciplinary academic unit, charged with finding advanced coal and energy technologies, as it trains workers to use these solutions in the private sector, the university reported.

Center director Tomasz Wiltowski said he wrote the grant a year ago and, in the face of the pending state cuts, was gearing up to seek funding from the federal government and business industry.

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**CONNECT ME LOCAL:** To learn more about SIU's Advanced Coal and Energy Research Center, visit this story at [thesouthern.com](http://thesouthern.com).



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Ken Schubert, a researcher at SIU's Advanced Coal and Energy Research Center in Carterville, shows off pellets of coal he picked out from a staff-developed device that separates coal from rock, in the High Bay Building.

## CHRISTOPHER

# Community mourns

Former police chief Trogolo died Friday after car accident near Benton

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THE SOUTHERN

A Franklin County community is mourning the loss of a former police chief and native son.

James "Jim" Trogolo, who previously served 21 years as Christopher police chief, was pronounced dead Friday after a one-vehicle accident.

Trogolo dropped his grandchild off at his son's house and was traveling west at 4:27 p.m. on Forest Baptist Church Road, south of Benton, when his vehicle went off the right side of the road, across the property of a residence and struck a tree.

Franklin County Sheriff Don Jones could not confirm the accident was because of a medical situation, but said he suspected Trogolo had a heart attack before the accident since the 63-year-old's body showed no signs of trauma.

William Southerd worked for Trogolo as assistant chief for 10 years and took over as police chief when Trogolo retired in May 2013. But Southerd said no one could replace Trogolo.

"I don't know how he did it for that many years," Southerd said. "My feet will never fit in his shoes. It was an honor working with him."

Trogolo was born and raised in Christopher, serving six years as a Christopher police officer before being appointed to

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### DETAILS

**Visitation:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, Gilbert Funeral Home, 209 N. Emma St., Christopher

**Burial:** Immediately following visitation at Harrison Cemetery, Buckner



PROVIDED

James 'Jim' Trogolo, who served as Christopher police chief for 21 years, was pronounced dead following an accident on Forest Baptist Church Road, south of Benton. With his body showing no signs of trauma, Franklin County Sheriff Don Jones said he suspects a heart attack may have caused the accident and Trogolo's death.

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