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Final defendant pleads guilty

Spar admits he was behind Gerspacher murder, follows pattern of bargaining

By Carrie Lymanstall
Lantern campus editor

A Columbus man set to go on trial next week for the murder of an Ohio State student last January instead pleaded guilty Friday to the murder, receiving a life sentence with no possibility for parole for at least 30 years.

"As it is in most criminal cases, if it seems to be in the best interest of both parties, you will try to plea bargain," said R. William Meeks, a defense attorney for Eric "Poppie" Spar. "It was in our client's best interest to plea bargain to avoid the death penalty."

Spar, 29, admitted in court on Friday that he "knowingly and willingly" conspired with two other defen-

dants, Patrick Brunty and Michael Roskuski, to rob and kill Christopher "Gersh" Gerspacher. Gerspacher's body was found in Delaware County near the Alum Creek Reservoir Jan. 29, 2002.

"(The plea bargain) happened very quickly, late on Friday afternoon while there were other proceedings," Meeks said.

Spar admitted to being the mastermind behind the murder and paying Brunty to kill 26-year-old Gerspacher. If the trial had taken place and Spar had been convicted, he could have

faced the death penalty.

"I contacted Mr. Brunty into helping me go ahead and go through with it. He was the one that was going to pull the trigger, and I paid him \$10,000 worth of marijuana to do it," Spar said in court Friday before Judge Everett Krueger.

Spar also said 20 pounds of marijuana, which included the marijuana used to pay Brunty, was stolen from Gerspacher.

The other two men involved in the slaying also chose to plead guilty instead of facing a jury trial.

"(Pleading guilty) is not at all uncommon. One of the most common techniques used by lawyers is to hold the death penalty over their head to get them to plead guilty to the crime," said Joshua Dressler, professor at the Moritz College of Law.

Roskuski pleaded guilty to providing the gun with which Brunty shot Gerspacher. Roskuski, 34, of Delaware was sentenced to nine years for his role.

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Credit card caper makes a comeback

By Jamie Duffy
Lantern staff writer

Credit card solicitations have once again taken over student, staff and faculty mailboxes at their home addresses and even at work.

Chase Manhattan Bank USA has been the most recent solicitor to invade the Ohio State community.

Eric Busch, who works in Student Affairs, ran a task force last year focusing on solicitations of students on campus and overly aggressive credit card solicitations.

"We first received calls from different departments on campus that said employees and student employees were getting mailings like these mailed to their work address," Busch said. "The question arose: did human resource people let them out?"

Students have the option to not allow their addresses to be put on the student directory. If the students do allow the listing, their home address at OSU is listed on the student directory, which is a public record.

"As soon as the directory comes out, marketing companies scan the information and other companies buy that information from them," Busch said. "If the credit card company got the address and it wasn't on the public record, then there is a question as to where they got it."

Ruth Gerstner, spokeswoman for Student Affairs, said there is not much students can do. She said the mail is uncontrollable, and the university does not sell student addresses.

"Companies get them on their own somehow through directories or other ways," she said.

Gerstner said the university has a marketing contract with First USA Bank which allows them to solicit students on campus by setting up tables.

Julie Manis, a senior in interactive communications, said she is disgusted with the idea of credit card companies contacting her at work.

"I don't think they should have the authority to send me anything at work. It's an invasion of privacy," she said.

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Students waited in line for more than 45 minutes to pay fees Monday because of the backup at the office in Lincoln Tower. The unusually large line was caused by a computer system failure that would have allowed students to pay their fees online.

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Fee payment had e-problems

University registrar will assess high late fees and begin sending bills online

By Andrea Noll
Lantern staff writer

Problems with online fee payment to the University Registrar left some students scrambling to get their fees paid on time and created some congestion in the Office of the Registrar at the start of the quarter.

Coordinators handed out envelopes Monday for students who had exact payments and no questions to ask.

"We did this to shorten the lines," said associate treasurer Al Rodack.

Checks submitted to the fees coordinators have not been posted yet. According to the Office of Fees and Deposits, the problem should be taken care of by the end

of the week.

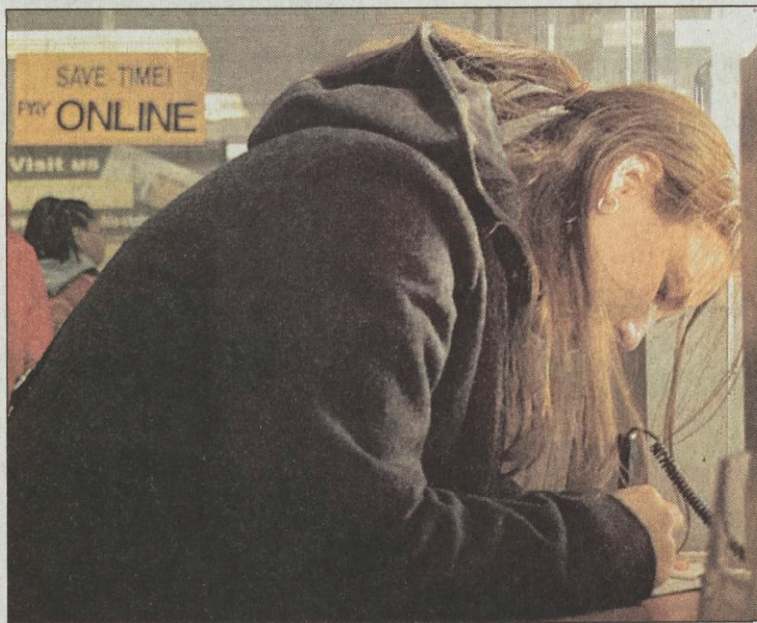
No student that turned in money will be penalized.

The university registrar's office is now sending out tuition bills online. Bills will no longer be sent by mail.

A power outage on Lane Avenue that lasted from 1 a.m. to noon on Saturday caused the server to go down from time to time, said Guy Flora, coordinator for Fees and Deposits. This led to many students bringing in their payments rather than mailing them.

"People were unable to access their accounts during this time, but most had already paid," Flora said.

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Lindsay Rohrbacher, a first-year undecided OSU student, writes out a check to the university to pay her winter quarter fees.

POSTER SALES

Monday's front page of *The Lantern* is available in poster form today in the Journalism building. Cost: \$5 each.

Construction causes campus traffic

Project on Woody Hayes Drive to widen road to four lanes and add new bridge

By Dan Toland
Lantern staff writer

Winter quarter has come, and along with it comes cold weather, snow and more orange barrels around the Ohio State campus.

Upon returning to campus, many students may have noticed an increase in construction, primarily on Woody Hayes Drive.

A new physics building is being erected on a field on 19th Avenue while the site does not amount to more than a hole in the ground, the new building will house laboratories, offices and support facilities.

On Dec. 12, Woody Hayes Drive was shut down to one lane in both directions to allow construction of two new lanes over the next month.

Physics building construction



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Neilson Juarez, 17, of Elyria, Ohio, right, and Naomi Wyar, 18, of Grafton, Ohio, slide down the freshly fallen snow at Cascade Park in Elyria.

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She said the sales pressure from these companies is doing nothing more than turning students off.

"The more they push their information on me, the more I don't look at them seriously," Manis said. "If I want to sign up for a credit card, I will go to them. They don't need to come to me."

Students are not the only people who are receiving these solicitations at their addresses of employment. Staff and faculty are also receiving them — sometimes two or more from the same company.

Chase Manhattan Bank USA did not return calls made by *The Lantern*.

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Brunty, 37, who pulled the trigger, pleaded guilty to all charges and is serving a life sentence with the possibility of parole after 20 years.

Gerspacher's mother, Ilene Gerspacher, addressed Spar following his plea.

"You (Spar) are a diabolically

evil man, and for all that is right, you should be in jail forever.

"You are a lucky individual, but there's one thing that you don't have control over. You had no control over us as a family. Our love for Christopher was great, was abundant, was overwhelming, and we

would not rest, we did not rest, until we ... found out who did this to our son," she said.

Gerspacher, a history major at OSU, was reported missing by his parents Dec. 22, 2001. He was last seen at his Alden Avenue apartment.

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"There have been a few people that have made (online billing) difficult, but the majority of people sign up for classes online, so they just print out the bill and give it to their parents," Flora said.

The Office of Fees and Deposits received more than 43,000 payments by Thursday. The office was receiving up to 1,100 payments a day and an estimated 8,000 students paid Monday.

Many students have taken advantage of online paying. They

are able to pay using a checking or savings account online.

"By not accepting credit cards, the university saves about \$2 million a year in merchant fees," Flora said.

There are many safeguards in place to ensure privacy is maintained during online transactions so people are unable to go through.

"Your money is as safe as if it were in a bank," Rodack said.

Some financial aid does not come through until the first day of classes. By printing the bill offline,

students must factor in anticipated scholarships and pay the difference.

Bills paid after midnight on the first day of classes automatically were assessed a \$100 late fee. If paid after the second Friday of the quarter, a \$300 late fee will be assessed.

If there is a problem with a bill beyond a student's control — such as a banking error — they are advised to go to the registrar's office at once.

"If we know a student has done everything they were supposed to do ... we'll recommend to the registrar the late fees should be waived," Flora said.

Celebration will honor OSU team

By Carrie Lymanstall and Brad Kane
Lantern campus editors

The celebration to honor the Buckeyes' 14-0 national championship season, capped off by a 31-24 victory over the Miami Hurricanes in the Fiesta Bowl, was finalized by the university yesterday afternoon.

A celebration has been planned beginning at 1 p.m. on Jan 18 at Ohio Stadium. The event is free and open to the public.

Elizabeth Conlisk, spokeswoman for Ohio State, said she is anticipating a good turnout for the event.

"I expect a very large turnout — that's why we are holding the event in the stadium instead of the Schottstein Center," she said. "We wanted every Buckeye fan to have the opportunity to celebrate."

As far as rumors that a parade was in the works, Conlisk said there would not be a parade and that it was just one of the options being discussed with the city.

"We thought the celebration should be held in the stadium because that's where it all started," Conlisk said.

Expected to be in attendance are OSU President Karen A. Holbrook,

Mayor Michael B. Coleman, Gov. Bob Taft and of course, the guests of honor — OSU football coach Jim Tressel and the undefeated Buckeye squad.

Todd Lamb, spokesman for the OSU athletic department, said the team's exact role in the celebration has not been finalized yet, but they will be integral in the celebration.

Mike Brown, spokesman for the mayor, said the city and university worked together to develop the celebration plans.

"The city and the university are interdependent with each other on a number of different issues — what goes on at Ohio State is important to the city," Brown said.

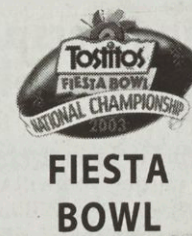
"The mayor will be expressing his pride on behalf of the city and congratulating the team and university for their accomplishment," he said.

Athletic director Andy Geiger will be the master of ceremonies, and highlights of Friday's national championship game will be shown on the stadium's scoreboard.

Rob Flesch, a senior in English, said he is planning on attending.

"I plan on going because I think it is important to show support for the team, support the Buckeyes," he said. "Even though it is just a sports thing, it is still good for the school because it raises the university's profile."

Gates will open at 11 a.m., and concession stands will be open and selling food as well as national championship merchandise.



POLICE BLOTTER

Shooting call turns into bum rush

Jan. 1: University Police responded to a cell phone call from Morrill Tower about a shooting. No location was given and police searched all public areas in the tower.

A man was found passed out in a stairwell outside of the north lobby on the third floor. The police searched him, finding a large, half-full bottle of Heineken beer and a small metal tin with a residue in it suspected to be marijuana.

The man was arrested for disorderly conduct and was held in the Franklin County Jail.

Camera thief caught at hospital

Jan. 1: A man was caught trying to steal several cameras, camera lenses and other photography equipment items from University Hospitals East on East Broad Street.

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Student overcomes adversity

Amanda Vallo uses her mind to encourage others through disability

By Chia-Ling Ho
Lantern staff writer

Despite having a number of obstacles to overcome, Amanda Vallo has continued to push forward in her education and succeed in inspiring others.

Vallo, a graduate student in counseling psychology, was hit by a car on her way home when she was a sophomore in high school.

"I broke my neck, suffered a spinal chord injury and could not move from neck down," Vallo said.

Before the accident, Vallo was a very active basketball player and played other sports such as volleyball, bowling and swimming. She was preparing for a basketball championship for the next day when the accident occurred.

"I received a lot of support from my family, friends and medical professionals," Vallo said. "They helped me stay focused on getting better."

To Vallo, her future was bleak at the time, as many people in the same condition often end up in a wheelchair. However, her resilience enabled her to continue leading an active life.

"She is an athlete in a true essence through challenging herself all the time," said Vallo's mother, Sue Starr. "She always maintains a positive attitude without knowing how far she will go."

Many people marvel at the progress of her physical condition because today she works out at a gymnasium five to six times a week.

Nick Osborne, the owner and a trainer at Built Solid Strength and Fitness gymnasium, said Vallo possesses a good attitude.

"There are three or four people with some physical disability training with us, and she is one of the most active," Osborne said. "She is willing to try new things even though she might not be able to do it."

Most importantly, the 27-year-old is making the best out of her experi-



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Amanda Vallo, a graduate student in psychology, has suffered from spinal cord injury since high school and is now a graduate research assistant in the rehabilitation department of OSU Medical Center.

ence to help others who are going through the same trauma she went through.

"I can make a connection with them without saying anything and intuitively know when to ask questions," Vallo said. "I can be realistic, encouraging and not give them false hopes."

Vallo's zest in the field of psychology stems from her contentment of being able to reach out to others. Her enthusiasm is reinforced by impressions the medical professionals left her while she was in the hospital.

Although she is making huge leaps in her physical condition, the accident still left her with some physical defects. Vallo has difficulty

in balancing, coordinating her body and walking.

"It is physically demanding to get into graduate school because it takes a little bit of extra effort, and I would not be able to give as much time as what traditional students do," Vallo said.

Aside from being a research associate at the hospital, she is a teaching assistant for psychology classes.

Kartika Sari Prajitna, a junior in international business and a former student of Vallo's, said Vallo is a responsible and conscientious instructor.

