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## Students reach out to community

Shaheen Samavati  
Lantern campus editor

About 1,500 students crowded the Ohio Union on Tuesday to be a part of Community Commitment, one of the largest single-day community service projects on a college campus in the nation.

"It's a great way to meet new people and make a difference," said Jaime Hoppert, a sophomore in psychology who also volunteered last year. This year, she led a group of students who picked up litter around campus.

Students who showed up to the Ohio Union Tuesday morning were assigned to one of about 50 different service projects, said Mike Cengia, student co-chair.

"There's a pretty wide variety of stuff," Cengia said.

Opportunities were offered at elementary schools, food pantries, the American Red Cross, and many organizations, he said.

This was the 11th consecutive year the event was organized by the Office of Student Affairs, Cengia said.

Last year, rainy weather forced organizers to turn away many volunteers because outdoor events were cancelled, he said. But this year, turnout was great.

"We actually ran out of T-shirts to give away," Cengia said. He said they were about 200 short.

Cengia said it's mostly freshmen from the dorms and members of fraternities and sororities who come to the event. Although, he said, many freshmen volunteers come back as upperclassmen.

"It's a really good way to kick off the year" said Robbie Bodie, a junior in comparative studies and pre-med. He put together suitcases filled with toys and other donated items to be given to foster children as part of a project called Love Luggage.

"They're all worthwhile causes," Bodie said. Last year he helped with a Habitat for Humanity project, and the year before he worked in a soup kitchen in downtown Columbus.

"It's cool the way the whole university comes together for a helping cause," he said. "It's a really good way to get to know people better and form some good relationships."

Many freshmen at the event said they heard about it through Welcome Week literature passed out in the dorms.

"We were just talking last night and thought it would be a fun thing to do," said Emily Dannemiller, a freshman accounting major, as she sat with other volunteers from her dorm. "Hopefully we'll be getting more of a feeling for campus because we'll be walking around outside."

Her group's assignment was to survey sidewalks and structures in the residential areas surrounding campus and form ratings for the University Area Enrichment Association. The group was led by Samuel Harachis, a property inspector with the Columbus Department of Development.

"We're looking to improve structures within the city,"

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## Grab a pillow, fight cancer

By Lev Elgudin  
Lantern campus writer

Tonight on the Oval, the Ohio State Mortar Board Honorary and the Welcome Week Committee will hope the third time is the charm in their attempt to break the record for the world's largest pillow fight.

After two previous tries were foiled by bad weather, OSU will again seek to break the record of 3,648 pillow fighters, set by the State University of New York at Albany on April 17, 2005.

Mortar Board communications director Amanda Williams said that eliminating the event from the cold and rainy weather of Beat Michigan Week might make the difference. "Moving the event to Welcome Week should really boost our chances of breaking the world record," said Williams. "The weather is warmer, and new students are looking to get involved in unique campus activities, and there is no

doubt that this event is unique."

Although the event is unique, it has certainly gained popularity with the university as well as local sponsors. Williams said there was no problem in moving the event from Beat Michigan Week to Welcome Week, and that several sponsors volunteered their services.

Williams also said the university has been extremely cooperative in preparing for the event, and that CD 101 willingly joined on as a broadcasting sponsor, and Coca-Cola will provide soft drinks at the event.

The event's goal is to raise awareness for pancreatic cancer. Williams said the cause hits home, as Ohio State's former Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Hall died of the disease last year.

It was Hall who came to Mortar Board with the idea for the pillow fight after seeing SUNY Albany get the record. Because of this, "our organization wanted to

commemorate his life by donating money in his honor to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)," Williams said.

During the event, fliers will be handed out with facts and statistics about pancreatic cancer to spread awareness about the disease.

Although there is no fee for the event, several items will be raffled off, ranging from coupons for local restaurants to T-shirts autographed by Archie Griffin and Eddie George. All proceeds will be donated to PanCAN.

With such an important cause fueling the event, Mortar Board Pillow Fight Chair Sarah Michalos went to great lengths to promote it. It has been publicized heavily around campus and the dorms; even a Facebook group has been created and is approaching 1,000 members.

Guinness has also been contacted, and has agreed that the event will be an official world record, as long as two indepen-

dent witnesses are present. Michalos, a senior psychology, sociology and women's studies major, said that finding two independent witnesses has been the hardest part of planning the event, but said everything should be ready tonight.

Furthermore, Michalos said that should the record be broken, ESPN has agreed to feature the pillow fight in its SportCenter's Top 10.

Richard Levitt, a senior marketing major, said he is excited to be part of history. "It's cool that it's going to be in the Guinness Book of Records, but I can't wait to see myself on SportsCenter."

With all the hoopla surrounding the event, Michalos said it's important to not forget what the event is about in the first place.

"It's about getting awareness out about pancreatic cancer, and just cancer in general," she said.

## Disability Services hosts open house

Tito Atkinson  
Lantern staff writer

The Ohio State Office of Disability Services hosted its annual open house Tuesday in Pomerene Hall for students with disabilities and for all who are interested in learning more about the campus disability community.

"ODS gives students a chance to tackle courses just like anybody else," said Hillary Jones, an employee at ODS for three years. "Without it, I feel a lot of stu-

dents wouldn't be able to go to college."

The office provides exam accommodations, a personal computer lab, interpreting services, note-taking assistance, as well as counseling and advocacy support.

"The open house makes the campus feel a little bit smaller, so maybe the campus doesn't seem so huge to them," said Jones. The office has 1,200 students registered for disability services during fall quarter, she said.

At the event, attendees were

offered snacks as well as a chance to make buckeye necklaces to show some Ohio State spirit.

The open house featured a demonstration of a new assistive technology program called Dragon NaturallySpeaking Professional 9. It is a new talk-to-type computer program designed to help disabled students navigate the computer entirely by speech.

ODS is considering offering the program as a new service to OSU students.

"You can use it to dictate your reports, any sort of papers you

have to work on, email, and surf the Web," said Marc Solomon, a consultant representing Dragon 9.

ODS provides services for people who have learning disabilities, vision and hearing impairments, mobility impairments, attention deficit disorder, psychiatric disorders and medical disabilities such as a broken ankle.

According to Jones, in order to register with ODS, students

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## Frat shows importance of fire safety

By Lauren Polinsky  
Lantern staff writer

Fires have been a dangerous presence on Ohio State's campus. Somewhere between the football celebration riots and leaving the curling iron on, students can sometimes forget how easily fires can get out of control. One organization on campus decided to spread the word yesterday morning with fire safety training.

The brothers of Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity of OSU invited the community to come to their house for fire prevention tips, fire simulation drills, and lunch.

"We had this program last spring for just the frat house," said Josh Stienmetz, service treasurer for the fraternity. "This is the first time we opened it to the community."

The participants gathered in the basement for a brief lecture given by OSU Public Safety representatives Joel Schaffer and Chuck Shirley. Schaffer reminded students of a basic way to fight fires.

"Our theme is get out and stay out," Schaffer said. "It is also very important to have an assembly point and head count outside. This is vital to the fire department."

Oct. 8-13th is Fire Prevention Week. This year's slogan is "Watch what you cook," for the high prevalence of cooking-related fires.

The tone in the basement of the frat house was kept light with a trivia game following the presentation. Participants had the chance to win gift cards to Chipotle by answering questions about fire safety. However, the room was silenced quickly as a movie was shown, talking about fires

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## KICKING OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR AT OHIO STADIUM



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Block "O", the largest student organization on campus and the student cheering section at football games, held its kick-off meeting Tuesday night. Look for more information on this meeting in Thursday's Sports section.

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Lantern online poll: Did you or do you plan to attend any events during Welcome Week? Vote online at: www.thelantern.com

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Events Calendar

Today

**Wagner's Tristan and Isolde: Not Just Breaking the Rules but Smashing the Rules**

**Description:** From its first performance in 1867, Tristan and Isolde, a love story based on Celtic legend, has changed the way composers think of music. Wagner's chromaticism took the orchestra where it had never gone before. Attendees will hear about the story of this most passionate and erotic of all operas, and its strong influence on music and theater 140 years later. No registration required.

**Location:** Upper Arlington Public Library, 2800 Tremont Rd.  
**Time:** Begins at 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 21**

**Tour Wexner Center's "Shiny"**

**Description:** Come for a free Walk-in tour most Thursdays at 6 p.m. and most Sundays at 1 p.m. when exhibitions are open. These hour-long tours allow plenty of time for questions and discussion. Reservations are not required.

**Student Wellness Fair**

**Description:** The Student Wellness Center and the Department of Recreational Sports welcome students, faculty and staff to the RPAC for a fair featuring wellness screenings, sports club demonstrations and various other activities.

**Location:** RPAC  
**Time:** 11 a.m.

**OUAB's Welcome Week Concert**

**Description:** Come out to the South Oval and hear some of your favorite bands for free. Featuring Jack's Mannequin, Saving Jane, Rihanna, and Copeland.

**Location:** South Oval  
**Time:** 4:30 - 10:30 p.m.

**Dump & Run Sale**

**Description:** Dump & Run, an event organized by Students for Recycling, turns reusable items into cash for Ohio State student organizations and local charities. For the past few months, Dump & Run has been collecting reusable items from on-campus dorms and off-campus apartments to be sold at a yard sale during Welcome Week 2006. Dump & Run 2005 saved more than 17 tons of items from a landfill and they're hoping to do ever better this year.

**Location:** Ohio Union  
**Time:** 1-7 p.m.

**Libertarian Movie: "Tucker — The Man and His Dream"**

**Description:** The Libertarian Studies Organization will be showing the movie: "Tucker — The Man and His Dream" as part of welcome week but everyone is welcome. It shows the story of a brilliant inventor and his struggles in a not-so-free market economy. Find more information on the organization's Web site: Iso.org.ohio-state.edu

**Location:** Hagerty Hall, room 56  
**Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 22**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Description:** All blood types are needed every day to help meet patient needs. The Central Ohio Region needs more than 600 donors a day to meet patients' needs in central Ohio. It's important for donors with all blood types to continue to donate blood and give "the gift of life."

**Location:** Hitchcock Hall  
**Time:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room**

**Description:** This film chronicles one of the largest corporate disasters in history. Executives of Enron who had schemed to get their stock price to skyrocket walked away with billions of dollars leaving the employees with nothing. Featured are insider accounts and rare corporate audio and videotapes that show the road to ruin. Registration is not required.

**Location:** Upper Arlington Public Library, 2800 Tremont Road  
**Time:** 7-9 p.m.

**Late Night at the RPAC**

**Description:** Meet and greet fellow students at the fabulous Late Night at the RPAC. Free food, beverages, corn hole, DDR, massages, music, caricature artists, crafts and more.

**Location:** RPAC  
**Time:** 9 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 23**

**STAFF Productions presents... "The Laramie Project"**

**Description:** Performances at 3 & 8 p.m. A play that documents the true story of the town of Laramie, Wyoming as it dealt with the October 1998 murder of gay University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard.

**Location:** Haskett Hall Sound Stage  
**Time:** 3-8 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 24**

**Tour Wexner Center's "Shiny"**

**Description:** Come for a free Walk-in Tour most Thursdays at 6 pm and most Sundays at 1 pm when exhibitions are open. These hour-long tours allow plenty of time for questions and discussion. Reservations are not required.

**Location:** Wexner Center

CRIME BRIEFS

Sunday, Sept. 17

**Columbus Division of Police**

**12:15 a.m.** — 300 block of E. 12th Avenue: Rear window of residence was broken and a paintball gun, nitrous tank, DVD player and DVDs were stolen.

**12:45 a.m.** — N. 4th Street and 18th Avenue: Victim stated he was robbed of his wallet in an alley after three suspects approached him and asked him for directions. Two of the suspects pulled out guns and demanded the victim give them "all his sh-t."

**1 a.m.** — N. High Street and Lane Avenue: Victim stated he got into a fight with suspect who then punched the victim in the face.

**1:58 a.m.** — 200 block of E. 17th Avenue: Victim reported that the passenger-side door of her 2006 Mercury Mountaineer was kicked in and dented.

**10:30 a.m.** — 4100 block of N. High Street: Unknown persons entered the choir room of the Overbrook Presbyterian Church and removed cash from multiple purses.

**8:27 p.m.** — 2300 block of N. High Street: Victim stated she was thrown to the ground by a suspect who had, according to the victim, been drinking and had gotten angry for unknown reasons.

Monday, Sept. 18

**Columbus Division of Police**

**12:05 a.m.** — 300 block of E. 19th Avenue: Victim

reported someone threw a frozen can of beer and shattered his bedroom window.

**12:25 a.m.** — Double digit block of W. 10th Avenue: Victim reported that while he was sleeping he heard someone walking around on the lower floor of his house and assumed it was his roommate. His roommate, however, was not home at the time and when the victim awoke and went downstairs he discovered a window open and the front door open. Various items including a Playstation 2, DVDs and a Dell laptop were stolen.

**3 a.m.** — 100 block of E. Patterson Avenue: Victim reported a suspect smashed out the passenger side window of his 1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse and stole speakers and a strobe light.

**10 a.m.** — 3000 block of Olentangy River Road: Wedding gifts were stolen from a car.

**1:15 p.m.** — 1000 block of Neil Avenue: A juvenile victim reported being assaulted near the OSU Medical Center.

**1:44 p.m.** — Double digit block of E. 9th Avenue: Victim reported he went to check on one of his properties and the tenant said "I will f--k you up if you come in here again."

**4:30 p.m.** — 700 block of Neil Avenue: Victim reported that the passenger side window of his 1995 Honda Civic was broken and a car stereo, sunglasses, books, CDs and an air conditioner were stolen.

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that erupted at a 'fraternity house on a college campus in North Carolina. After a party, members of the fraternity went to sleep and a fire started in the basement of the house. It grew to the top floor quickly, burning out the roof. According to fire department officials, the fire could have been prevented.

"Designate people at parties to check the house after the party for things like lit candles or cigarettes that are still burning," Schaffer said.

The fraternity also invited two nurses from the OSU burn center to talk to students about victims that have come into the center. Jan Kulisek, one of the nurses, tried to paint students an ugly picture about the recovery process in the burn unit.

"Treatment and recovery is long and painful," she said. "Once you smell burning skin you never forget it."

Rebecca Coffeey, OSU burn center nurse, reminded participants why it was so important to get out and stay out. "We have so many people that come in who got out and went back in for things."

While the nurses were talking, fire fighters were creating movie set like smoke in the upstairs of the house. Two by two the participants had to find their way out of the house crawling on their hands and knees. This was to simulate the reality of escaping a fire. As the students made their way outside they were talking about the difficulty they had. One participant ripped his pants and another said he hit his head on the door.

"I have lived here two years and I still don't know where I am going (during the simulation)," Steinmetz said.

The fraternity received a

grant from the student activity fund to host this event. The brothers were hoping to get the word out to the community about how to stay safe before the first weekend back at OSU.

Steve Muza, vice president of Delta Theta Sigma, said, "We felt it was something that more people living off campus should take a look at. We are happy we got another frat house here and more of our own members."

For more information on fire safety, visit the OSU Public Safety website at [www.ps.ohio-state.edu](http://www.ps.ohio-state.edu).



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# Arrest made in Duquesne shootings

By Dan Nephin  
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Police arrested a man Tuesday in the weekend shootings of five Duquesne University basketball players and hunted for another suspect considered armed and dangerous.

The arrest came after a 19-year-old sophomore was apprehended on weapons-related charges. Police said Brittany Jones helped six men get into a school dance and knew some were armed.

Brandon Baynes and William Holmes, both 18, fired on the players early Sunday after the dance on campus, police said.

Baynes faced an arraignment on charges of aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, carrying an unlicensed firearm and criminal conspiracy.

Police issued an arrest warrant for Holmes on the same charges.

Three players remained hospitalized following Sunday's shootings after the dance sponsored by the school's Black Student Union. The most seriously wounded, junior forward Sam Ashaolu, 23, was in critical condition at Mercy Hospital with bullet fragments in his head.

Jones was arrested Monday on charges of reckless endangerment, carrying a firearm without a license and criminal conspiracy. She was arraigned and posted bond Tuesday morning, leaving the Allegheny County Jail out of the view of TV cameras.

According to a criminal complaint, Jones, who is active with the Black Student Union, got a call from a man asking if he and his brother could come to the dance. They arrived with four others about midnight.

Jones told police she became aware that several of the men had guns while walking to the party and they asked Jones if they were going to be "patted down" before entering, authorities said. The doorman allegedly told Jones that partygoers weren't being searched, and the men went into the dance, police said.

It wasn't immediately clear if Baynes and Holmes were part of the group. Police Cmdr. Thomas Stangrecki didn't take questions at a news conference announcing

the charges against the men.

In interviews Monday with The Associated Press, several players said the shooter was a non-student unhappy the woman he accompanied to the dance had talked with a player. The shooter and at least one other man followed the players when they left the dance to walk to their dormitory, they said.

Jones's attorney, James Ecker, would not confirm Tuesday whether she was cooperating with authorities and would not comment on reports that authorities may drop charges if she provides information to the police.

"I can say she's spent a lot of time with police in the last couple of days, Sunday and Monday," Ecker said.

"Until this case goes to a hearing or trial, she's presumed innocent," he said.

University president Charles Dougherty said he was grateful to police for the "swift arrest of the individual who may have been the shooter in the vicious attacks."