"Although it is tedious for her to conduct lessons, she is dedicated in explaining whatever questions we had," Prajitna said.

Vallo's desire to obtain a doctorate degree is spurred by the fervor she has for her career goals and her will to fulfill her grandfather's hope of becoming his first grandchild to obtain an advanced degree.

"I want my grandfather to be part of my dream," Vallo said.

Starr is pleased of her daughter's achievement.

"Amanda is very much her own person, in a compassionate and caring way," Starr said. "I am so proud of what she has accomplished and would not fear for her success in anything."

Vallo's goal is to obtain her degree at the end of next year and to become certified as a personal trainer for a hospital.

New program to help curb tobacco use

By Dan Miller
Lantern staff writer

The beginning of the new year is a time when many people make resolutions for better health. For those who have decided 2003 is their year to quit using tobacco, The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute might be able to help.

The Kick It! Tobacco Cessation Program is designed to teach those who use tobacco how to quit. The first session starts tomorrow, and the second starts Feb. 6. The group will meet once a week for five weeks.

"It's the first of the year, so it's a good time to have this program," said Terry Eoff, a wellness and prevention specialist who will be facilitating the program. "People are making resolutions to quit, and I'm hoping to give people the chance to start right away."

Those who participate in the program will learn behavior modification techniques such as understanding and dealing with urges, and how to reduce stress. The program will also deal with weight management while quitting tobacco.

"Basically, I'm there to facilitate," Eoff said. "I do a little bit of talking, but it's their group. I give them information, but it's a support group for them."

In May 1988, the Surgeon General of the United States, C. Everett Koop, issued "The Health and Consequences of Smoking: Nicotine Addiction," which was the first report issued by the Surgeon

General that claimed nicotine was addictive.

According to the U.S. Public Health Service, about 20 percent of those who try to quit smoking are successful on their first try. About 40 percent have successfully quit by their seventh attempt, and 60 percent are successful sometime after the seventh attempt.

"A good majority of people (that participate in the program) do quit," Eoff said. "If they're there and they pay \$75 to be in the program, they really want to quit."

Lacy Hissam, a freshman in zoology, said motivational tactics probably would not work on her unless she had already decided to quit.

"I would have to decide to quit for myself because I wouldn't be able to do it for anyone else," Hissam said.

"I tried to quit in August, but it only lasted about five days," Hissam said. "Mostly because I was with people who smoked all the time."

While many people give little thought as to what to do before quitting, the Surgeon General recommends a five-day program leading up to quitting. Steps include telling friends and family about the decision to quit, analyzing personal smoking trends and deciding who to contact when help is needed.

"I call each one of them every so often to see how they're doing, to find out if they're smoke-free," Eoff said. "We talk about how they're doing. If they're not doing well, I give them moral support."

TRAFFIC FROM PAGE 1

The OSU Department of Physical Facilities is trying to keep the danger level at a minimum.

Contractor vehicle traffic is kept to a minimum by parking on West Campus and in lots near Ackerman Road.

Areas where pedestrians and concrete trucks meet is of concern, Sherwood said. In these areas, pedestrian routes have been made.


Construction continues for the Knowlton School of Architecture, and the first phase of the graduate and professional student

housing on south campus is under way.

The winter months tend to slow down construction progress.

"In the past few years, Ohio has been somewhat of a temperate zone for construction. Most of the time we have been able to continue, but it depends upon where we are on a certain project at the time," Sherwood said.

Other major projects will be planned for the summer, when there are fewer students and better weather.



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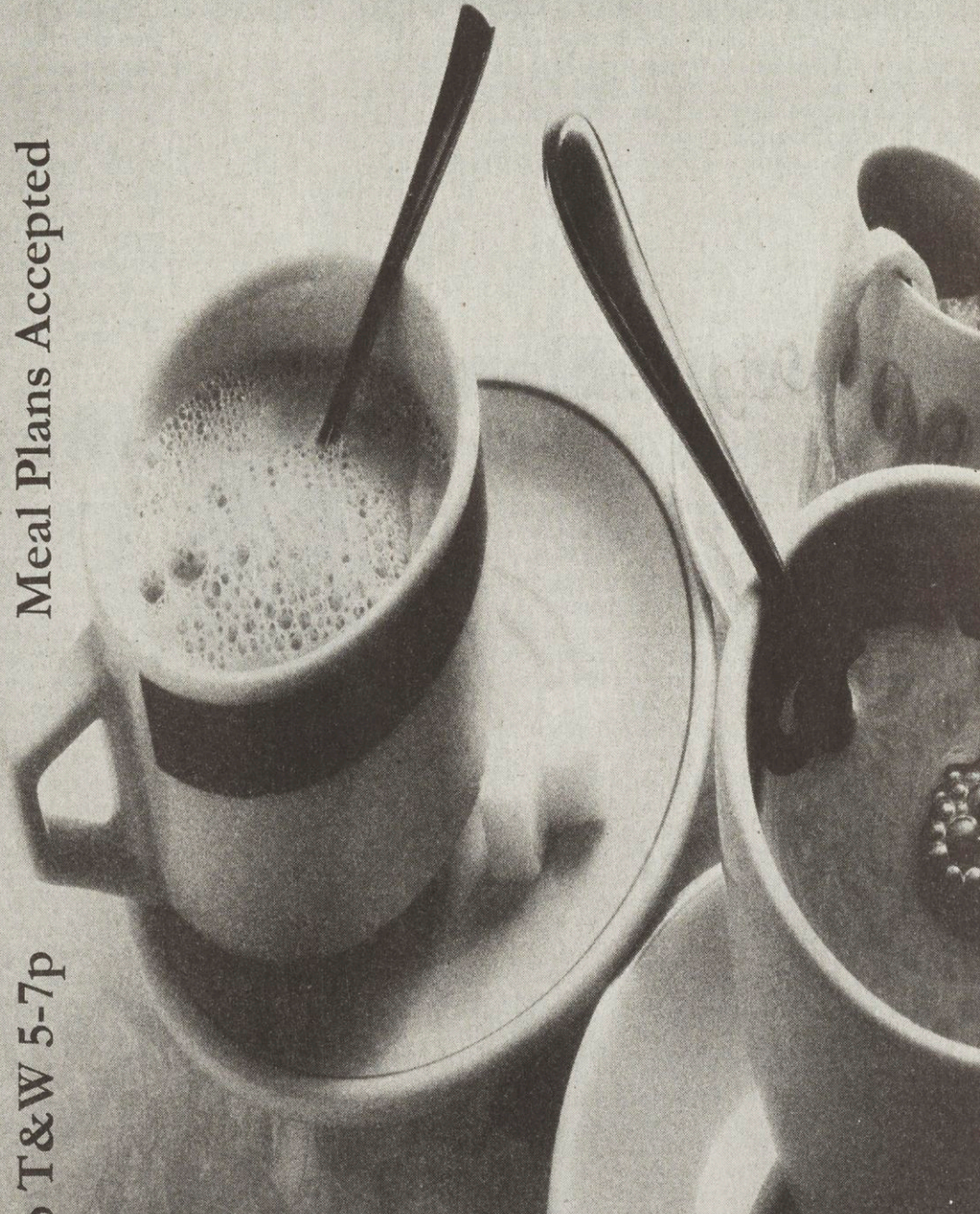
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OUR VIEWS

Our real threat

North Korea says war is possible

In the latest development involving the North Korean nuclear threat, North Korea threatened war with “no mercy” if the United States and its allies impose economic sanctions. This came a day after the International Atomic Energy Agency offered a final chance for North Korea to allow its inspectors back into the country before it would allow the United Nations Security Council to take action.

Problems between the United States and North Korea have escalated since the original incident in October, when North Korea admitted it could enrich uranium for nuclear weapons, which violated an anti-nuclear weapons agreement it made with the United States in 1994. The United States then suspended oil deliveries guaranteed to North Korea in the agreement, after which North Korea retaliated by expelling U.N. inspectors, dismantling nuclear surveillance equipment and lifting the freeze imposed on its nuclear facilities.

That North Korea would threaten war with “no mercy” against the United States is outrageous, and claiming “sanctions mean a war,” as North Korea did in its statement, is ridiculous. The United States stoppage of oil deliveries to North Korea was a direct response of Korea’s failure to recognize and respect the treaty, and both the expulsion of U.N. inspectors and the threat of war (which was condemned even by Iran and Cuba) are blatant offensive moves, not actions often taken in defense.

The United States should recognize North Korea as a more immediate and plausible threat than that of the rumored enemy Iraq. While the United Nations should continue to do its part as a diplomat until all peaceful options are exhausted, the United States should call North Korea on its bluff and impose more economic sanctions. If North Korea threatens war based on the on breaking of a treaty, and the United States backs down, it will preserve the life of its citizens, but ruin its legitimacy as a strong nation, making it seem susceptible to the threats of any nation with a credible military force.

While it may seem rash to risk the lives of U.S. citizens, more could be lost in the long term if other countries believe the United States has softened its stance against broken treaties and military threats. Other nations and terrorist groups could ally if they believe the United States would do nothing until war was on their own borders, making them even more dangerous.

The United Nations must also stand strong against this possibility of war for the same reasons, because if North Korea is allowed to break treaty with the United States and United Nations without retaliation, its credibility and power are also lost. While diplomacy is almost always the best policy, in this crisis, action may better preserve life and security in the long run.

Part-time problem

Foreign students face deportation

At the end of this month, the Immigration and Naturalization Service will begin to tighten its restrictions on international students. All foreign students in the United States will be evaluated based on criteria including the number of credit-hours they are taking at their colleges or universities. If a student is enrolled less than fulltime, he or she may be deported.

To impose a minimum requirement on credit hours is to deprive some students of time they may need to study or — more importantly — work.

Many students go to school parttime so they can work to pay for tuition or living expenses. If a student’s home is in another country, these expenses are compounded. Not only can a student from Ohio go home for the weekends with little or no expense, he can get mom and dad to pay for his laundry and groceries while he’s there. A commuter student whose family lives in the Columbus area is likely to have even more financial support from his family. An international student, on the other hand, has to save money for plane tickets home and do his own laundry, too.

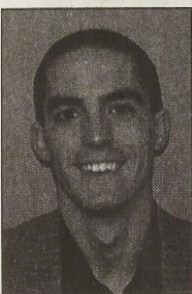
On top of that, foreign students now have to worry about taking enough credits to be allowed to stay in the country. Such obligations must make the stress of being half a world away from one’s family and homeland even more difficult.

OSU allows some exceptions to the full-time rule, such as medical exemptions or allowances for language barriers and the initial adjustment to OSU and the United States. But after a few quarters, international students are expected to produce schedules with at least 12 credits or say good-bye to their student visas.

Thousands of OSU students are parttime. Apparently, all those students are U.S. citizens. There is no reason that some students be required to take more classes than others just because they are from another country. Such a regulation reeks of discrimination.

The INS’s policy is unfair not only to the 4,342 international students at OSU’s six campuses, but also to foreign students in schools across the nation.

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Voters keep racism in Senate

Looking back, it’s odd so much of the Trent Lott debacle was focused on Lott himself. When he paid those fateful compliments, the fury from colleagues and media was swift and unforgiving. True, it was justified — Lott would wear a Klan hood instead of a suit if he could do so and stay in power.

But no one looked to the little, old bigot in the wheelchair, a man who is so thoroughly backwards and evil that paying him compliments gets you fired and burned by media. Strom Thurmond is the poster child for so many problems in the contemporary Senate.

Although people from Bob Dole to Trent Lott have praised him, they seem to forget that Thurmond has been racist for the last 100 years. He probably would be for the next 100 too, because he has made token adjustments to a world view including statements such as: “I want to tell you, ladies and gentlemen, that there’s not enough troops in the army to force the southern people to break down segregation and admit the n****r race into our theaters, into our swimming pools, into our homes and into our churches.”

True, that was 54 years ago, and there have been slight improvements since then. But he still consistently votes against support for racial minorities, women and other groups.

So the question remains as to why no one said anything about Thurmond’s past when Trent

Lott slipped up. Many make the argument that he was too old, feeble and senile to make any real difference in his last few terms. But those underestimations don’t account for all the evil ties he has made throughout the years, allowing others to use him for their own gain.

Which brings us to the next poster Thurmond should be on: supporting term limits. Someone as old and decrepit as Thurmond shouldn’t have been elected to office for a term that includes his 100th birthday.

I wouldn’t even vote for Bobby Kennedy if he was running at that age. Well, not if he had to be wheeled in from a hospital to vote for an issue he knows nothing about because he is bedridden and barely able to communicate. I can’t support anyone who is so feeble he becomes completely controlled by greedy party hounds and self-serving aides who decide the representative’s vote on issues affecting the country.

His useless senility exhibits the advantages of incumbency, too. Granted, his case may be better labeled “entrenchment,” because few others have quite the advantages he does now. But incumbency in all cases — with all the benefits of having the office already, free postage, much more funding and name recognition — helps the incumbent overshadow the opposition to the point where he cannot compete. The fact that another capable candidate could not win in South Carolina over a decay-

ing Thurmond shows how easily people are lulled into a feeling of security by voting for someone they have heard about, no matter what his message may be or how long ago the candidate could actually stay healthy long enough to say it.

So why Lott’s comment ignited such a hellfire of contempt and scorn is understandable: supporting Thurmond’s past too strongly is a bad move, both morally and politically. But the questions remaining are not so easily understood. How could someone so backwards and decrepit be repeatedly elected to the U.S. Senate? Why has Thurmond’s terrible track record been ignored by media, even in the wake of Lott’s comment?

It’s odd how something as established as Thurmond’s past has been taken for granted, as he was elected again and again to the Senate. Thurmond’s presence is like some sort of weird constant, something you took for granted and left alone because it was such a bizarre and worthless spectacle, not causing you enough harm to really protest.

But with his past record and his continuing inadequacy, there should’ve been continuous protest — the kind faced by Lott — against Thurmond. With all the issues in the Senate today — the dire consequences of the wars looming around every corner and the host of domestic problems plaguing us every day — there is no room for entrenched lifetime politicians, blatant racism, or senility.



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UAE: the Arabian melting pot

Picture it: a family is dining at a local Chinese restaurant. The walls are covered with all kinds of Oriental art, and lanterns inscribed with Chinese script hang from the ceiling.