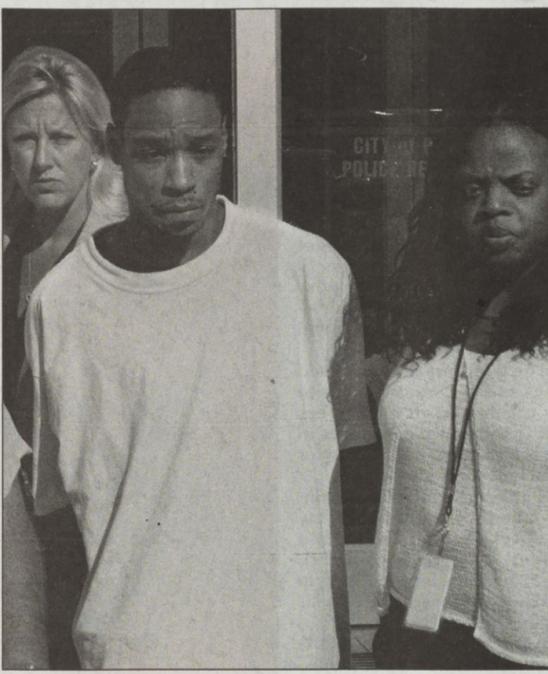
Besides Ashaolu, the other injured players were junior guard Kojo Mensah, 6-foot-7 forward Stuard Baldonado, junior center Shawn James and Aaron Jackson, a guard who is one of only two returning players from Duquesne's 3-24 team last season.

Mensah, shot in an arm and shoulder, was kept overnight at UPMC Presbyterian to receive additional injections of antibiotics but was expected to be discharged later Tuesday.

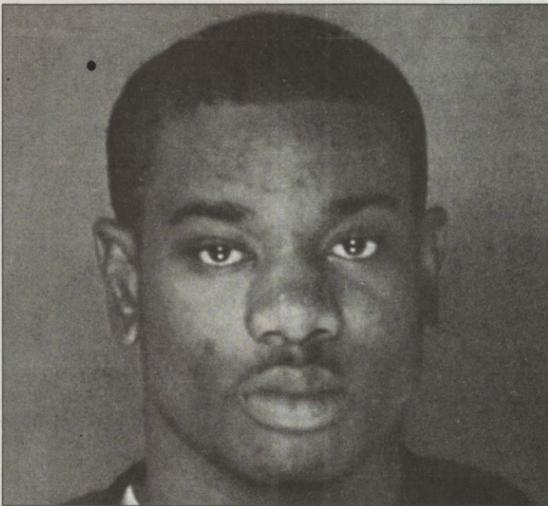
Baldonado was in fair condition Tuesday with left arm and back injuries, but likely won't play this season because his back injury will need two to three months of rehabilitation. He was expected to be released from the hospital by the end of the week.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Monday, Jackson said he and teammate Stephen Wood dropped to the ground when shots rang out. Mensah, Baldonado and Ashaolu were the first players hit in the attack.

James was wounded in his foot but escaped by running across the nearby football field. Jackson was grazed by a bullet on his left wrist.



KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP  
Pittsburgh Police detectives lead 18-year-old Brandon Baynes, center, from police headquarters in Pittsburgh.



CITY OF PITTSBURGH POLICE/AP  
In this undated photo released by the City of Pittsburgh Police, 18-year-old William Holmes is shown. Police say they have a warrant to arrest Holmes as a suspect in the Sunday shooting of five Duquesne University student basketball players.

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Harachis said. "Especially the structures these young people will have to deal with."

Alexis Stevens, a freshman radiology student, who lives in Canfield Hall with Dannemiller, said she was also looking forward to the project.

"I did a lot of this in high school, so it'll kind of help me with the transition into college," Stevens said.

She said volunteering is a way to help others and have fun at the same time. She remembered when she volunteered at a local state park in high school with other students.

"There was a lot of trash but it was still fun," she said. "We would talk about the funny stuff we'd find."

A community service-specific involvement fair was held in the Ohio Union that afternoon for students like Sasha Shektan, a freshman pre-med student who said she attended the event looking for ways to get more involved.

Cegnia said Community Commitment is just one of the many service activities students will be involved in this year.

He and fellow co-chair of the event Katie Bordon are members of the Students Engaged in Responsible Volunteering Team, known as SERV, which is part of the Office of Student Affairs and puts on most of the large-scale service projects on campus, Cegnia said.

Two other big events in the works are the Martin Luther King Day of Service to be held on campus in January and Make a Difference Day to be held at Northwestern University in conjunction with an OSU football game, Cegnia said.

Both Cegnia and Bordon said they love what they do.

"It really is what gives me a sense of fulfillment, knowing what I'm doing actually matters to someone," Bordon said.

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must bring in documentation showing they have a disability. Then they would be assigned to meet with a counselor before being provided the necessary accommodations.

"Because I take my exams

here, I don't have to strain to use my eyes," said Jones, who herself has a disability. "Alternative media allows me to study the classroom materials so I have the same content as the other students."

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# Protests disrupt Hungary after news of leaked information

By George Jahn  
Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Hundreds of riot police streamed into the capital Tuesday as protesters massed again after a night of rioting over the prime minister's leaked admission that his government repeatedly lied about the health of Hungary's economy.

By nightfall, some 10,000 people had gathered for a third night in Kossuth Square, the vast plaza outside the neo-Gothic parliament building. Dozens waved Hungarian flags, and some demonstrators set up tents, signaling they intended to stay at least overnight.

Several said they would remain even longer — until the resignation of Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany — (FehRENYZ DJUHR-chanj-ee) — whose taped comments set off the country's worst violence since its failed anti-Soviet revolution 50 years ago.

"I hope we can accomplish our goal," said Tamas Szep, 48, a paint supplies wholesaler. "Not only the prime minister, but all of his sidekicks have to go."

Protesters accused the governing coalition of lying to win the April elections, but people also were upset over tax boosts and other economic austerity measures that Gyurcsany has ordered over the last three months.

A 22-year-old student who identified herself only as Mariann compared Gyurcsany to a child caught telling untruths and suggested the Socialist Party leader, who is friends with Russian President Vladimir Putin, be banished to Siberia.

"My mother used to stand me in the corner for lying," she said. "Gyurcsany should stand in the corner of Siberia for lying to the whole country."

Opposition leader Viktor Orban, whose center-right FIDESZ party lost in the elections, also demanded the prime minister's resignation, describing him as "a sick, lying dilettante."

Gyurcsany — whose taped comments admitting his government had "lied morning, evening and night" about the economy provoked the fury — said he intended to weather the storm.

"I'm staying and I'm doing my job. I'm extremely committed to fulfilling my program, fiscal adjustments and reforms," he told The Associated Press. "I know it's very difficult for the people, but it's the only direction for Hungary."

Police were caught off guard the previous night by the fury of a few thousand people who broke away from the main demonstration and stormed the state TV building. Pushing past officers with protective helmets, clubs and shields, about 400 got inside, breaking glass and causing other damage.

The violence shook a country that for much of its last two decades had been held up as a model of progress following the collapse of communism in eastern Europe.

About 150 people were injured, including 102 police officers, one of whom suffered serious head injuries. Gyurcsany called it Hungary's "longest and darkest night" since the end of communist rule in 1989.

As the crowd grew again on Kossuth Square, hundreds of police from around the country arrived to reinforce officers guarding government buildings in the downtown Pest area. Gyurcsany ordered police commanders to use all means to prevent violence while respecting the democratic right to freedom of expression.

The public was stunned by the blunt admissions of government ineptitude during its first term and the cynicism contained in a 25-minute tape that was widely aired and published by news media over the weekend.

"We did nothing for four years. Nothing," Gyurcsany said on the tape, made during a private talk with Socialist parliament members that was larded with crude expressions. Later he said: "We screwed up.

Not a little, a lot.

"No European country has done something as boneheaded as we have ... Plainly, we lied throughout the last year and a half, two years," the prime minister said.

The outpouring of rage was fueled by austerity measures implemented by Gyurcsany's Socialist-led coalition seeking to rein in a government budget deficit expected to surpass 10 percent of Hungary's gross domestic product this year — the largest in the European Union.

The government has raised taxes and announced plans to lay off dozens of employees and to introduce direct fees in the health sector and tuition for most university students.

Until the scandal broke Sunday, the 45-year-old Gyurcsany had been the Socialist Party's golden boy — a youthful, charismatic leader promising to lead his nation to prosperity as a full EU member.

Along with Putin, he counts among his friends Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain and President Bush, who he presented with a handmade pair of riding boots during the U.S. leader's visit in June.

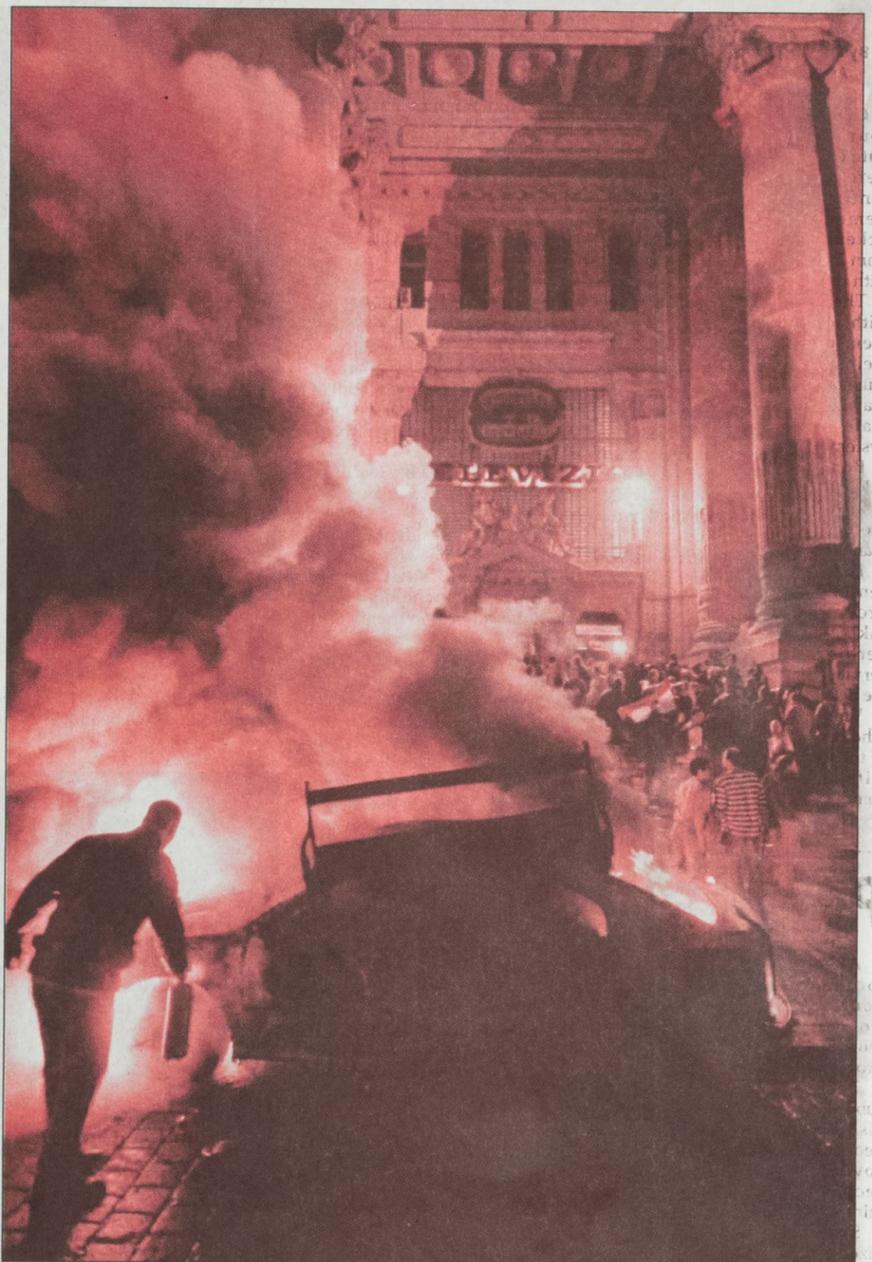
In the April ballot, his coalition with the Alliance of Free Democrats became the first Hungarian government to win consecutive elections since the return to democracy in 1990.

The origin of the leaked tape remained murky.

When confronted with initial excerpts of the 25-minute recording that state radio put up on its Web site Sunday afternoon, Gyurcsany not only confirmed the tape's authenticity but seemed relieved his comments had been made public.

That led some people to speculate the tape might have been released by Gyurcsany's own office, arguing he might hope a scandal could work in his favor by revealing the full extent of Hungary's economic malaise and casting him in the role of its savior.

The prime minister denied any involvement with the tape becoming public.



A car burns Monday as protesters gather around the main gate of the building of the state-run Hungarian Television in Budapest, Hungary.

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# Four board members charged

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins  
Associated Press writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Four former members of the state teachers' retirement board were sentenced Tuesday on a conflict of interest charge stemming from accepting tickets to a Broadway show from a company doing business with the agency.

The four had been charged with accepting \$275 tickets for themselves and in some cases their spouses to "Hairspray," a musical in New York, during a May 2003 trip sponsored by the State Teachers Retirement System.

Board members Michael Billirakis, Eugene Norris, Joseph Endry and Deborah Scott entered no contest pleas in Franklin County Municipal Court.

Judge Scott VanDerKarr sentenced each to one year of probation. He ordered Billirakis, Norris and Scott to perform 60 hours community service and to repay the cost of the tickets to the retirement fund.

VanDerKarr ordered Endry, who had already repaid the cost of the tickets for himself and his wife, to perform 30 hours of community service.

Investigators dropped a second charge of failing to report those gifts as required under state law.

The tickets were from the Frank Russell Corporation/Russell Real Estate Advisors, now the Russell Investment Group, according to the Ohio Ethics Commission, which brought the ethics charge.

Endry and Scott do not believe they did anything wrong but wanted to put the case behind them, said their Columbus attorney, Ritchey Hollenbaugh. He said the trip to New York was organized by staff members of the retirement system.

His clients "have no way of knowing who the ticket is for nor how much it costs, only that it is part of the evening that was put together with an itinerary from the staff in the board office," Hollenbaugh said.

Billirakis thought the show was part of the entire board-sponsored trip, said his attorney, Terry Sherman. He said his client pleaded no contest against his advice because he wanted to avoid a trial.

Messages seeking comment were left for Norris' attorney, Ben Espy.

A message was also left with the Russell Investment Group seeking comment. The company has said previously that it has regularly hosted educational seminars and other activities for clients and Russell employees attend those functions with clients. The company says it's up to clients whether they attend those functions.

Investigators continue to look at the conduct of senior retirement fund officials, Ethics Commission investigator Paul Nick said.

In June, former board member Jack Chapman was convicted of accepting Cleveland Indians baseball tickets and other gifts from investment clients. Another former board member, elementary school teacher Hazel Sidaway, was convicted in May of similar ethics violations, and Herb Dyer, the retirement system's former executive director, was found guilty last fall of improperly accepting gifts.

The teachers' retirement system serves more than 439,000 active and retired educators with assets of about \$59.6 billion.

# Peeing prankster punished

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — A former postal worker who poured urine into his co-workers' coffee must serve six months in a jail work-release program.

Thomas Shaheen, 50, of suburban Springfield Township, also must pay \$1,200 to the people he used to work with to cover their cost of making a secret video of his role in tainting the office coffee.

Shaheen stood and apologized to several postal workers in Akron Municipal Court where he pleaded guilty on

Monday to two misdemeanor charges of tainting food.

"I don't know what became of me," said Shaheen, a postal employee for 13 years fired from his job at a post office vehicle maintenance facility in Akron. "I hope you find it in your hearts someday to forgive me."

The tainting occurred over several months. When workers realized what was going on, they told supervisors and an investigation began. When nothing came of the probe, workers had a video camera installed in the room where staffers made coffee.

Shaheen was videotaped on two occasions in July 2005 pouring urine into a coffee pot in a break room.

He didn't offer a defense, but his lawyer, Paul Adamson, said Shaheen had been frustrated about his work.

"We can't believe Thomas would even stoop to this level for his own personal revenge," said Jene Jackson, who worked with Shaheen. "He would sit in the same room with people and watch them drink his sick little brew and think nothing of it."

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# Blind sculptor sees beauty

By Debbi Snook  
The Plain Dealer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Every morning, Chappelle Letman prays in the narrow alley behind the apartment building in his Old Brooklyn neighborhood. Crouching in the tight space, he thanks the Creator for the gifts he's been given and for the gifts now gone.

If it's summer, Letman pulls up a chair to linger and meditate. In winter, he wraps his hands around a mug of tea.

"And the rain," he says in a Barry White croon, "I love the rain."

Letman used to be outdoors a lot, bricklaying for a living or hunting, fishing and hiking for fun. In his 55 years, he's moved through California, over to Pennsylvania and up to Alaska.

He'll never forget the wash of sunset colors over the rooftops of his hometown, New York City, or across the glaciers in the Arctic Circle. He remembers how, as an oil painter, he captured that glamour on canvas.

When Letman finishes his prayers, he returns to his apartment, barely touching his fingers against the wall. In 1992, Letman lost his sight to glaucoma. Two days later, he lost his mother.

Letman studied life skills at agencies for the blind and took a job folding laundry. Then art called him back, big time, full time.

It happened at a show by Bruce Biro, a Cleveland sculptor who made stone carvings that were tubular, curvaceously intertwined and smooth. Letman ran his hands over every inch of them. They had a rhythm, a resonance that enthralled him.

He thanked Biro for allowing his work to be touched.

"I hugged a piece," he said.