The food tastes very authentic. All the hot spices, and the chopsticks, which are placed beside each plate, add to the atmosphere — an atmosphere that makes the diners believe they’re actually in China.

Then, suddenly, the speakers begin blaring. No, it’s not what most might think; it’s not Chinese music that’s playing in the background. Instead, it’s Shakira singing at the top of her lungs. Even more interesting, she’s not singing in English. She’s singing in Spanish.

Now, Spanish and Chinese are an interesting combination, but hold on — there’s more.

Oasis — the restaurant I’ve been describing — is not found anywhere in the United States. Actually, it is located in the UAE.

For those who are wondering, UAE is not the University of Arkansas-Eastland. And, no, it is not a place found in Upper Arlington, which is what some people thought of when I told them I was going to the UAE for winter vacation.

The UAE actually stands for the United Arab Emirates, a country located in the Middle East in the Persian Gulf.

When I went to the UAE over Christmas break, I didn’t know what to expect. Having been to

other Middle Eastern countries, I wasn’t as excited. I already knew Arab and Islamic culture. I didn’t expect anything new.

I was wrong. While it is located in the Middle East, the UAE is as different as it can possibly get from other Arab countries. In fact, it could be considered the melting pot of the Arab world. The number of people from different races, cultures and is unbelievable.

There are Americans, Indians, Pakistanis, Chinese, British, French and Germans, and don’t forget the Arabs from Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon and Syria. Everywhere, each individual had a unique background. It truly was amazing. In fact, the number of foreigners in the country outnumber the natives.

It wasn’t surprising to walk into a grocery market and hear one couple speak in English, an old woman speak in French and two little children, whose eyes were glued to the candy rack, talking in Punjabi.

For any American, it’s not surprising to find Santa Claus bouncing a child upon his leg as their picture is taken at the local mall, but for other countries, such an event may not be accessible to their country’s citizens.

But Santa Claus was all over the place in the UAE. His picture was plastered on store walls. Little exhibits of jolly old St. Nick with his reindeer were around every corner in the malls.

Children from different countries couldn’t wait to stand in line

to have their pictures taken. They also believe in Santa Claus.

During the night, trees, buildings and anything else that could possibly align the roads glittered with light, not only for Christmas but also the New Year and the UAE’s founding anniversary. As an Ohioan used to seeing the lights spark from branches of pine trees covered with falling flakes of snow, seeing the lights among the dirt and sand was a little disconcerting.

However, the designs combined both American and UAE tradition. It’s true they decorated the trees with lights, but these weren’t the normal pine trees most Americans are used to seeing. Instead, the colorful bulbs ran up the trunk and through the branches of palm trees. Pine trees are difficult to find in the UAE.

Right alongside the Christmas decorations was Islamic art — providing an interesting contrast. Signs with Islamic phrases, hung on the door of many of the local mom and pop stores, greeted everyone. In the taxi cabs, while a little Santa Claus may have stood on the dashboard, a small Quranic verse hung from the mirror. Both religions were mixed together in an unlikely and incredible fashion.

It’s true that the United States is a melting pot of American Indians, Europeans, Latinos and other cultures, but I never saw a more obvious melting pot than that prevalent in the UAE.

YOUR VIEWS

Televangelist or Internet salesman?

I don’t know about the rest of you, but I’m young enough to remember the debacle Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker made of the televangelist industry in the 1980s. Well, lately I’ve noticed a televangelist who has really gotten on my nerves.

Don’t get me wrong. I donate monthly to a Christian-Jewish organization and believe that there are a lot of Christian organizations which do good for people.

The televangelist I have in question is Rod Parsley, pastor of the World Harvest Church. On television, he dances around on an elaborate stage with shiny cuff links and expensive looking suits and has the voice range of a bowling alley disc jockey. His grand church is located in Columbus, and his ministry can be viewed worldwide. His church is so big that Rod has installed two jumbo screens which allow people in the back rows of his church to see him better. Is there anything more narcissistic?

Pastor Rod has a Web site which made me angry. On every page it seemed as though Rod’s mug and name were plastered like wallpaper. I also could order dog tags, rings, polo shirts, long and short sleeve T-shirts on his site and get them inscribed with a biblical quip.

If I wanted a biblical verse handy, I could buy something from Pastor Rod and bypass the Bible. I also could buy one of Pastor Rod’s 30 books, along with 14 DVDs, 40 videos, six CDs and 48 audio soundtracks. Also, for \$1,000 you can have your name on a plank on the “Old Gospel Bridge” at his new church. But for the lucky ones, for \$10,000, you can have a “Place of honor on a four-foot pillar and bronze plaque in the founder’s circle.” The circle, I suppose, is located on the grounds of Rod’s church.

Again, what did we learn from the corrupt televangelists of the 1980s? Obviously not a lot, because I believe Rod’s ministry is selling church in the name of pomp and circumstance, and it makes me sick.

I doubt if Jesus Christ were human today and not in heaven, he would have a Web site with the kind of merchandise Rod sells. Could you imagine Jesus selling CDs, DVDs, rings or dog tags just before his Sermon on the Mount? It’s laughable. According to the Bible, Jesus and his apostles never had two nickels to rub together.

Recently, I saw the wife of a televangelist on TV, and she had purple hair and purple sunglasses. Why is it these people act this way, and what is it about being on TV that changes people?

We shouldn’t be fooled by these applause junkies who seek to gain success and stardom by our dollars. Granted, some of these people do provide good services. I’m not claiming they don’t.

Finally, these are only my opinions and I hope I haven’t made a claim that isn’t true against Rod, but I wonder if after all the attention they receive, the services these preachers are supposed to provide for the people who need it most are overlooked in order to sustain the huge and elaborate institutions they provide for themselves.

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senior in political science

Publishing letter no way to celebrate

I am disappointed that you would print letters from people trashing Buckeye fans on this most joyous occasion. I am not a naive person — I know that some fans get carried away — but I don’t really think it appropriate to publish letters (from an attorney no less — not the most respected occupation these days) lumping all Ohio State fans together and suggesting the rest of Columbus be burned to the ground.

Didn’t we get enough of this after the Michigan game?

I must say that I would have thought stereotyping all OSU fans, as this writer did, would not have come from someone named Sanjay J. Agrawala, who I am sure, has had to endure stereotyping sometime in his life. I bet he does not want to be stereotyped and neither do we loyal, respectful and law-abiding Buckeye fans.

Jil Lake
parent of an OSU student

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North Korea to UN: sanctions mean a war

By Hans Greimel
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A defiant North Korea warned that sanctions against it would “mean a war,” as thousands of people rallied yesterday in the communist capital, Pyongyang, to support the country’s military.

The threat came as South Korea dispatched another top diplomat to Washington yesterday to seek a peaceful solution to the standoff over the North’s nuclear program.

National security adviser Yim Sung-joon is to meet his U.S. counterpart, Condoleezza Rice, and other White House officials. His visit coincides with talks already underway in Washington with diplomats from South Korea and Japan.

A day earlier, the U.N. nuclear watchdog gave North Korea a second chance to abandon its suspected weapons program — delaying possible U.N. sanctions.

“Sanctions mean a war, and the war knows no mercy,” said the North’s official Korean Central News Agency yesterday.

In the North Korean capital, about 100,000 people attended a communist party rally and were urged to give “top priority to military affairs

as the maxim of their life,” KCNA said in a report that could not be independently verified.

Yesterday, North Korea railed against claims it was an international missile threat. In a message carried on KCNA, it demanded the United States apologize for what it described as “piracy” in the seizure last month of a North Korean ship carrying missiles to Yemen.

It described the seizures as a part of a U.S. strategy of “total economic sanctions aimed at isolating and stifling” North Korea.

Last month, U.S. and Spanish warships seized a North Korean ship carrying Scud missiles in the Arabian Sea. They later allowed it to sail after receiving assurances the Scuds would not be transferred elsewhere in the tense Persian Gulf region.

To pressure North Korea on the nuclear issue, U.S. officials have also considered encouraging the country’s neighbors to reduce economic ties with Pyongyang as punishment if the situation does not improve.

China, North Korea’s last major ally, appealed yesterday for a negotiated settlement, but a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman wouldn’t say whether Beijing is willing to intervene with the isolated nation.

“We hope to see a settlement of the issue through dialogue,” said ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue. Asked several times at a news briefing about what China would do to encourage the North to seek such a settlement, she would say only that Beijing “maintains contact with all sides.”

In its message yesterday, North Korea criticized the United States for portraying it as an international missile threat and retorted: “The U.S. tops the world’s list in producing and selling the weapons of mass destruction.”

The reaction came as South Korean envoys upped efforts to persuade the United States to open dialogue with the communist state.

Washington assured envoys from Seoul and Tokyo on Monday that the United States would work closely with them to ease the crisis and had no plans to attack North Korea.

“We have no intention of invading North Korea,” President Bush said.

Hours earlier, the International Atomic Energy Agency approved a resolution giving the North another chance to back down from its nuclear standoff with the West. But the watchdog’s chief, Mohamed ElBaradei, warned North Korea the matter would be turned over to the U.N. Security Council if it does not abandon its



YUN JAI-HYOUNG/AP
Two South Korean soldiers talk during a patrol against a possible North Korean attack, all the more pressing with international tension over North Korea’s nuclear programs.

weapons program and readmit inspectors it expelled last month.

Referring the issue to the Security Council is a last resort for the IAEA and could lead to punitive sanctions or other actions against North Korea’s regime.

The South Korean government welcomed the decision yesterday, saying in a Foreign Ministry statement that it offered North Korea a “precious chance” to resolve the issue “diplomatically and peacefully.”

Meanwhile, South Korean media reported that a possible compromise plan, being floated by Seoul, would require North Korea to abandon its uranium-based nuclear program and the United States to resume fuel oil shipments suspended in December.

If the United States resumes the shipments, North Korea would have no justification for reactivating its second, plutonium-based nuclear program, according to reports.

Verifying North Korea compliance, however, is still a hurdle.

South Korea’s Yim has said his discussions with White House officials would focus on setting “a broad framework of methodology rather than looking for a specific solution.”

Later this week, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly will

travel to Seoul.

The North alarmed the world in October by admitting to a U.S. envoy that it had a secret uranium-based nuclear weapons program, in violation of a 1994 accord.

As punishment, the United States and its allies halted oil supplies promised in the agreement. North Korea then announced it would reactivate its older plutonium-based nuclear program, saying it needs to restart a reactor to generate electricity.

The United States says the plutonium-based program could be used to build nuclear weapons. Washington has also indicated North Korea may already have two nuclear weapons.

Teen walks away from DVD copyright case

By Doug Mellgren
Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — A Norwegian teenager was acquitted in a key test case yesterday of violating computer break-in laws with his program which circumvents security codes on Hollywood’s DVD movies.

Jon Lech Johansen was 15 when he developed and posted his program, called DeCSS, on the Internet in late 1999, enraging the film industry because it feared the software would allow illegal copying of its films.

The three-member Oslo City Court found Johansen, now 19 and a household name as DVD-Jon in Norway, innocent on all counts in a unanimous 25-page ruling in the latest setback for the film industry’s drive to prevent film copying.

“I’m very satisfied. We won support on all points. I had figured that we could win, but it can go either way,” said Johansen after the verdict was announced.

Prosecutors had called for a 90-day suspended jail sentence, confiscation of computer equipment and court costs, all of which were rejected in the ruling.

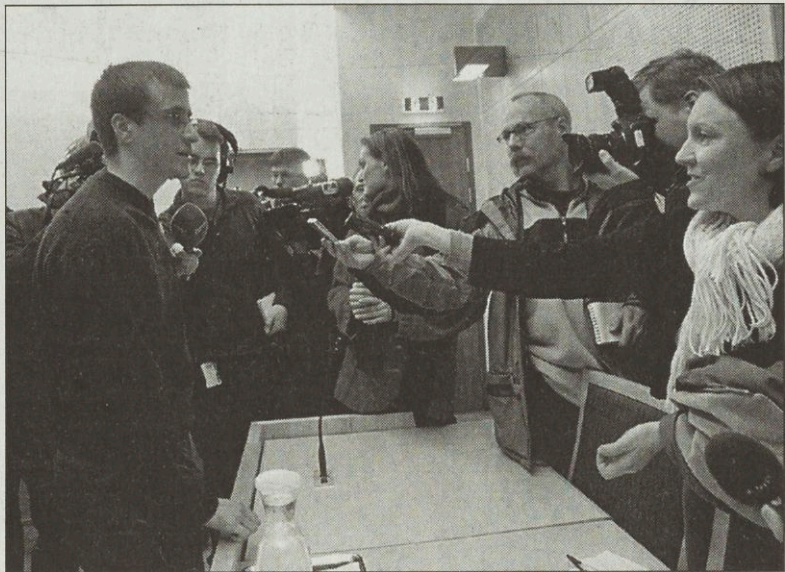
The film industry developed the Content Scrambling System to encrypt and prevent illegal copying of DVD films. The system, usually called CSS, also prevents DVD films from being played on unauthorized equipment.

Johansen’s program, which pieces together security codes and other programs sent to him by fellow hackers, breaks the CSS barrier, allowing films to be played and copied on computers.

In January 2000, the U.S. Motion Picture Association and the DVD Copy Control Association filed a complaint with the Norwegian economic crime police against Johansen.

Prosecutors later charged Johansen not only under Norway’s data break-in laws, but also for being an accessory to others making illegal copies of films by posting his program on the Internet.

Head judge Irene Sogn, in reading the verdict, said no one could be convicted of breaking into their own



MORTEN HOLM SCANPIX/AP
Norwegian teenager Jon Lech Johansen, left, talks to the press yesterday in Oslo, after he was acquitted of violating computer break-in laws with his program that circumvents security codes on Hollywood’s DVD films.

property, and that there was no proof that Johansen or others had used the program to access illegal pirate copies of films.

“The court finds that someone who buys a DVD film that has been legally produced has legal access to the film. Something else would apply if the film had been an illegal ... pirate copy,” the ruling said.

Israeli troops kill three in Gaza Strip

By Ibrahim Barzak
Associated Press

GAZA, Gaza Strip — Israeli troops exchanged fire with Palestinian militiamen for four hours early yesterday, killing three gunmen before withdrawing from the outskirts of a refugee camp, witnesses said.

The army confirmed the firefight near the Maghazi camp in the central Gaza Strip, and said several Palestinians were hit by army fire. It said troops were conducting searches, but did not say what the target was.

The firefight erupted about midnight and lasted until 4 a.m. yesterday, witnesses said. Dozens of gunmen from several militias fought with troops backed by tanks and two helicopter gunships, the witnesses said.

Among the three gunmen killed were two members of the Al Aqsa Martyrs’ Brigade, a militia linked to Yasser Arafat’s Fatah movement, and an activist in the militant Islamic Jihad group, according to

followers of the groups.

Near Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, gunshots broke out as the army cut down trees gunmen were using as cover for shooting at a nearby military outpost, the army said. Palestinian witnesses said the army demolished two empty buildings.

Near the West Bank city of Nablus, the army blew up the homes of two senior militants, one from the Al Aqsa militia and the other from a radical PLO faction, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The Al Aqsa member, Habash Abu Saoud, died in a July attack on a nearby Jewish settlement. The second home belonged to Kamil Abu Khomish, the fugitive leader of the PFLP militia in the Nablus area, who allegedly planned several attacks on Jewish settlements.

Israel’s Cabinet decided Monday to intensify operations against suspected militants and their hideouts after a double suicide bombing in Tel Aviv on Sunday killed 22 bystanders.

WORLD BRIEFS

Congress gears up for new year, agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 108th Congress is commencing with Republicans in both houses hoping to swiftly pass a 13-week extension of unemployment benefits so they can shift their focus to President Bush’s plan for stimulating the economy and overdue budget bills.

With Bill Frist of Tennessee poised for his first day as Senate majority leader, Republicans planned to begin Senate debate on the jobless assistance package yesterday and hoped to finish by tomorrow.

House passage could come today, reflecting a GOP desire to quickly quiet Democratic criticism that Republicans have ignored victims of the struggling economy.

“This is an issue that we cannot dawdle on,” Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, the No. 3 Senate Republican leader, told reporters

Monday. “We have to find a bipartisan consensus and get it done quickly.”

Democrats complained the GOP plan was too skimpy and were preparing alternatives that would last longer and cover more people, raising questions about quick enactment.

U.N. inspectors take to the sky in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. arms experts used helicopters for the first time yesterday in their search for banned weapons in Iraq, while inspectors on the ground visited at least six sites.

The helicopters were the second step in recent days aimed at improving the search for weapons of mass destruction or programs to develop them. On Saturday, the inspectors opened a new base in Mosul and have since carried out daily searches around the northern city.

The helicopters were said to be making an aerial survey, but U.N. officials have said the choppers also would make it easier to swoop down on potential weapons sites.

Venezuelans asked for vote on Chavez

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela’s opposition said it will hold a referendum to ask citizens if President Hugo Chavez should quit — even if he ignores the vote, as he says he will.

“The referendum will happen with or without the participation of this regime,” said Carlos Ortega, president of the 1 million-member Venezuelan Workers Confederation and leader of a month-old general strike against Chavez.

Venezuela’s state-owned oil monopoly proceeded with plans to try to break the strike by dividing the company into two parts to eliminate a faction of dissident managers based in Caracas.

Upper-class offenders to face jail

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government is making more white-collar and nonviolent criminals serve hard time.

Under a Justice Department directive, fewer will be sentenced to halfway houses and other “community corrections centers” and more will be locked up in federal prisons.

The change means the immediate transfer of about 125 federal inmates to federal penitentiaries, Bureau of Prisons spokesman Dan Dunne said yesterday. It also means a better chance of prison time for white-collar crimes such as fraud, insider stock trading and embezzlement.

“The prospect of prison, more than any other sanction, is feared by white-collar criminals and has a powerful deterrent effect,” Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson said in a memo announcing the change.

In a related matter announced last month, the Justice Department is urging the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Commission to adopt tougher penalties for several white-collar offenses and to restrict the ability of judges to impose more lenient sentences. The commission meets tomorrow to adopt guidelines for a law enacted last year to get tough on corporate wrongdoing.

For years, federal prosecutors have complained when judges or prison officials placed a first-time, nonviolent inmate in a halfway house, where prisoners can be furloughed on weekends and visited often by family, instead of a penitentiary.

In practice, this has frequently meant people convicted of economic crimes — who are often wealthier and better-educated — were spared prison while those without those advantages weren’t.

After learning of a West Virginia case in which a dentist got lenient treatment for tax fraud, the Justice

Department’s Office of Legal Counsel found that the Bureau of Prisons practice violated federal law requiring confinement for certain convictions. A halfway house or community center, the analysis concluded, is not true confinement.

Halfway houses, where about 8,600 prisoners reside, are intended to help inmates make the transition from prison to society.

Thompson’s memo to Kathleen Hawk Sawyer, the Bureau of Prisons director, requires that all halfway house prisoners with more than 150 days remaining on their sentences as of Dec. 20 be transferred to a regular prison.

Sentencing guidelines are still in the works for the law enacted last year to crack down on corporate wrongdoing. The Justice Department’s criminal division argues that the guidelines currently proposed would represent only modestly tougher penalties and would leave out many smaller-scale frauds.

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Bush releases billion-dollar economic plan

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press

CHICAGO — President Bush put forward a "growth and jobs" economic stimulus plan yesterday that would provide tax relief to an estimated 92 million Americans by accelerating income tax rate cuts, wiping out all federal taxes on stock dividends paid to investors and boosting the child tax credit by \$400 per child.

The administration estimated its latest economic stimulus package would carry a 10-year price tag of \$674 billion, more than double what the administration was indicating would be the cost of the program as late as last week.

A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush and his advisers debated until recent days whether to include the highest tax rate in plans to accelerate rate cuts — finally deciding to do so despite Democratic attacks that Bush's plan primarily benefited the wealthy.

"The president does not believe in punishing people because they are successful," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters en route to Chicago, where Bush was scheduled to begin the sales campaign for his program in a speech to the Economic Club.

"The president does not believe in getting into class warfare," Fleischer said.

The two major elements of the package would be a total elimination of the federal tax that investors pay on their stock dividend earnings and an immediate acceleration — retroactive to Jan. 1 — of the tax rate cuts that had been scheduled to take effect in 2004 and 2006.

Even before the administration released the details of its stimulus program, it was being attacked by Democrats who charged that it offered too little to lower-income Americans while providing costly tax breaks to wealthy Americans under the guise of providing a quick jump-start to the sluggish economy.

The administration said \$102 billion of the cost of the program would occur in 2003 and the rest of the \$674 billion total cost would be spread out over the next decade.

The biggest element of the package would be the total elimination of

taxes on corporate dividends, which the administration estimated would cost \$364 billion over 10 years.

The acceleration of the tax rate cuts in the 2001 tax law would cost \$64 billion while the acceleration of the child tax credit, currently at \$600, would cost \$91 billion, according to administration's estimates of 10-year costs.

Bush's 10-year \$1.35 trillion tax package that Congress passed in 2001 called for further rate cuts but not until 2004 and 2006. It also phased in increases in the per child tax credit but the \$1,000 level would not have been reached until 2010.

The administration said checks reflecting the higher child-care credit would be issued this year and it estimated 34 million families would benefit from this element of the president's plan.

The administration also proposed accelerating planned relief from the so-called marriage penalty which hits two-earner couples. Accelerating relief for the marriage penalty, which would have been fully effective in 2009, was estimated to have a 10-year cost of \$58 billion.

"This is a plan that provides tax relief to the working citizens," Bush said Monday. "It's a plan that is a very fair plan. It's a plan that recognizes when somebody has more of their own money, they're likely to spend it, which creates more jobs."

The administration estimated that the various elements to accelerate tax breaks in the 2001 legislation would provide tax relief to 92 million taxpayers with the average reduction totaling \$1,083 in 2003.

Breaking that figure down further, the administration said in a fact sheet that 46 million married couples would receive an average tax cut of \$1,716 this year while 23 million small business owners would receive tax cuts averaging \$2,042.

The administration said its package would provide \$1,100 in tax relief this year to a typical family of four with two wage earners making a combined income of \$39,000.

In addition to the tax relief for individuals, Bush's package would boost tax relief for small businesses by expanding the amount of equipment purchases they can write off

as deductions from the current \$25,000 to \$75,000 and index future increases to inflation.

The president's Council of Economic Advisers estimated that all the tax relief, by providing consumers and businesses with more spending power, would boost economic growth and create an additional 2.1 million jobs over the next three years.

The president also proposed as part of his plan reinstating the extended unemployment benefits which expired on Dec. 28, making the benefits retroactive for the nearly 800,000 laid off workers who lost their benefits last month.

Word of Bush's plans to eliminate taxes on stock dividends helped spur the stock market as the Dow increased by more than 170 points Monday.

Democrats offered a rival tax-cutting plan and said Bush's favors the rich.

"The president really is investing \$600 billion on an old, old Republican theory of trickle-down economics," said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif. "We're saying no. Give it to the people who need it."

The Democratic plan would expand unemployment benefits by 26 weeks and give all workers a refundable income tax rebate of up to \$300 per person or \$600 per working couple. States would get \$31 billion for homeland security, highway, Medicaid and unemployment insurance programs.

After tackling the unemployment benefits issue, Bush wants Congress to create "Personal Reemployment Accounts" of up to \$3,000 that could be used by states in a variety of ways — including awarding bonuses to people who quickly leave unemployment rolls.

Under the two-year plan, the federal government would give the states \$3.6 billion to fund the account, which could be used by people who have exhausted their unemployment insurance or are likely to do so. The money could be used to pay for child care, job training, transportation, moving costs and other expenses of finding a job, according to Bush's proposal. The administration estimated 1.2 million Americans could take advantage of these new accounts.

Democrat attacks stimulus plan

By Jonathan D. Salant
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's proposed tax cuts favor wealthy Americans, former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo said yesterday as he kicked off a speaking tour aimed at helping revive Democrats after last November's election setbacks.

"Class warfare? He declared the war," Cuomo said at the National Press Club. "He said, 'We're going to give all the money to the rich.'"

Cuomo, who is pushing the Democratic Party to sharpen its difference with the Republicans on issues such as tax cuts, CUOMO declared: "We're not the ones who started the war. We're just defending ourselves against his attack."

The former governor joined other Democrats in criticizing Bush's 10-year, \$674 billion economic stimulus plan as favoring the rich. The presi-

dent has tried to inoculate himself against such charges and said last week, "Some would like to turn this into class warfare. That's not how I think."

Cuomo's speech was the first of several he planned in response to the Democrats' dismal showing last November. He said the party lost the Senate and failed to win the House because it didn't offer an alternative to Bush and the Republicans, a view also expressed by other Democrats.

"The Democrats were wimps in this past election when it came to taking on the misguided economic policies of the Bush team," Democratic consultant Peter Fenn said. "We made a bad tactical error and a bad substantive error."

Cuomo is one of many party leaders trying to chart the Democrats' post-November course. Long identified with the Democrats' liberal wing, his 1984 convention keynote address made him one of the party's brightest stars and an oft-touted candidate for president in both 1988 and 1992. Cuomo declined to run both times, and then lost his bid for a fourth term as governor of New York in 1994.

In his speech yesterday, Cuomo said the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut enacted in 2001 should be frozen until the federal budget runs a surplus

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Peter Fenn
Democratic consultant



CUOMO

FCC to put a stop to 'cell hell'

By Jim Fitzgerald
Associated Press

YONKERS, N.Y. — About a third of cell phone customers surveyed are seriously considering switching companies because of poor service, but there's no easy way to figure out which plans are best, Consumer Reports magazine said.

"Deciphering one plan is hard enough, but comparing plans from various carriers is nearly impossible," said Jim Guest, president of the Yonkers-based Consumers Union, which publishes the magazine.

Companies make it difficult to switch by refusing to let customers keep their phones or phone numbers when they move to another company, he said during a news conference Monday.

A Federal Communications Commission regulation that would let customers keep their phone numbers when they switch is scheduled to go into effect in November. Sprint PCS spokesman Dan Wilinsky said his company was ready to meet that deadline.

Chris Murray, Consumers Union's telecommunications policy analyst, said the companies had twice persuaded the FCC to postpone it and were trying to do so again.

Guest said cell phone companies were consistently unclear about startup fees, roaming charges, early termination penalties and even when nights and weekends begin and what "nationwide" means, all of which can drastically affect a customer's bill.

Howard Waterman, a Verizon Wireless spokesman, said every new customer is sent a detailed explanation of the calling plan, with all terms defined carefully.

Guest described the current state of the industry as a "cell hell" for consumers.

"The cell phone industry has made great strides in offering consumers sleek cell phones with the latest gee-whiz gadgets and gizmos, color screens, games, individualized rings and Internet access," he said. "But the cell phone industry is not providing the nuts and bolts — the basic services consumers depend on."

Even the ability to make a 911 call is affected, he said. The magazine found that emergency cell phone calls often failed because they were limited to one company's signal, even if a rival's signal was stronger in the area.

Waterman took issue with that claim, saying, "We treat 911 calls with the utmost priority. ... Our policy is 'find a signal, period,' even if it's a competitor's signal."

The magazine said a survey of 21,944 subscribers found numerous complaints of dead zones, busy signals and dropped calls. It compared service in six cities — New York, Washington, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles and San Francisco — and found that Verizon Wireless led the ratings in each.

Wilinsky, of Sprint, which finished last in four of the cities, said the results are "old news," especially for Sprint.

Consumer Reports suggested that customers do homework before signing on with any carrier, including seeking recommendations from neighbors and business associates.

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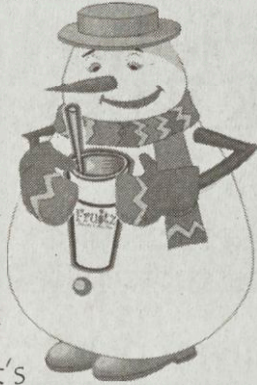
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Jackets give coach the boot

Dave King dismissed after three seasons to the surprise of his former players

By Matt Duval
Lantern sports editor

In the world of professional sports, the person who usually shoulders much of the blame is the head coach.