Today, Letman makes his own sculptures in the dining room that serves as his studio. On a table over a carpet of canvas, he chisels limestone, marble and alabaster in bursts of movement, followed by a quick rub with his fingers to feel what he's done. It's not unlike the cadence of his infectious musical laughter and the way he pauses to

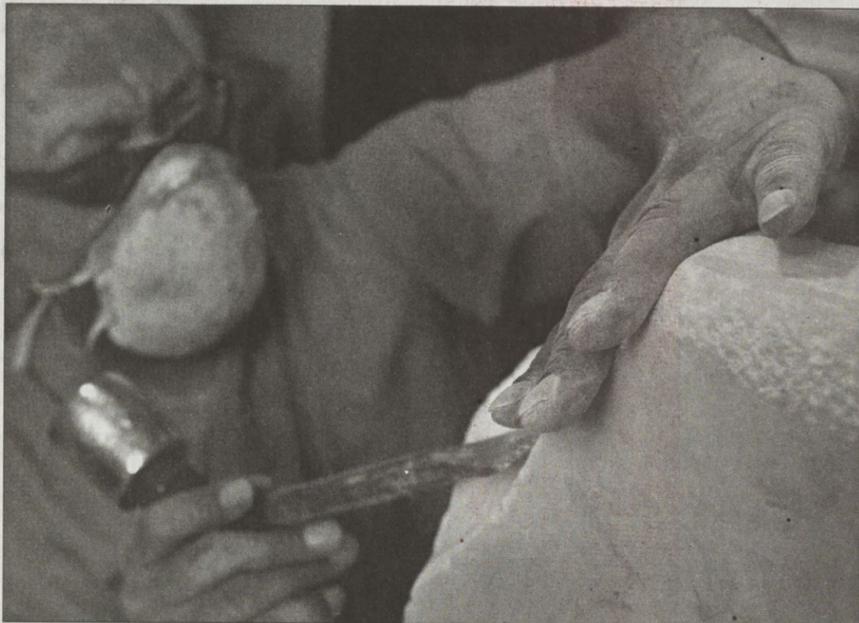
hear the other person respond. Sculptors often sketch a piece before picking up a tool, but Letman says he draws his mentally and in color. He tries not to keep too many ideas in mind at once, hoping to preserve his focus. Sometimes it works.

"Sometimes I have so many ideas I get headaches," he says. He might take a nap to restore himself. Or think back to what he smelled or heard when he got his original idea.

Many of Letman's sculptures are abstracts with loops and openings, as if something natural has passed through them. Or as if they are inviting something to pass through them. Their eyes and hearts seem wide open. Their skins can be as rough as bark or as smooth as a deer's belly. It's as if all of nature's forces have followed him indoors.

Letman says he is grateful to his ancestors and to a network of friends in the art world: teachers at the Cleveland Institute of Art, life instructors at the Cleveland Sight Center and fellow artists who help him choose stones or go to art shows. He says he trusts his hands to tell him if he reached his goal, but he also has asked fellow artists to critique his work.

Truth tellers, he calls them. Some people buy his work or help him ship his work out. He has sold to serious collectors, and next month one of his limestone studies will be part of a juried national show at Chicago's Guild for the Blind.



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Working out of his apartment, Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, in Cleveland, Chappelle Letman, feels with his fingers to "see" what needs to be chiseled on a piece he is working on named, "Ascension". In 1992, Letman lost his sight to glaucoma.

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# Cookie company receives makeover



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Sara Schneider restocks cookies at a newly remodeled Mrs. Fields store, Wednesday, in North Olmsted, Ohio.

By M.R. Kropko  
Associated Press writer

NORTH OLMSTED, Ohio (AP)—Clara was being good. The 3-year-old had just left a small photo studio with her dad, Craig Orr. He told his daughter she had earned a treat, and just then she spotted a sweets shop that glowed red. She pointed. Dad willingly complied, and a Mrs. Fields cookie was soon in

Clara's tiny hand. That's just the way Mrs. Fields likes it to happen. About to turn 30 next year and its parent company coming off a year of profit losses, the business known internationally for its chocolate chip cookies and other treats is being made over. It's starting at this suburban Cleveland store inside the Westfield Great Northern shopping mall, where walls have been painted red, lighting softened and the menu revamped to include gourmet coffees. "Obviously the color red is very appealing. The lighting is nice. It's a very modern look," said Orr, glancing at the freshly remodeled store with a front that Clara is too young to read but are familiar to older generations. The store was chosen as the model for the Salt Lake City-based chain's redesign because it was planning to move to another location in the mall anyway. Mrs. Fields officials say how many stores will be redesigned, and when, depends on the response to this one in Ohio. "I think the single biggest difference is warmth of the

experience," said Leslie Snively, brand manager for Mrs. Fields. "We want our customers to say, 'I deserve this. I want this.'" The change already appears to be paying off. Since Sept. 7, the remade Ohio location has seen about 60 percent better sales than in early September a year ago, said Jim Bird, franchise operations director for Pacific Hospitality, based in Santa Anna, Calif., the franchisee that oversees the North Olmsted store and 26 others Mrs. Fields shops mostly on the West Coast. Although there have been changes, much has stayed the same: Mrs. Fields is still stuck on decadent cookies and brownies and the business remains walk-up, with treats displayed in glass cases. The store used to have more white mixed with red accents, and the redesign came with a wider display case to fit more products and lighted signs to better display options for snacks, drinks or gift packages. Mrs. Fields is expanding its drinks menu, with smoothies as well as specialty coffees. Dunkin' Donuts, McDonald's and Burger King have similarly introduced

high-end coffees. The store also has some new sweets to go with its new look, including new brownie flavors that are planned for shops nationwide. New York City-based food business consultant Arlene Spiegel said any changes in product offerings and store appearance are important in a highly competitive market depending largely on customers walking past. "Mrs. Fields intercepts them," she said. "In order to get noticed and be differentiated, design and sensuality of the brand has to be enhanced." Mrs. Fields started when 20-year-old Debra J. "Debbi" Fields opened Mrs. Fields Chocolate Chippery in Palo Alto, Calif., in 1977. She is no longer part of Mrs. Fields, now part of the privately held Mrs. Fields Famous Brands, which posted a \$37.9 million loss in 2005 after a \$2.7 million profit the year before. The loss was tied to write-offs for its TCBY frozen yogurt brand, which the company is trying to revitalize, spokesman Michael Frandsen said.



TONY DEJAK/AP

Produce is shown at a grocery store, Tuesday, in downtown Cleveland. The tainted spinach scare over an E. coli outbreak leaves salad lovers, and restaurants, with fewer choices when brooking or eating out.

# Officials investigate E. coli-related death

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Dayton, state health officials said. State health officials will look into the death of a 23-month-old girl who was sickened by E. coli to determine if it could be related to a multi-state outbreak that has been linked to tainted spinach, a health department spokesman said Sunday. The death of Olivia Perkins, who lived near Cambridge in Guernsey County, has been brought to the attention of the Ohio Department of Health, but officials have not confirmed whether the case is related to the outbreak that has sickened more than 100 people, spokesman Jay Carey said. "We'll check with the local health department and see what we can find out about it," he said. The girl became ill on Aug. 7 and died Aug. 22 at Columbus Children's Hospital, where doctors confirmed the E. coli infection, said her mother, Rebecca Perkins. Perkins said another daughter and two of her nephews also became ill with E. coli infections that were confirmed at the hospital. They have recovered. Lab tests have verified E. coli infections of the strain tied to spinach grown in California in six people in central Ohio and one person in Preble County, west of

# Ney resigns from committee positions

By David Hammer  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Bob Ney, who has agreed to plead guilty to federal corruption charges, stepped down from two House committee positions Monday but has said nothing about whether he will leave Congress. The Ohio Republican said in two letters to House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., that he would immediately give up his position as chairman of the subcommittee that oversees the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and a commission that governs lawmakers' use of public money to express opinions in mailings. Ohio Republican Party

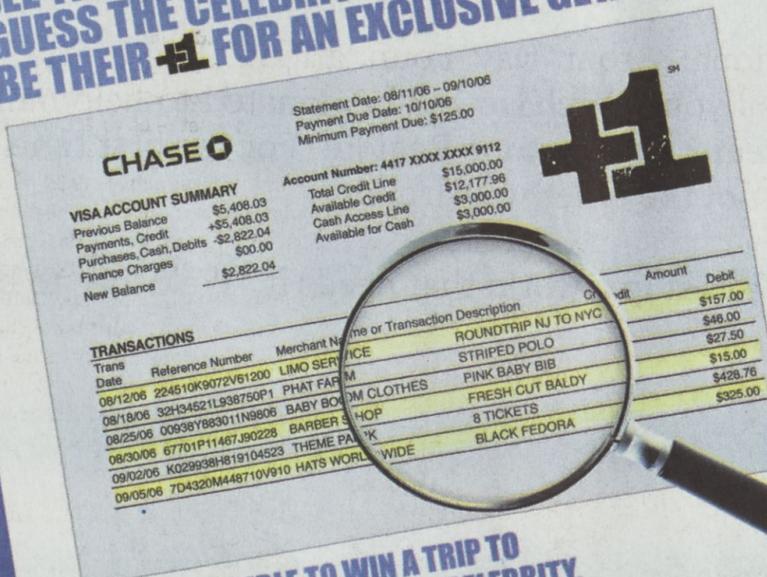
Chairman Bob Bennett on Friday called on Ney to resign, soon after it was announced that Ney had agreed to plead guilty to making false statements and conspiracy to commit fraud, make other false statements and violate U.S. lobbying restrictions. State Sen. Joy Padgett, who accepted Ney's request to run in his place when he quit his campaign for re-election in Ohio's 18th district, also called for Ney to leave his seat in Congress. "I was very surprised he did not resign on Friday. I know assuming is the lowest form of knowledge, but I truly thought he would resign," she said. "I'm pretty sad that he didn't do the right thing." If Ney resigns, Ohio Gov. Bob Taft would have the power to

call a special election to fill out the final months of Ney's sixth term. One option would be to hold the special election on Nov. 7, the day voters in the southern and eastern Ohio district will choose between Padgett and Democrat Zack Space to take over the seat in January. Taft spokesman Mark Rickel said the governor's office is consulting with the Secretary of State's office about various legal options. Ney has not participated in House floor votes since last Tuesday, House records show. The House returns to session Tuesday. When asked if Ney was working Monday, his chief of staff, David Popp, did not answer. Popp said he could not comment on whether Ney

would return to his elected duties before his term expires in January. Ney's lawyer William Lawler declined to comment on the committee resignations or if the congressman had made any decisions about keeping or leaving his House seat. Lawler said Friday that Ney wasn't ready to resign and was seeking treatment for alcohol abuse. Hastert was in Russia Monday and not available to answer whether he wants Ney to resign from the House, spokesman Ron Bonjean said. Majority Leader John Boehner, who is also from Ohio, wouldn't call for Ney's resignation during an appearance on "Fox News Sunday," instead saying it was a decision for Ney and his family to make.

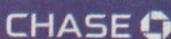
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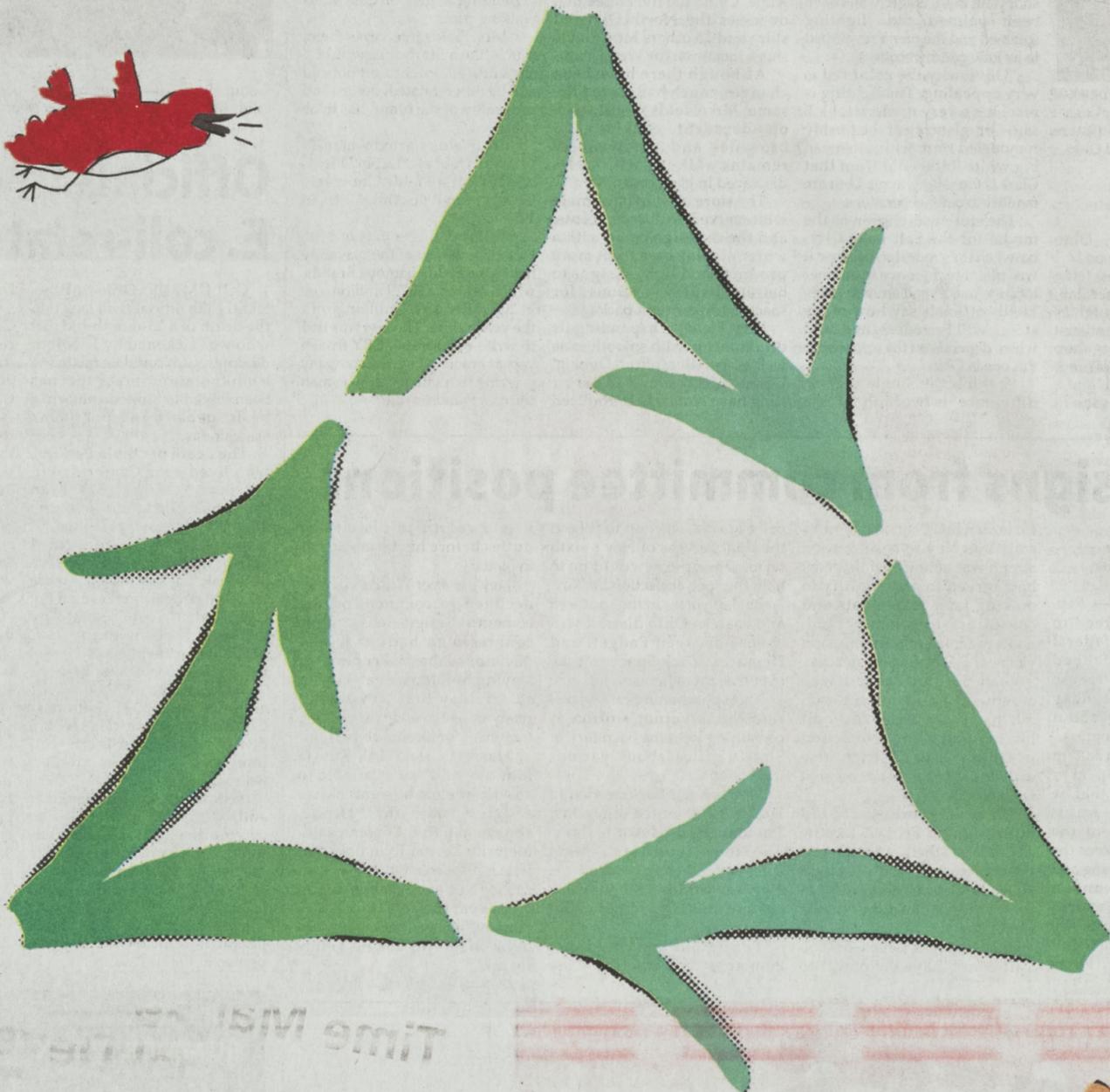
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## Suitcase shipping increases

### Shipping luggage proves profitable in light of new security measures

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Some airline travelers are shipping luggage through the U.S. Postal Service or with package delivery companies now that they face tighter restrictions on carry-on items.

Peter Broeckel, 63, a retired businessman who travels four to six times a year, said he pays about \$20 to send his clothes and other items through the mail ahead of his trips.

"It always has arrived and been waiting for me when I get there," said Broeckel, who considers it more practical than trying to take his bags on airplanes.

The Postal Service doesn't track how many people mail their travel items ahead, but it welcomes customers to take advantage of the service, said spokeswoman Yvonne Yoerger. Banned items inside airplane

cabins include liquids, gels and lotions.

Bookings at Luggage Express, a Boca Raton, Fla.-based company that provides door-to-door delivery of suitcases and sporting equipment, have increased about 30 percent since Aug. 10, when the Transportation Security Administration announced the bans of liquids and gels from carry-on luggage, said Marisa Munro, the company's sales director.

The liquids ban went into effect after British authorities said they thwarted a plot to smuggle bomb components aboard several U.S.-bound flights.

The company has couriers in Columbus and other major cities. Next-day delivery of one suitcase transported from Columbus to New York City costs \$75, Munro said.

Nationally, workers at UPS Inc. have not seen a significant increase in the volume of shipped luggage, except in Cincinnati.

"One of our customer counters in Cincinnati had reported it had seen about one

piece of luggage a week," said Ronna Branch, a UPS spokeswoman. "In the past two weeks, it is up to 15 pieces a week."

UPS won't ship some of the recently banned carry-on items such as hairspray and shaving cream because they are flammable or hazardous.

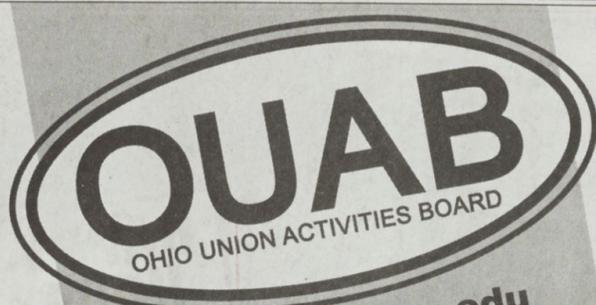
Since the new carry-on restrictions went into effect, the volume of checked luggage has increased about 20 percent, according to the TSA.

Beverly Davis arrived at Port Columbus from Baltimore on Wednesday, but her luggage did not. Davis was in town on business to make a speech that night, and the bag contained her dress clothes and makeup.

"Now, I have to go shopping," Davis said.

Davis said the mix-up is a rarity, and she doesn't think shipping luggage would be practical.

"Most travelers today are business travelers just like me," said Davis, who works for the federal government. "So it would never dawn on me to ship anything ahead."



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# Calendar girls come together after 50 years of friendship

By Evelyn Theiss  
The Plain Dealer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Twelve beautiful ladies with lots of love and two angels in heaven above.