And when things go wrong, he or she is the first to go.

Dave King found that out firsthand yesterday after he was fired by the Columbus Blue Jackets.

"You are always disappointed,

but that is why we (coaches) are as tough as we are," King said. "I'd really love to be here for a long time, but that's not going to happen."

Doug MacLean, the Blue Jackets' president and general manager, will take over on an interim basis for the remainder of the season.

"One doesn't enjoy doing this," MacLean said before he and the rest of the team left for tonight's game in Minnesota. "A good person got relieved of his duties today."

King has been the only coach the Blue Jackets have known since the team's debut in 2000. He was in the final year of a three-year contract. MacLean and King have also grown close over the past three years.

"It's a part of the job we don't enjoy doing," MacLean said. "I've

been through it myself. It was a very difficult decision."

According to MacLean, the decision to relieve King of his duties came late Monday night after the Blue Jackets' 5-1 loss to Nashville, the Western Conference's last-place team. The Blue Jackets are the second-worst team in the conference.

Blue Jacket players were shocked by the news and visibly shaken up after the announcement.

"Dave King is a good man and a good coach," said center and captain Tyler Wright. "I've learned a lot from him. It's sad to see."

In King's first season, the Blue Jackets earned a surprisingly high 71 points as an expansion team. However, Columbus has fallen every year since.

That inconsistency is what led to

the change behind the bench.

"I was just frustrated by the inconsistency," MacLean said. "I was frustrated by our good stretches, bad stretches and tremendous letdowns at times."

King agreed with MacLean's assessment.

"Our team wasn't as consistent as we'd like to see," he said. "I think that was Doug's reason and I have no problem with his rationale."

And while his firing came as a surprise, King understands it was a business decision.

"The general manager's got to benchmark the team where it is and how much progress it is making," King said. "In our profession in

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JUSTIN POWELL

Underdog status sweetens victory

Ohio State football fans, in all likelihood, will never be able to enjoy a football season as much as they enjoyed the one that just finished five days ago.

The Buckeyes have not tasted victory this sweet in 34 years, and the sour leftovers experienced during the end of the John Cooper's era, coupled with Jim Tressell's season of growing pains, make these 14 consecutive victories even sweeter.

Add to that the legions of those "experts" outside the Buckeye state — not to mention all those naysayers inside state boundaries — who doubted the team from day one, and this season appears to be something that will probably never happen again, at least not in our lifetime.

If you go without water for three days, you're going to want a heck of a lot more water than if you go without water for only an hour or so. I know the Buckeyes returning next year are still thirsty enough and talented enough to dip back in the championship well for another drink, but even if they do, it just won't be the same feeling.

"It's the greatest feeling of my life," OSU tackle Kenny Peterson told reporters after the game. "I'll never, never feel like this again."

Peterson is a senior on this year's team, but underclassmen can echo those same sentiments — they just can't say them to the media.

The Miami Hurricanes provide a perfect example. They won 34 straight games before facing the Buckeyes. They were tired of winning; they just couldn't bear losing.

Another championship would have been nice for the Hurricanes and their fans, but it would not have been nearly as exciting to them as the loss was devastating.

This Buckeye team will know what it feels like to win a national championship, and as much as people like to think that will only make them want another one even more, it's not quite that easy.

It's a battle of the bully vs. to the kid being bullied. It's always more fun to win if you're not expected to.

The Buckeyes, as any fan, player or semi-intelligent sports enthusiast can attest, were not given a chance by very many people this year.

Proving them wrong was the most enjoyable part — both for the team and the fans.

The only way the type of hunger felt by Ohio State this season could be repeated is if the Buckeyes are not given full credit for the win, and OSU players still feel they have something to prove. Judging by some of the post-game comments, there are plenty of people outside the program who are still adding coal to this fire.

"They didn't beat us," Miami sophomore tight end Kellen Winslow II said after Friday's defeat. "We beat ourselves. We're the best team in the country. They're not. We just beat ourselves."

There are coaches who think the game should have definitely ended after a pass to Chris Gamble fell incomplete on fourth down in the first overtime.

"I really thought the game was over. Just like everybody else," Miami secondary coach Mark Stoops told ESPN the Magazine, referring to the seconds following the play before a flag was thrown for pass interference. "And there's not another official in the history of the game that would make that call ... that was a joke."

Plenty of fans think the game should have ended right then and there, with Miami taking home the national title for a second straight year. After 181,124 votes had been collected in an ESPN.com poll, 49.2 percent of all those who voted thought Miami got a raw deal.

And on the Fox Sports Network's "Best Damn Sports Show Period," analyst John Kruk said Ohio State was a "nobody team" from the "puny Big Ten" that was "supposed to be terrible."

All of these tried to show that OSU had no business holding Miami's collective jock strap. I think they came out a little wrong.

Justin Powell, a senior in journalism, can be reached at powell.276@osu.edu. He usually doesn't enjoy pointing out that the glass is half-empty, so in closing he wants to add that in the spirit of Ohio State celebration, we should all enjoy drinking whatever we have in our cup — and then reach for another.

Buckeye tumblers seek title

By Justin Powell
Lantern sports writer

Repeating as national champion is on the minds of many Ohio State football fans right about now. Repeating as national champion was on the minds of many OSU gymnasts all of last year.

They came up only one spot short, and now their hunger to take home the top prize is even stronger.

After barely missing out in their quest for a second straight title in 2002, OSU men's gymnastics coach Miles Avery has his squad ready to get started in 2003.

"Our goals are set really high every year," Avery said. "We want to win the Big Ten and the national championship and we typically have a team that can accomplish goals like that. This year is no exception. This is one of the more talented teams I've had."

One of the more talented athletes Avery has the luxury of relying on this year is senior Raj Bhavsar, who won the individual all-around NCAA championship last year.

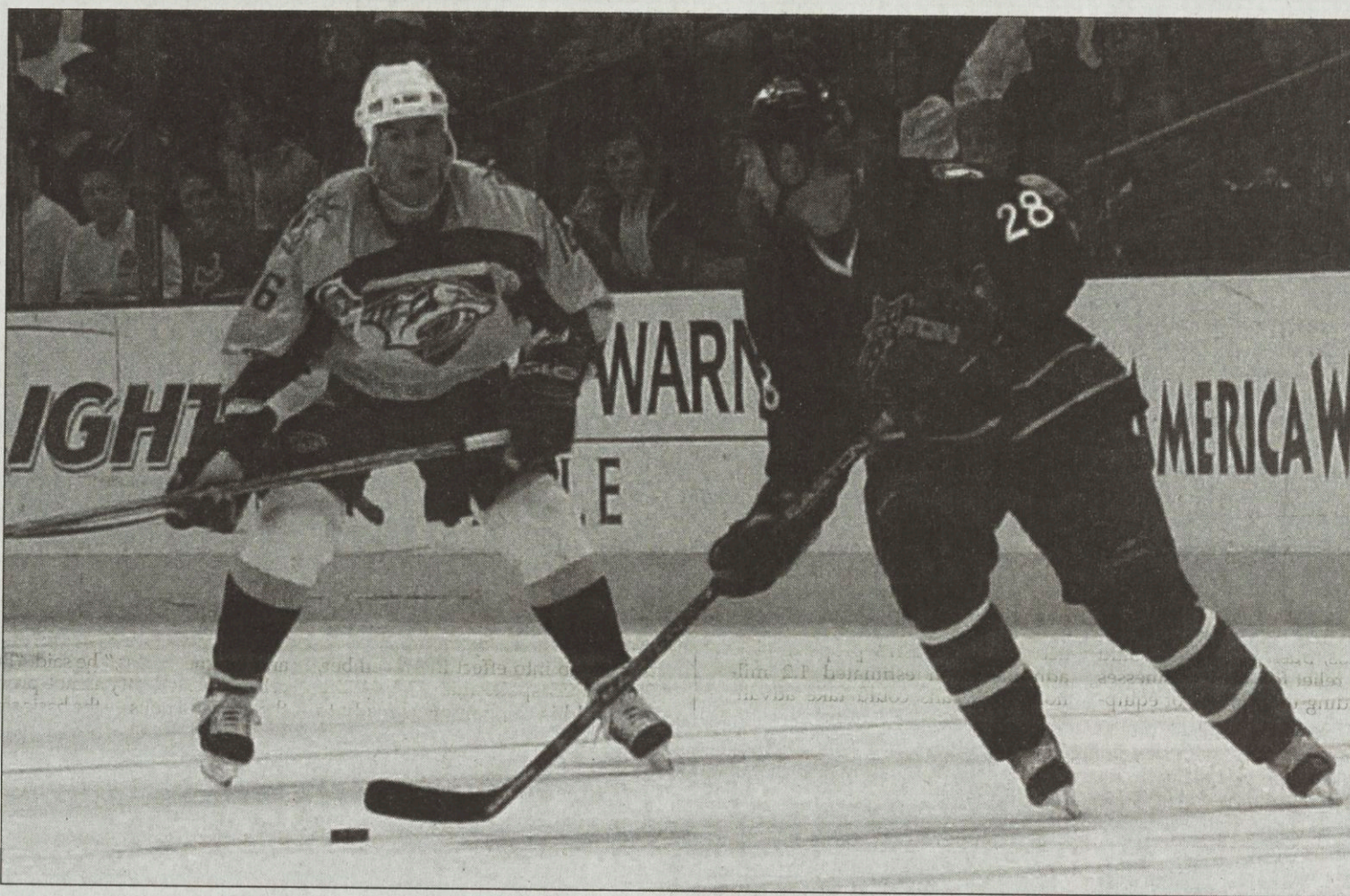
Bhavsar was blunt when asked about the talent on this year's team.

"This is by far the most talented team we've had in my four years here, and from what I here this may be the most talent we've ever had at Ohio State," he said. "But as coach says, talent doesn't always win. We have to put our talent to work."

That should be no problem considering the bitter taste left in the team's mouth after coming so close last year only to be denied repeating as national champions by Oklahoma.

"We won the year before and maybe having that taste of victory wasn't enough to drive us," Avery said. "It was certainly different being second while training this whole summer, thinking 'Wow, we lost by less than a point — we were less than a point away from being national champions again.'"

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ELIZABETH NIHISER/THE LANTERN

Columbus Blue Jacket center Tyler Wright (28) looks to pass in Monday's game as Nashville's Denis Pederson defends. The Blue Jackets lost 5-1.

Jackets lose to last-place Nashville

By Anthony Dill
Lantern sports writer

Just when the Columbus Blue Jackets were starting to turn things around, the bottom fell out.

After a three-game unbeaten streak in which the Blue Jackets won twice, Columbus was defeated 5-1 by last-place Nashville at Nationwide Arena on Monday night.

"We just missed a lot of assignments," said former head coach Dave King. "If you watch the chances and the goals, the number of individual mistakes is real high."

King was fired yesterday by Doug MacLean, the team's gener-

al manager and president. MacLean will take over the team on an interim basis for the rest of the season.

The disappointing loss caused some Blue Jacket players to re-evaluate their play and work ethic.

"We didn't deserve to get anything other than what we got tonight," said left winger Ray Whitney. "We didn't work hard enough to get anything other than a 5-1 loss. It's not an easy turn right now for this group, and maybe sometimes it's what you need, but certainly at home you don't need it."

Captain and center Tyler Wright agreed with Whitney.

"We didn't fore-check, and they're a hard working club. They just out-battled us tonight and that is the difference in the hockey game," Wright said. "It's very frustrating. We can't be the least bit satisfied with this effort."

The Predators' Andreas Johansson and David Legwand each had two goals and an assist, making them the stars of the game, along with Nashville goalie Tomas Vokoun.

The Blue Jackets sport the league's best penalty-killing percentage of 88.3, but a four-minute double-minor for high-sticking against right wing Hannes Hyvonen proved to be too long to hold Nashville from scoring the

game's first goal. Johansson scored his 15th goal of the season six minutes into the first period with assists by right winger Adam Hall and defenseman Jason York.

The Predators continued to dominate throughout the second period. Legwand chalked up both his scores, his ninth and 10th of the season, increasing Nashville's lead to 3-0.

Columbus goalie Marc Denis had almost no chance of stopping Legwand's second goal as the Nashville center one-timed the puck from just six feet away. Denis was able to get a piece of it, but the

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Baseball Hall of Fame catches Murray, Carter

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Eddie Murray silently led with his bat. Gary Carter spurred teams with his enthusiasm.

Murray, the only switch-hitter with 500 home runs and 3,000 hits, was elected to the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility, and Carter finally made it on his sixth try yesterday.

"I got overly excited and screamed," Carter said. "Now we can do a little celebrating."

Voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America revealed no one else came close to Murray or Carter.

Carry-over candidates Bruce Sutter, Jim Rice and Andre Dawson were right around 50 percent, and first-timers Ryne Sandberg and Lee Smith didn't even reach that mark. Darryl Kile, the St. Louis pitcher who died last season, got token support.

Murray, who made his mark as a first baseman for the Baltimore Orioles, became the 38th player picked as a first-timer. Chosen on 85 percent of the ballots (423 of 496), he easily exceeded the 75 percent nec-

essary for election.

Murray's ticket to Cooperstown came on a somber day. Later yesterday he was to attend the funeral of his sister in Southern California. She died Jan. 2 at 38.

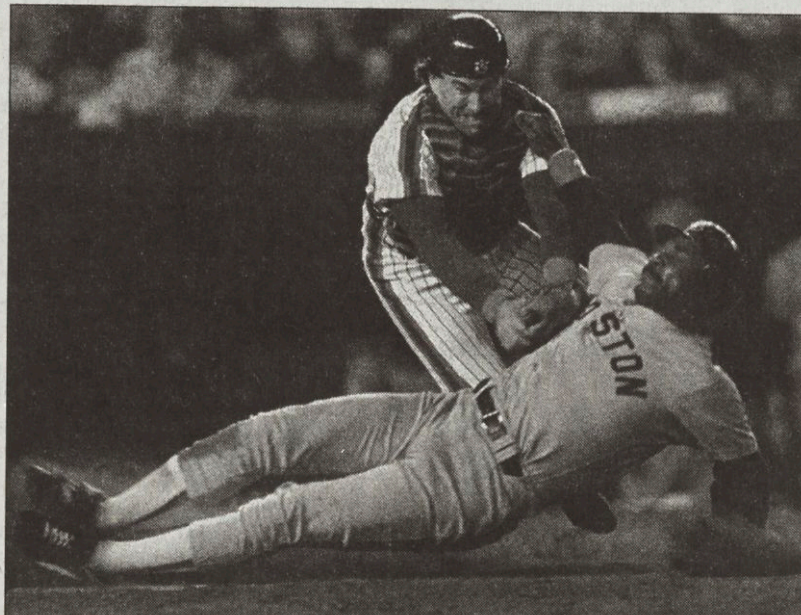
"Unfortunately, I cannot speak with you today because of the passing of my younger sister, Tanja, after her long-fought battle with kidney disease. Although I dedicated my professional career to the game, I have dedicated my life to my family," Murray said in a statement.

"The elation I feel by being recognized for my achievements on the field is overshadowed by the anguish of losing someone so dear to me," he said.

Carter, an 11-time All-Star catcher, got in with 78 percent (387). He fell 11 votes short last year at 72.7 percent.

Murray and Carter played together for Los Angeles in 1991. They became the sixth set of teammates to be elected together; Minnesota's Kirby Puckett and Dave Winfield made it in 2001.

Carter, who played his first 11 seasons with Montreal, became the first long-term Expo player to be



PETER SOUTHWICK/AP

Boston Red Sox Jim Rice is tagged out at the plate by New York Mets catcher Gary Carter during seventh-inning action Oct. 25, 1986. Carter, an 11-time All-Star catcher, was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame yesterday.

elected. He is only the 13th catcher to make the Hall.

Carter, who spent five seasons

with the New York Mets, helped lead them to the 1986 World Series title.

Though players can request a

specific cap to appear on their Cooperstown plaque, the final choice rests with the Hall of Fame.

The Expos' future has placed doubt in Carter's mind, reiterating the Mets' success when he was in New York.

"Maybe they might wind up splitting the hat," Carter said from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Pete Rose, who received 18 write-in votes, remains ineligible for the ballot because he appears on baseball's permanently banned list. Rose and commissioner Bud Selig's aides have been negotiating terms of a possible reinstatement for the career hits leader.

The reconfigured Veterans Committee, which is considering former manager Whitey Herzog, former players' union head Marvin Miller and many others, will announce its voting results Feb. 26.

Induction ceremonies will be July 27 in Cooperstown, a small village in upstate New York. Murray and Carter bring the Hall's total to 256 members.

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Broncos running back top rookie

Clinton Portis beats out former Miami teammate Jeremy Shockey by 12 votes

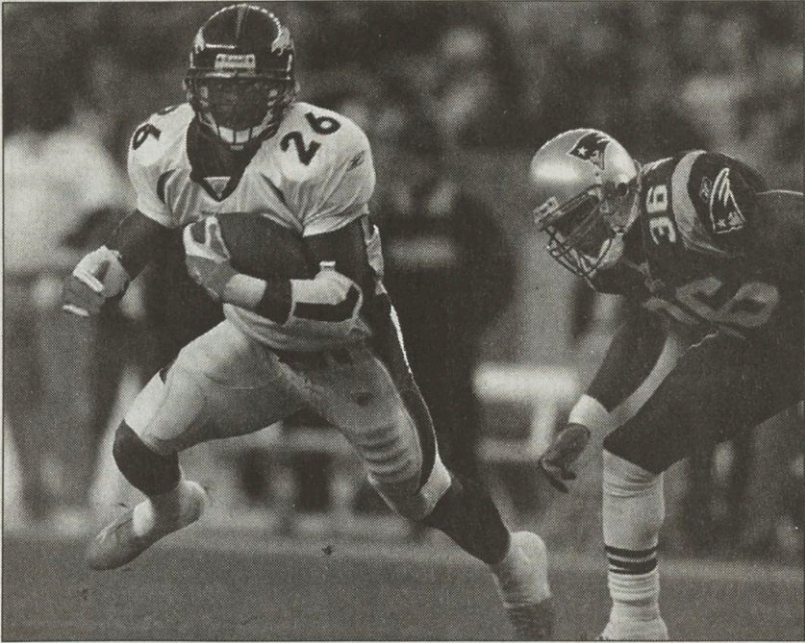
By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

The Denver Broncos just keep finding dominant young running backs. The latest, Clinton Portis, beat college teammate Jeremy Shockey for The Associated Press NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year award yesterday.

Denver's run on star runners began in 1995 with Terrell Davis. It continued with Olandis Gary, Mike Anderson — the top offensive rookie in 2000 — and now Portis.

"I'm just glad to finally win something," said Portis, who ran for 1,508 yards, by far the most among rookies and fourth overall in the NFL. "I think the last time I won anything individually was in high school. I think I was named county player of year or something like that."

Like University of Miami teammate Shockey, Portis isn't exactly shy. Unlike Shockey, he wasn't selected until the second round of April's draft, 51st overall. Of course, the Broncos didn't take Davis and



STEPHAN SAVOIA/AP
Denver Broncos running back Clinton Portis (26) eludes New England Patriots strong safety Lawyer Milloy (36) during first quarter NFL action at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., on Oct. 27. Portis was named the The Associated Press NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year yesterday.

Anderson until the sixth round, and Gary was picked in the fourth.

But Davis' wrecked knee forced him out of football, and Anderson was switched to fullback. So Portis

quickly became a factor, and he scored 17 touchdowns, tied for third most by a rookie in NFL history, and tied for third in the NFL in 2002.

He also had the second-best aver-

age per carry ever for a rookie, 5.52, behind Franco Harris's 5.61 in 1972.

"If you look at the type of stats he produced and realize that he didn't start the first four games of the season, it's somewhat unbelievable," Denver coach Mike Shanahan said. "He's got a lot of confidence in himself and his abilities. He really believes he belongs on the field with the best players in the NFL, and that's the type of mind-set you have to have to be successful."

Portis earned 29 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters who cover the league. Shockey, the New York Giants' energetic and sometimes outrageous tight end, received 17 votes.

"I'm glad I beat him out," Portis said. "He had a good year, but I'm glad I got it. I think it's just opening up people's eyes in the league to UM. You look at the other players we had that played well. ... I think I was the last pick out of all of them, so I'm glad I was the one to win it."

The next step, of course, is to be as much of a threat as Davis was before injuries sidelined him. Davis won the league's most valuable player award in 1998, when he rushed for 2,008 yards — the third-highest total in league history.

Tressel heralded as nation's best coach

By Mary Foster
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Less than a week after winning the national championship, Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel was named the Division I-A Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

"It's really extraordinary, it's really humbling," Tressel said of the award, which was presented at the AFCA's annual meeting.

Ohio State beat Miami 31-24 in double overtime last Friday to win the national title in Tressel's second year as the Buckeyes' coach. It's the first time Ohio State has won the national championship since 1968.

"Our kids will have a tremendous challenge," Tressel said. "Everyone is going to want to knock off the group that's No. 1."

That the award was presented in the city where next year's national title game will be played was not wasted on Tressel.

"Our players know the rotation of where the BCS national championship game is, and I'm sure they know that it's here," Tressel said.

"But that's not as important as do they know what it will take to get here."

Tressel, who won the award at Youngstown State, is the first coach to win it at two different schools and two different divisions.

Jack Harbaugh, who led Western Kentucky to the Division I-AA championship with 10 straight victories after a 2-3 start, was the coach of the year in that division. It was the first national championship for Western Kentucky in any sport.

"Ten years ago we went through a difficult time, and I was ready to hang it up and look for another profession," Harbaugh said.

At that time Western Kentucky planned to drop football. Harbaugh, with the help of his son Jim, at the time a player for the Chicago Bears, turned the program around.

Brian Kelly earned the Division II coach of the year award by leading Grand Valley State, in Allendale, Mich., to a 14-0 record and the division championship.

In 12 years at Grand Valley, Kelly has a 104-34-2 record. His .750 winning percentage is No. 1 all-time in school history.

SPORTS NOTES

Tressel gives YSU \$125K for rec center

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — The glory of a national championship hasn't made Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel forget his former school.

Tressel and his wife, Ellen, have pledged \$125,000 to Youngstown State University toward construction of a \$12 million student recreation center.

Tressel led Youngstown State's football team to four NCAA Division I-AA national championships during a 15-year career there. Mrs. Tressel is a 1975 Youngstown State graduate.

Ohio State won its first national championship in 34 years on Friday in Tressel's second year as the Buckeyes' coach.

He is assured of making more than \$800,000 this year, including almost \$200,000 in bonuses, and could earn \$1 million if his players reach certain academic goals.

Tressel made about \$114,000 a year at Youngstown State as head football coach and athletic director.

Coordinator retires after playoff fiasco

CLEVELAND (AP) — Browns defensive coordinator Foge Fazio retired yesterday, two days after Cleveland blew a 17-point lead in the second half and lost to Pittsburgh in the AFC playoffs.

In another move on the defensive staff, line coach Ray Hamilton was fired. The 51-year-old Hamilton was in his second season with the Browns and was under contract for one more year.

The 63-year-old Fazio spent two seasons with the Browns. His retirement comes after the Browns gave back leads of 24-7 and 33-21 in the second half to the Steelers, who advanced with a 36-33 win.

Pittsburgh scored 29 points in the second half, including 22 in the fourth quarter against Fazio's defense, which primarily used a three-man line and dropped into deep zone coverages during the Steelers' final two scoring drives.

The Browns also blew big second-half leads to Kansas City and Indianapolis this season.

Fazio could be replaced by Dave Campo, who was fired following the season as coach of the Dallas Cowboys. Campo spent six seasons as an assistant with Browns coach Butch Davis on Dallas' staff.

Reds make switches to starting infield

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cincinnati Reds manager Bob Boone has identified a prime candidate to play second base: his son.

Aaron Boone, the club's starting third baseman in recent seasons, has agreed to switch to second base. That will keep Barry Larkin at shortstop and clear the way for Brandon Larson to become the starter at third base.

The decision will give Aaron Boone time to get ready before spring training begins, Reds general manager Jim Bowden said after meeting with him on Monday.

"This gives him six weeks to prepare," Bowden said.

Last month, the Reds traded last season's regular second baseman, Todd Walker, to Boston for two minor league prospects. The Reds then pondered whether to ask Larkin, a career shortstop, to move to second base this season.

Favre denies retirement rumors, will return

Star quarterback says he still has game, desire to win in Green Bay

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — When Brett Favre's news conference was delayed an hour, one talk radio host suggested the governor's inauguration would have to be delayed.

Or maybe pre-empted. After all, everybody was going live.

"Maybe he's writing his farewell speech," joked teammate Mike Flanagan.

When Favre finally entered the packed auditorium, he took one look at the horde of reporters and photographers and cracked a smile.

"Imagine," a team official told him afterward, "what it's going to be like when you really do retire."

Thankfully for the Green Bay Packers and their fans, that day won't be anytime soon.

"I don't see any reason why I shouldn't return (in 2003)," Favre said Monday in his first comments since the Packers were bounced from the playoffs. "As I said during the season, I have every intention of coming back."

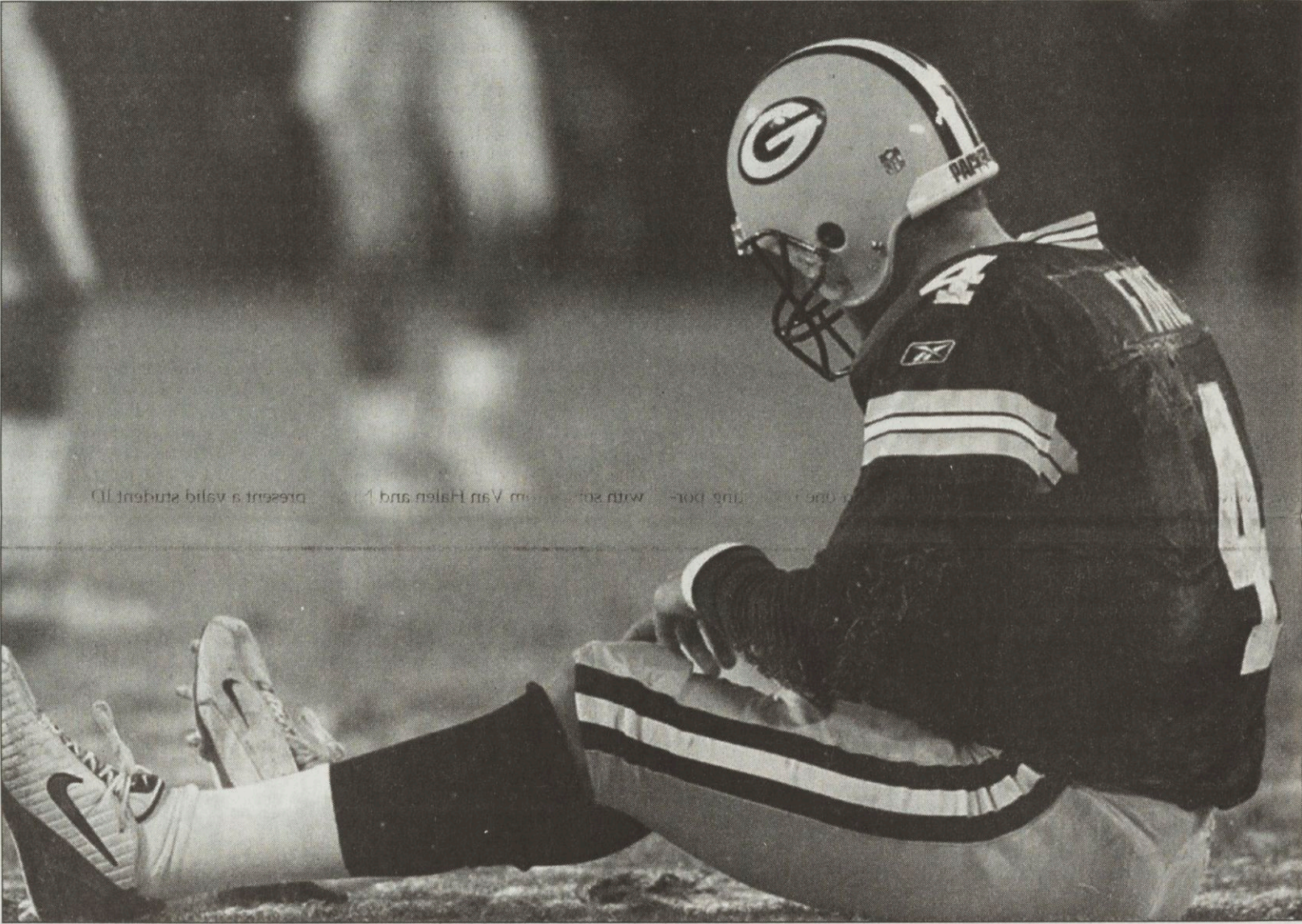
"I don't see no reason why this team shouldn't compete for a Super Bowl next year. And why I shouldn't be a part of it."