That's how their friend George Michalke describes the group of women that got its start as a monthly club in October 1956, when Elvis Presley's "Don't Be Cruel" and "Hound Dog" were topping the charts.

The girls were known as the "Tiny Tims" in the early 1950s, when they gathered at a teen club of that name in Garfield Heights' St. Timothy parish.

By the mid-1950s, they were still solid friends, even though some group members had gotten married.

When Betty Ward's husband Jim got a job at NASA in the fall of 1956, it looked like the old gang might be broken up. Jim Ward said he didn't want to commute 20 miles to work, a long haul in the days before Cleveland's freeways opened, so the couple was moving to Parma.

"Back then, Parma was on the other side of the world," says Betty Ward. "I was afraid I'd never see my girlfriends again."

So she said to her 13 friends, "Let's start a club!" And the "Once a Month Club" was born.

The women have met every four weeks, give or take only a month or two, for 50 years. They range in age from 68 to 71, and there are four sisters among them. The four Holicky sisters are now Carol Gantzer of Mentor, Marilyn Bergen of Painesville Township, Mildred O'Dea of Parma Heights and Norma Kozempa of Seven Hills.

"The other girls went to St. Tim's and Ursuline Academy," says Kozempa. "The four of us were the public school girls. But we were in St. Tim's parish."

Bergen, who usually travels the farthest, says the women were a support group before

there "was such a thing as a support group."

In addition to the women already mentioned, the group includes Ginny Powers of Westlake, Marguerite Meslovich of Cleveland, Joan McAuliffe of Rocky River and Mary Ward of Parma (Betty's Ward's sister-in-law).

On this Thursday evening, the group is meeting at Betty Ward's immaculate cluster home in Middleburg Heights. The group says Ward is known as "the cleanest person in town" for her impeccable housekeeping.

This 50-year club could hardly be replicated in today's far more mobile society.

"We lived in a neighborhood where everyone stayed," says Ward. "But now so many kids get out of school, and they move to where the jobs are."

One of these women did move. Jane Merholz lived in Florida for 20 years. But as soon as she returned to Ohio in 1998, she was back at the monthly meetings.

"Nothing has changed!" was the first thing she told her girlfriends after listening to them talk for a minute.

You might call these club meetings. Or you might just call them fun-fueled gab sessions, usually with several conversations going on at the same time. The topics have evolved: from raising young children, to the "change of life," to retirement.

The one rule is, "No discussing health issues." Well, not for more than, say, 10 minutes.

The menu is light: crackers and cheese, nuts and a bit of wine. And there's always dessert. Tonight it's Betty Ward's fruit bowl with pudding.

And then there are the two club members who aren't here, the angels referred to in the poem that George Michalke wrote to the group. One is his wife, Donna, who died in 1998. The other is Irene Liggett, who

died in 2002.

Inspired by the "Calendar Girls" movie, the dozen women remaining in the group decided to make their own 2005 calendar. So, in September of 2004, Sheila Tarantino's daughter came to a meeting and photographed them in various poses in front of a white sheet, their shoulders bare. Then, using computer magic, she matched each of them to a month and its fitting theme, a heart motif for February, for example, and a scarecrow and sunflowers for September.

"Our planning meeting and our actual picture-taking meeting were probably the most fun and most hilarious we've ever had," says Kay Bricchacek of Parma. "I don't think I'll ever forget all the laughs."

At Christmas, they gave the calendar to the husbands, called "The Other Half" group. "It was our little gift to the guys," says Kozempa.

The guys loved it, though one woman's grandchild was a bit put off by seeing her grandmother's clavicles.

The guys responded by making their own calendar the following year, except the men went one step further and put their heads on extremely buff bodies of, dare we say it, much younger men. They called it "The Other Half" calendar.

The men join the women twice a year, at a fall steak roast and for their Christmas party.

This year being their 50th, the women were going to celebrate over a weekend at the Oglebay resort in West Virginia. But Kozempa is going through chemotherapy, and the other women said they wouldn't do it without her.

After all, Betty Ward and her 11 friends are living proof of the saying prominently featured on her refrigerator door: "A friend is God's way of proving He doesn't want us to walk alone."

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	Flicks for Free "The DaVinci Code" 8pm- Ohio Union Conference Theater GIP Time Management Workshop-noon-Ohio Union Memorial Room	NCAA Football Challenge 1pm- South Oval (rainsite: Ohio Union Ballrooms)	5 First Annual Green Fair 10am - Ohio Union West Lawn. Co-Sponsored with Sierra Coalition
<b>October 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
		Gabriel Iglesias and Friends Comedy Show 8pm- Ohio Union Ballrooms	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
"An Inconvenient Truth" movie viewing 8pm- Ohio Union Conference Theater		David Wygant, The Real Life "Hitch" 7pm- Ohio Union Conference Theater	Laurie David, producer of "An Inconvenient Truth" 8pm- Ohio Union Ballrooms. Cosponsored with OSUVotes
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Journey of Hope 7:30pm- Ohio Union Conference Theater	Insect Fear Film Festival 7pm- Ohio Union Conference Theater. Co-Sponsored with Department of Entomology	Flicks for Free- "Pirates of the Caribbean 2: Dead Man's Chest" 8pm- Ohio Union Conference Theater	Goodbye to Woody's Concert 8pm- Woody's in Ohio Union
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
			Graduate/Professional Homecoming Happy Hour 6:30pm- Chammps @ Lennox
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>20</b>
			Graduate/Professional Family Fun Day featuring "Over the Hedge" Saturday, TBD - Ohio Union Conference Theater/ South Main Lounge
			<b>12</b>
			Buckeye World Tour Tea Ceremony and Chinese Dragon Dance 4pm- RPAC, Tom Davis Special Events Gym. Co-Sponsored with the Dept. of Recreational Sports
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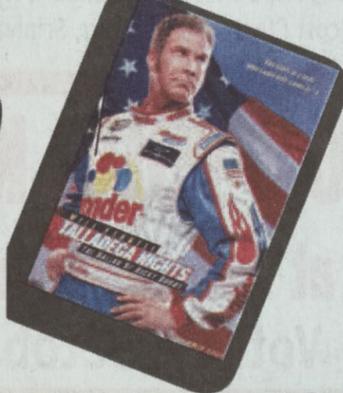
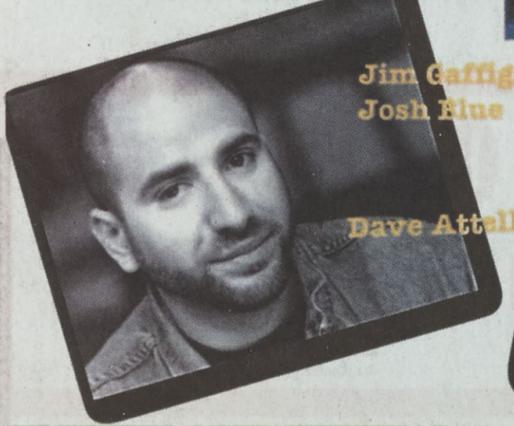


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<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Beat Michigan Week Kick-off 7 pm- Ohio Union Ballrooms Co-sponsored with Beat Michigan Week Committee	Beat Michigan Week Buckeye Pride Crafts Late Night Event 8:30pm- Ohio Union Main Lounge		Flicks for Free College Independent Film Tour 8pm- Ohio Union Conference Theater	
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
Jim Gaffigan and Josh Blue Comedy Show 8pm- Ohio Union Ballrooms				
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
		Flicks for Free- "Talladega" 8pm- Ohio Conf...		
		<b>20</b>	<b>31</b>	



# Army commander stages coup in Thailand

By Grant Peck  
Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — Thailand's army commander ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra in a military coup Tuesday night while he was in New York, circling his offices with tanks, declaring martial law and revoking the constitution.

An announcement on national television signed by army Commander-in-Chief Gen. Sondhi Boonyaratkalin ordered all troops to report to their duty stations.

Sondhi, a Muslim in this Buddhist-dominated country, is known to be close to Thailand's revered monarch, King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

A senior army general, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation, said the armed forces chiefs were meeting with the king to discuss forming an interim government, suggesting it would probably be led by civilians.

As soldiers and armored vehicles moved through a drizzly Bangkok, an announcement from the military had earlier declared a provisional authority loyal to the king.

It declared a "Council of Administrative Reform" had seized power in Bangkok and nearby provinces without any resistance. It recognized the king as head of state.

"The armed forces commander and the national police commander have successfully taken over Bangkok and the surrounding area in order to maintain peace and order. There has been no struggle," the announcement said. "We ask for the cooperation of the public and ask your pardon for the inconvenience."

Thaksin, who has faced calls to step down amid allegations of corruption and abuse of power, was in New York at the U.N. General Assembly, and he declared a state of emergency in an audio statement via a government-owned TV station in Bangkok.