You could just hear the Packers and their fans exhale.

The 33-year-old star quarterback had fueled speculation about his future Saturday night when he did not speak to reporters after Atlanta handed the Packers their first loss in 14 home playoff games.

Favre said he was in a bad mood after the stunning 27-7 loss to the Falcons but really was just eager to get home and tuck his three-year-old daughter, Breleigh, into bed before crawling into the sack to watch cartoons with his wife.

All the while, dumbfounded fans across Wisconsin were pondering



ANDY MANIS/AP
Green Bay Packers' quarterback Brett Favre sits on the ground after fumbling the ball and turning it over to the Atlanta Falcons in the fourth quarter of their NFC Wildcard game Saturday in Green Bay, Wis. The Falcons won 27-7. Favre announced Monday that he will be returning to the Packers.

the Packers' early exit from the postseason and praying Favre wouldn't follow suit with his own stunning departure.

"He's not going to retire, I don't know who started that," right guard Marco Rivera said. "Nobody wants to retire after the game we just played. You know Brett, he wants to leave on top."

By Sunday, rumors of his retire-

ment were rampant on talk shows and the Internet. Even Favre's father, Irvin, called to ask him what was going on.

Favre hinted last month that he might hang up his cleats if he were to win another Super Bowl, which he last did six years ago.

But Favre said he's playing as well now as he ever has and he's feeling good, too.

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Carter's father, Jim, turns 85 shortly before the festivities.

"He was beyond words," Carter said. "I know how much it means to him."

Murray and Carter both contributed key hits the last time their teams won the World Series.

Murray, currently the Cleveland Indians' hitting coach, was an eight-time All-Star and finished with 504 homers and 3,255 hits in 21 seasons. Hank Aaron and Willie Mays are the only other players in the 500-3,000 club.

He hit 19 career grand slams, second only in major league history to Lou Gehrig's 23. Murray, who batted .287 overall, played a record 2,413 games at first base.

In 1983, Murray homered twice for the Orioles, clinching Game 5 of the World Series against Philadelphia.

Murray never led the league in hitting, homers or RBIs in a full season, was never an MVP and never was friendly with the media, the people who do the Hall voting.

Still, his sheer numbers — posted mostly before baseball's offensive outbursts — made him an automatic pick.

Carter, a three-time Gold Glove winner, got the two-out hit that started the Mets' incredible three-run rally in the bottom of the 10th inning to beat Boston in Game 6 of the 1986 Series. The Mets won the

championship in Game 7.

Carter hit .262 with 324 homers and 1,225 RBIs in 19 seasons. He holds the major league record for putouts by a catcher, playing an NL-record 2,056 games at the position.

Murray spent his first 12 years with Baltimore and also played for the Mets and Cleveland, finishing his career with the Orioles.

Carter, who finished with Montreal, also played for San Francisco.

Sandberg got 49.2 percent (244 votes). A 10-time All-Star second baseman for the Chicago Cubs, he holds the record for most homers as a second baseman (277) and highest fielding percentage at the position (.989).

The 1984 NL MVP and a nine-time Gold Glove winner, Sandberg hit .285 lifetime.

"I have to remember struggling through the minor leagues and struggling that first year as a rookie. I just have to keep things in perspective, that it's just great to be considered," he said.

Smith got 42.3 percent (210 votes). He is baseball's career saves leader with 478 and was a seven-time All-Star in 18 seasons. However, he pitched in only four playoff games and was 0-2 with one save and an 8.49 ERA in them.

Only two relievers — Rollie Fingers and Hoyt Wilhelm — have been elected to the Hall.

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coaching, we are a way to change things quickly and sometimes kick-start the team."

While MacLean has spent the past three seasons behind the scenes, he is no stranger to coaching.

Before coming to Columbus, MacLean spent two full seasons as the head coach of the Florida Panthers.

During his first year as a National Hockey League coach in 1995-1996, MacLean led the three-year-

old franchise to the Stanley Cup Finals against the Colorado Avalanche.

Overall, MacLean has spent 17 years in the NHL, occupying a variety of coaching and personnel positions. However, only two full seasons came behind the bench for the Panthers.

Regardless of his previous success, MacLean has no aspirations of staying on as head coach beyond this season.

"I definitely want to have a new

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puck still found the back of the net.

The Blue Jackets were able to convert on one of their many scoring opportunities late in the period, avoiding a shutout.

Center Mike Sillinger scored a four-on-four goal, his ninth of the year, for his seventh point in his last

four games.

"We created some opportunities in the second period, but we just couldn't capitalize," said defenseman Luke Richardson. "(Nashville was) working hard and they capitalized on theirs."

Whitney pointed to the fact that

changes such as the ouster of offensive coordinator Tom Rossley.

"The one thing I'm going to do is

mind my own business," Favre said.

"It would be easy for me in the position that I am, being the starting quarterback here for so long, being in the system with five different quarterback coaches and three different head coaches, to voice my opinion. But that serves no purpose."

While he wants to coach in the

future, King plans on staying in Columbus until something comes along.

the Blue Jackets had trouble finding the net, even if a shot was open.

"We had problems with the post," Whitney said. "We just missed an open net; unluckily it had a bad bounce. If we got a couple of those plus the one we got, it could have been a different game."

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He said the team is working diligently not to let the title slip away again.

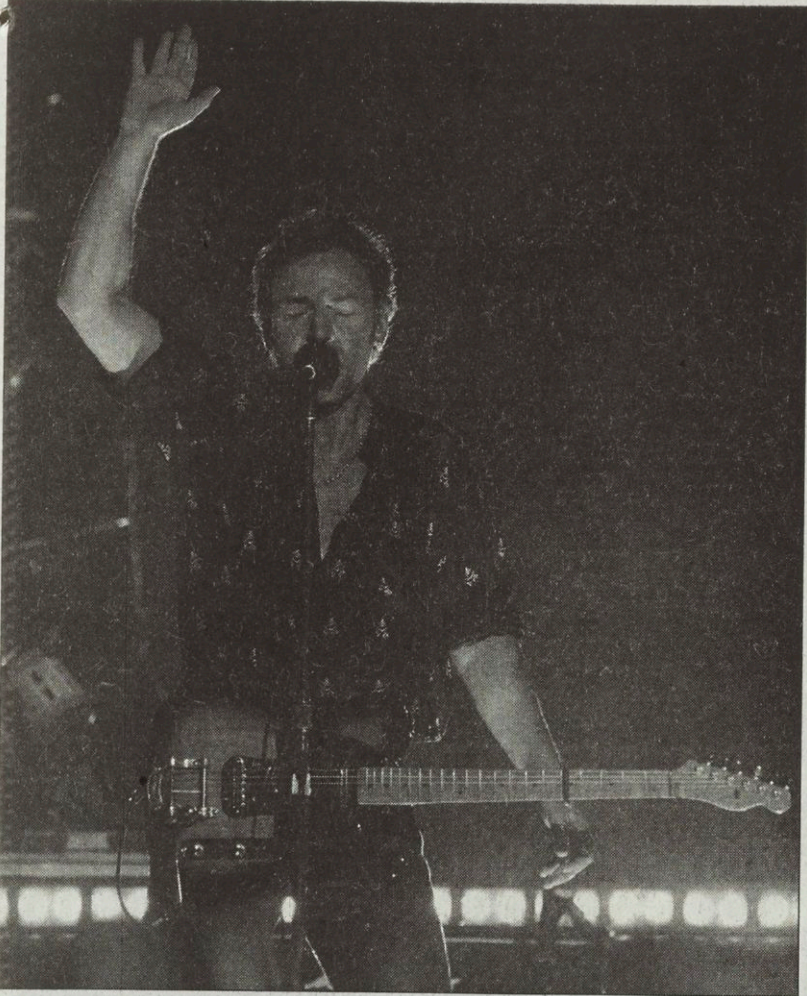
Some of the younger members of the team have taken especially hard to the rigorous training program so often found in championship teams, Avery said. He men-

tioned sophomore Cody Trobaugh as someone who has worked above and beyond the call of duty in order to help his team this season.

"We were all so disappointed to lose the NCAA's last year, so most everybody on the team worked harder this offseason," Trobaugh

said. "We're all concentrating on fixing the little things that went wrong last year."

Competition starts this weekend, as the team travels to Chicago for the Windy City Invitational, but this first meet will not be looked upon as a must-win situation.



STEPHEN CHEMIN/AP
Bruce Springsteen, a seven-time Grammy winner, received five nominations, including album of the year for "The Rising," yesterday for the 45th Annual Grammy awards.

Grammy nominations unleashed

By Nekesa Mumby Moody
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Grammy voters recognized a wide variety of artists and genres yesterday, with Norah Jones, Avril Lavigne, Eminem and Bruce Springsteen dominating the major categories, including record, song and album of the year.

They were among the eight artists who received a leading five Grammy nominations each. The other four: R&B singer Ashanti, neosoul artist Raphael Saadiq, rapper Nelly and perennial Grammy favorite Sheryl Crow.

Springsteen's Sept. 11-themed "The Rising" was nominated for album of the year, and the title track for song of the year.

Eminem, nominated for best album in 2000, received a nomination in that category again for "The Eminem Show" and a record citation for "Without Me."

Newcomer Jones, 23, was nominated for record of the year for her underground hit "Don't Know Why." Her "Come Away With Me" was nominated for album of the year, and she received a best new artist nod.

Another best new artist nominee, Lavigne, also came up big: The 18-year-old was nominated for song of the year, best female pop vocal performance, best female rock vocal performance and best pop vocal album.

"I would have freaked out if I just had one. Now that I have five — I'm just trying to pinch myself," Lavigne said.

Other nominees for album of the year were the Dixie Chicks' "Home" and Nelly's "Nellyville."

Nelly's "Dilemma," featuring Kelly Rowland, was cited for record of the year; he also was nominated in three rap categories.

"Any one they want to give me, I'm more than happy to receive," said Nelly, who's been nominated in the past but never won.

The Dixie Chicks were up for four awards, including country album of the year. Alan Jackson also was nominated in that category, and his Sept. 11 ode "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)" was nominated for song of the year.

Other multiple Grammy nominees included India.Arie, Elvis Costello, Johnny Cash and Vanessa Carlton, whose song "A Thousand Miles" was nominated for record and song of the year.

Nickelback's "How You Remind Me" rounded out the record of the year category — lead singer Chad Kroeger also got three other nomina-



MARK J. TERRILL/AP
The Dixie Chicks — from left, Emily Robison, Natalie Maines and Marti Seidel — were nominated for a Grammy in the Album of the Year category for the album "Home."

tions, including best song written for a movie ("Hero" from "Spider-Man").

Saadiq's five nominations may have been one of the morning's biggest surprises; the former Tony! Toni! Toné! singer released his debut album, "Instant Vintage," but it was a poor seller.

Another neosoul artist, Canadian singer Remy Shand, also was a multiple nominee with four apiece.

The awards are to be handed out Feb. 23. This year, there are 104 categories, up from 101 last year.

Show brings sex, laughs to the city

By Andrew Twite
Lantern arts writer

Shadowbox Cabaret is at it again with another installment of its popular show "Sex at the Box," a comedic look at an often troublesome subject for many people — relationships.

"We're really looking forward to taking the audience on a theatrical roller coaster," said Katy Psenicka, spokeswoman for Shadowbox. She is also a performer in the show.

"Sex at the Box" is a high-energy mix of original comedy sketches, theatrical shorts and rock 'n' roll music, Psenicka said. Guests may attend a show where they will be able to eat, drink and enjoy an evening of live entertainment.

Every detail contributes to the show. Even all the ushers and servers

are performers, so one can really anticipate what is going to happen next.

"The elements of the show are a lot of fun," Psenicka said.

Pamela Callahan, a three-year veteran of Shadowbox, said the audience should be prepared for a show to remember.

"All of the material is brand new with the exception of one play," Callahan said.

The show consists of two one-act plays followed by comedy sketches which range from sex education to sexual innuendoes.

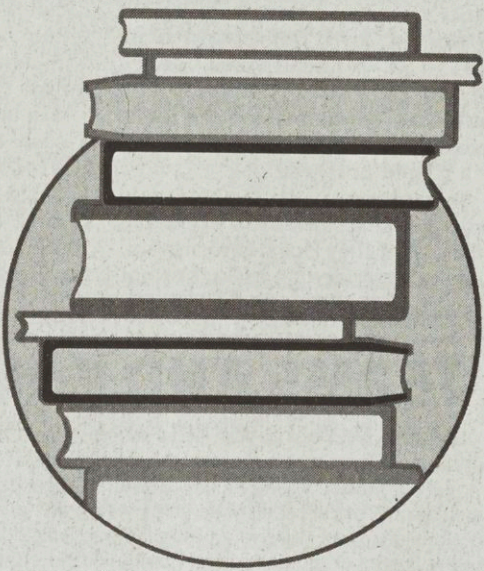
The first play, "The Problem" by A.R. Gurney, is a remake of a play the Cabaret performed in 1995. The play takes a look into the relationship troubles between a man and his wife.

Callahan said one interesting por-



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Katy Psenicka, left, Jennifer Hahn and Pamela Callahan star in "Women in Heat," one play from Shadowbox Cabaret's "Sex at the Box." The show opens at 7 p.m. tonight and runs through March 22.

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Geography, race factors in death penalty cases

By Stephen Manning
Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Prosecutors in Maryland are much more likely to seek the death penalty in cases where blacks are accused of killing whites, according to a University of Maryland study released yesterday.

The report also concluded geography plays a major role in whether a defendant faces a potential death sentence, as the decisions by state's attorneys to pursue capital punishment varies widely from county to county.

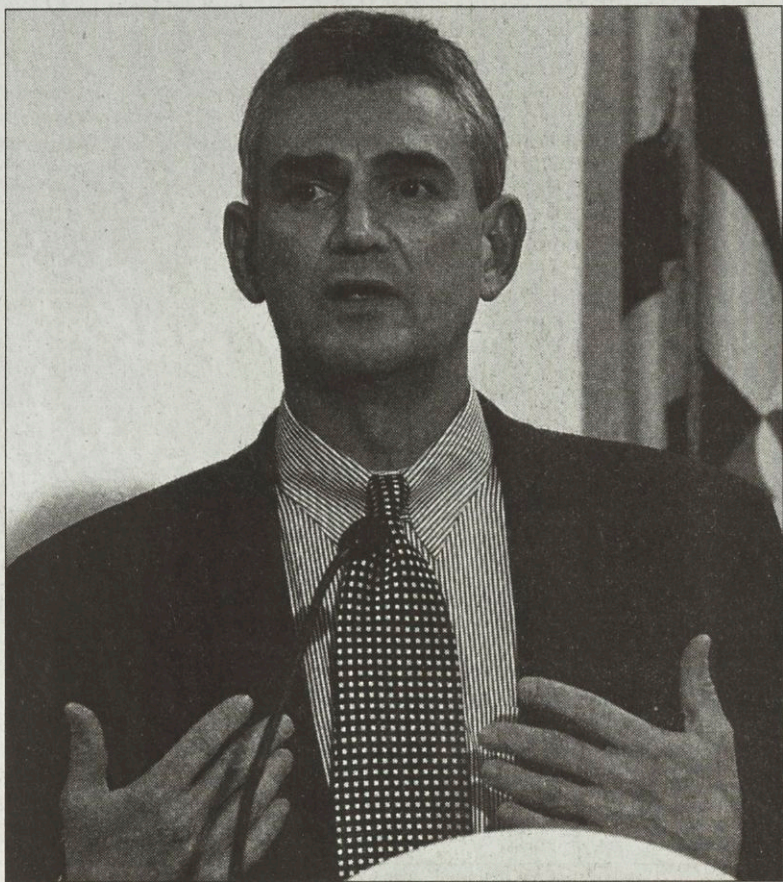
Outgoing Gov. Parris Glendening commissioned the report in 2000 in response to concerns that the state's death penalty is unfairly meted out according to race and jurisdiction.

Glendening, a Democrat, imposed a moratorium on executions last May while the study was being completed, but Republican Gov.-elect Robert Ehrlich has promised to lift the ban when he takes office Jan. 15. Only one other state that has capital punishment, Illinois, has imposed a similar moratorium.

Maryland has 12 men on death row; eight are black and four are white. In all 12 cases, the victims were white. The state has executed three people, two of them black, since 1976.

Criminologist Ray Paternoster found that the race of the defendant was not significant in death penalty-eligible cases, but wrote that the race of the victim proved a major factor in determining whether prosecutors sought the death penalty.

Furthermore, the race of the victim and offender taken together showed significant differences. Prosecutors filed death notices, indicating their intent to seek the death penalty, in almost half of the homicides where a black defendant killed a white victim, but only in about a quarter of all



LESLIE E. KOSOFF/AP

Ray Paternoster, investigator for a study on the effect of the death penalty in the state of Maryland, discusses the study yesterday.

other homicides.

"Black offenders who kill white victims are at greater risk of death sentences than others, primarily because they are substantially more likely to be charged by the state's attorney with a capital offense," the report said.

Paternoster studied 6,000 murder cases between 1978, when the state reinstated a death penalty statute, and the present. Paternoster sifted through police reports, case files, autopsy reports and other records. Researchers evaluated 250

factors, such as the racial characteristics of the victim and how the crimes were committed.

Decisions by prosecutors in the early stages of cases varied dramatically between jurisdictions. In Baltimore County, State's Attorney Sandra O'Connor pursues the death penalty in all eligible cases to avoid any allegations of bias.

"The between-county differences that occur at the beginning of the process have effects that propagate the end of the process," the report concluded.

Hillbillies causing drama

WHITESBURG, Ky. (AP) — An Appalachian advocacy group placed ads in some of the country's largest newspapers yesterday, criticizing a proposed reality TV series that it says is demeaning to rural people.

The show, conceived by CBS, takes the premise of the "The Beverly Hillbillies" and places a poor Appalachian family in a Beverly Hills mansion.

With quarter-page ads in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, the Center for Rural Strategies in Whitesburg has officially launched a campaign to try to derail the show.

"The brass at CBS clearly think it's safe to make fun of and commer-

cialize low-income rural folks," Dee Davis, president of the Center for Rural Strategies, said in a statement. "We intend to lessen their comfort zone and make them rethink this premise."

The show, which is being called "The Real Beverly Hillbillies," is to "follow the adventures of a large family when they move out of their rural home and settle into a Beverly Hills mansion (and) live in the lap of luxury," according to CBS.

The ad directs people to offer feedback on the campaign's Web site, at www.ruralstrategies.org. Davis says Rural Strategies, a public advocacy organization, plans to run a second set of ads, possibly in

papers in Los Angeles, Chicago and Nashville, during the next week to 10 days.

The cost of yesterday's three ads was \$75,000, Davis says.

"We're very mindful of the concerns expressed," CBS spokesman Chris Ender said. "It's certainly not the intention of the producers, and not the intention of CBS to humiliate one or perpetuate any stereotypes."

"Fish-out-of-water themes have been a staple in movies and television for many years — from 'Pretty Woman' to 'Crocodile Dundee' to the 'Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.' And the fish that's out of water has always been the hero or heroine," he said.

British police arrest six men for stockpiling deadly poison

By Beth Gardiner
Associated Press

LONDON — Police said yesterday they found traces of ricin — a deadly poison twice as potent as cobra venom — in a north London apartment and arrested six men of North African origin in connection with the virulent toxin that has been linked to al-Qaida terrorists and Iraq.

London police said material seized at a flat in the Wood Green neighborhood on Sunday had tested positive for traces of the ricin. Tiny amounts of the toxin can kill an adult, and there is no antidote.

Prime Minister Tony Blair, speaking to a meeting of British ambassadors, said the find highlights the threat posed by weapons of mass destruction.

"As the arrests ... show, this danger is present and real, and with us now, and its potential is huge," he said.

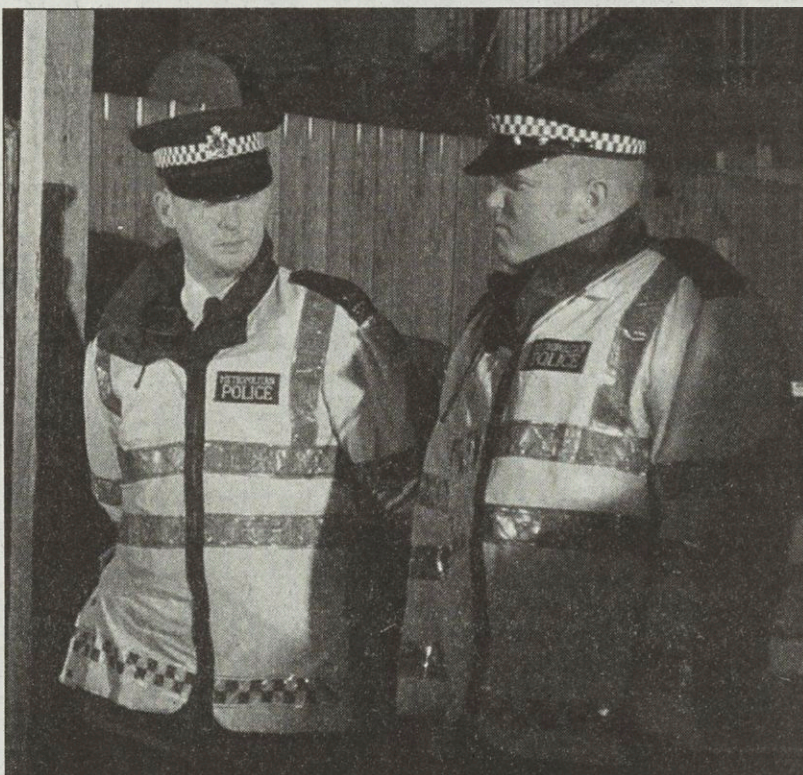
Ricin (pronounced RICE-in) is derived from the castor bean plant, which is grown around the world. The poison is relatively easy to produce, and Andy Oppenheimer, a chemical and biological weapons expert at Jane's Terrorism and Security Monitor, said its presence in London did not necessarily indicate a connection to any outside group or country.

Anti-terrorist police said they arrested the six men of north African origin under the Terrorism Act during raids in east and north London and seized "a quantity of material and items of equipment" at the Wood Green apartment.

Police did not identify the men and refused to specify what country or countries they were from, saying only that they were in their late teens, 20s and 30s. They were not immediately charged with a crime.

A woman arrested in the raids was released, authorities said.

"We have previously said that London — and indeed the rest of the U.K. — continues to face a range of terrorist threats from a number of different groups," said police anti-terrorist branch chief David Veness and Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr. Pat Troop in a statement.



KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP

Anti-terrorist police said yesterday they arrested six men of North African origin after finding traces of ricin, a deadly poison in a London home.

Blair's spokesman said he knew of no specific intelligence about how the suspects may have planned to use the ricin.

The Department of Health said doctors around Britain had been informed of the find and warned to look for symptoms of ricin exposure, including fever, stomach pains, diarrhea and vomiting.

Ricin causes diarrhea so severe that victims can die of shock from massive fluid and electrolyte loss.

Oppenheimer, the weapons expert, said injecting ricin was an effective way of targeting individuals; as was the case of Bulgarian defector Georgi Markov, killed in London in 1978. Police said ricin was in a pinhead-sized pellet injected into Markov's thigh, but couldn't confirm the widely reported theory that he was jabbed by a rigged umbrella.

Oppenheimer said terrorists could kill large numbers of people with ricin if they put it into aerosol, a job he described as tricky but not

impossible. A crowded, enclosed environment like the London subway would probably be the most appealing target, he added.

"It's just one of these horror scenarios which people are very frightened of at the moment," he said. "You only need milligrams to kill somebody."

For decades, Londoners lived with Irish Republican Army bomb attacks, but the specter of biological terrorism is frighteningly new.

In November, the government issued — and then hurriedly withdrew — a statement warning that al-Qaida might be prepared to use a radiological device or poison gas in Britain. The warning was replaced with a more general alert of terrorist threats.

On a tape released in November, a speaker believed to be al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden castigated U.S. allies that have joined the war against terrorism, specifically mentioning Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Germany and Australia.

High-powered wind blasts California coast, kills two

By Paul Wilborn
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Santa Ana winds that roared through Southern California contributed to two deaths and fanned wildfires that were threatening hundreds of Malibu homes.

The winds, which were expected to gust through yesterday morning, also toppled trees, power poles and big rigs.

A woman died after a eucalyptus tree fell on her Monday morning in San Diego's historic Old Town, and a passenger in a car was killed late Sunday after being hit by a fiberglass cover that flew off a pickup truck on a freeway in Riverside.

Three homes in Malibu were damaged and hundreds more were threatened by a 1,200-acre wildfire in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Winds also whipped a 150-acre blaze that damaged five homes near Norco, 45 miles east of Los Angeles.

More than 600 firefighters were battling the Malibu blaze, which was 10 percent contained early yesterday, said Inspector Mike Brown of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

"The single biggest problem is definitely the wind, they are very sporadic," Brown said. He said firefighters hoped to have the blaze controlled yesterday, when the winds were expected to calm.

About 100 people left their homes as mandatory evacuations were ordered for Encinal and Decker canyons in Malibu.

Two California Highway Patrol officers who were operating a roadblock near the blaze were hit by a car and seriously injured Monday

night, officials said.

The dry, warm winds hit Sunday night and gusted up to 79 mph through Monday, blowing from the desert interior toward the coast.

An estimated 250,000 Southern California Edison customers lost power at some point during the two days, utility officials said. More than 15,000 customers of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power were without power Monday.

Power in the hardest hit areas may not be restored for several days, Edison spokesman Gil Alexander said.

The Santa Ana winds typically blow between September and February. In October and November 1993, the winds exacerbated fires that charred thousands of acres, killed three and destroyed 1,000 buildings in Malibu, Altadena and Laguna Beach.

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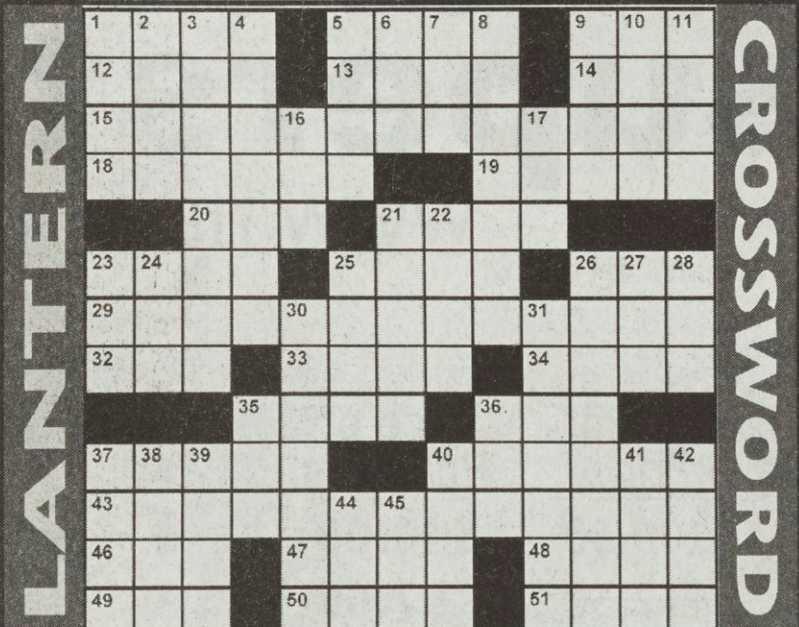
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