At least 14 tanks surrounded

Government House, Thaksin's office. A convoy of four tanks rigged with loudspeakers and sirens rolled through a busy commercial district of Bangkok, warning people to get off the street for their own safety.

Army spokesman Col. Akara Chitroj said Deputy Prime Minister Chitchai Wannasathit had been removed from his post.

An army general, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation, said Chitchai and Defense Minister Thammarak Isaragura na Ayuthaya — two Thaksin loyalists — had been arrested.

"The government is no longer administering the country," Akara said.

In a vain attempt to stave off the coup, Thaksin in his state-of-emergency declaration from New York had ordered Sondhi to report to Chitchai immediately, effectively dismissing him.

Thaksin, who had been scheduled to address the General Assembly on Wednesday night, switched his speech to Tuesday at 7 p.m. EDT.

The coup went largely unnoticed in Bangkok's popular tourist districts, where foreigners packed bars and cabarets, oblivious to the activity about two miles away. But word raced among street vendors hawking T-shirts, who packed up their carts quickly and started heading home.

Hundreds of people gathered at Government House taking pictures of themselves with the tanks.

"I don't agree with the coup, but now that they've done it, I support it because Thaksin has refused to resign from his position," said university student Sasiprapha Chantawong. "Allowing Thaksin to carry on will ruin the country more than this. The reputation of the country may be somewhat damaged, but it's better than letting Thaksin stay in power."

The White House said it was monitoring the events.

Frederick Jones, a spokesman for the National Security Council, said President Bush's coun-

sel security advisers had seen various reports of military movements as well as reports of a declaration of a state of emergency.

"We are monitoring developments closely, but the situation at the moment is unclear," Jones said. "We look to the Thai people to resolve their political differences in a peaceful manner and in accordance with principles of democracy and rule of law."

Former Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai, and a member of the opposition Democrat Party, said Thaksin had forced the military to act.

"As politicians, we do not support any kind of coup but during the past five years, the government of Thaksin created several conditions that forced the military to stage the coup. Thaksin has caused the crisis in the country," he told The Associated Press.

It was the first coup in Thailand since 1992, when an attempt by Prime Minister Suchinda Kraprayoon, a military general, to retain power was countered by mass street demonstrations and Suchinda's ouster. After that, the military vowed to remain in its barracks, in contrast to earlier decades when military coups were a staple of Thai politics.

Tuesday's coup came a day before a major rally — the first in months — was to take place in Bangkok by an anti-Thaksin coalition.

Massive rallies earlier this year forced Thaksin to dissolve Parliament and call an election in April, three years early. The poll was boycotted by the opposition and later annulled by Thailand's top courts, leaving it without a working legislature.

Thaksin's Thai Rak Thai Party twice won landslide election victories, in 2001 and 2005 and had been expected to win the next vote on Oct. 15, bolstered by its widespread support in the country's rural areas.

In March, Sondhi sought to ease speculation the military might join the political fray, as it last did in 1992 and more than



DAVID LONGSTREATH/AP

Thai soldiers loyal to the King patrol a major intersection in downtown Bangkok, Thailand, Tuesday. The Thai military launched a coup against Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra on Tuesday, circling his offices with tanks, seizing control of television stations and declaring a provisional authority loyal to the king.

a dozen other times during earlier crises.

"The army will not get involved in the political conflict. Political troubles should be resolved by politicians," Sondhi said at the time, echoing comments of other top military officials. "Military coups are a thing of the past."

On Monday, Thaksin had said he might step down as leader of Thailand after the upcoming elections but would remain as partly leader, despite calls for him to give up the post.

The first sign of the coup came when army-owned TV channel 5 interrupted regular broadcasts with patriotic music and showed pictures of the king. Later, several hundred soldiers were deployed at government installations and major intersections in Bangkok.

Thaksin's critics wanted to jettison his policies promoting privatization, free trade agreements and CEO-style administration.

Opposition to Thaksin gained

momentum in January when his family announced it had sold its controlling stake in telecommunications company Shin Corp. to Singapore's state-owned Temasek Holdings for a tax-free \$1.9 billion. Critics allege the sale involved insider trading and complained a key national asset moved to foreign hands.

Thaksin also has been accused of stifling the media and mishandling a Muslim insurgency in southern Thailand that flared under his rule.

In the mostly Muslim south, separatist insurgents have waged a bloody campaign that has left at least 1,700 dead, mostly civilians, since 2004. Citizens there have complained of rights abuses by soldiers and discrimination by the country's Buddhist majority.

Bhumibol, a 78-year-old constitutional monarch with limited powers, has used his prestige to pressure opposing parties to compromise during political crises. He is credited with helping keep Thailand more stable than many of its Southeast Asian

neighbors.

He is the world's longest-serving monarch, celebrated his 60th year on the throne with lavish festivities in June that were attended by royalty from around the world.

Many Thais had been counting on him to pull the country through its political crisis, which has left it with no functioning legislature and only a caretaker government after the inconclusive election.

Bhumibol was born in Cambridge, Mass. He became the ninth king of Thailand's Chakri dynasty on June 9, 1946, succeeding his older brother, Ananda, killed by an unexplained shooting.

Since then, he has reigned through a score of governments, democratic and dictatorial. He has taken an especially active role in rural development.

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# Inspectors unaware of cause to E. coli spinach problems

By Lisa Leff  
Associated Press

SALINAS, Calif. — Farmers in the self-proclaimed "Salad Bowl to the World" started plowing their spinach crops under and laying off workers as government inspectors examined fields and packing houses Tuesday for the source of the deadly E. coli outbreak.

After poring over water quality reports, worker hygiene tests and other food safety measures, the inspectors were unable to pinpoint immediately how the bacteria made it into locally grown bagged spinach, causing one death and sickening more than 100 other people across the country.

And it is increasingly unlikely they will ever zero in on the source, said Robert Brackett, director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food

Safety and Applied Nutrition. FDA investigators visited fields and factories in the Salinas Valley that have been linked to the two companies that recalled spinach products — Natural Selection Foods and River Ranch Fresh Foods.

The teams also inspected other locations, looking for evidence of contaminated runoff; checking for animal droppings in the fields; examining sanitary conditions inside the plants where produce is processed; and taking samples from produce itself. E. coli is commonly spread by human or animal feces.

"They will look for any obvious or even suspected places where this organism could gain access to the produce," Brackett said.

The absence of any immediate evidence of widespread contamination is good news for the industry, but growers and processors

say the scare has already done damage to their products' reputation, and they are wondering when how long it will take for consumers to feel safe eating spinach again.

At least two lawsuits over youngsters who fell ill have already been filed, in New York and Utah.

"If it stays focused on the spinach, it's still bad," said Jim Bogart, president of the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California. "Worst-case scenario, where consumers don't get the message this doesn't mean all vegetables are tainted, it would be devastating."

Spinach was a \$325 million industry in the U.S. in 2005, and California produced 74 percent of the nation's fresh crop and 67 percent of the spinach that gets frozen or canned. The Salinas Valley accounts for roughly three-quarters of the state's share.

With that market disappearing in a matter of days, some valley farmers were already writing off their spinach crops, plowing the fields under and preparing to plant broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage.

With about a month left in the current growing season, those who invested most heavily in spinach are still hoping the FDA will lift its warning before the last of their leaves are ready to be picked, said Henry Gonzales, Monterey County's chief deputy agriculture commissioner.

Spinach farmers were also laying off field hands, but most quickly found work picking other crops in what is typically a busy harvest season, said Marc Grossman of the United Farm Workers union.

"The overall effect is not that great because spinach is a relatively small part of growing there," he said. "Many workers

have been able to find work in lettuce and broccoli."

Depending on how long the spinach warning lasts, related businesses such as seed companies and pesticide sprayers could also take a hit, Gonzales said.

Because it takes 35 days for spinach to mature, there would be enough time for a modest recovery if the scare ends quickly, said Joseph Pezzini, vice president of operations for Ocean Mist Farms in Castroville. But until that happens, the uncertainty creates difficult choices.

"Do you keep planting? Do you cut back? What do you do? We don't know," he said.

Cool ocean air and morning fog give the Salinas Valley a mild climate that makes it ideal for growing salad vegetables. From the city of Salinas, a shaggy carpet of lettuce and other leafy greens stretches for miles inland, broken occasionally by fields of strawber-

ries, cauliflower, celery, spinach, artichokes and wine grapes.

The area rose to prominence as an agricultural region in the 1920s, when growers started shipping iceberg lettuce in boxcars packed with ice. Cheap labor arrived during the Depression — a westward movement chronicled in the books of former Salinas resident John Steinbeck — as workers fled the Dust Bowl for the Salad Bowl.

The growing popularity of pre-washed salad mixes and spinach over the past two decades has been a particular boon for the region.

Lettuce, especially Romaine, is still king, bringing local growers more than \$600 million last year. But spinach has become increasingly important. In 2000, it was the 10th-most valuable crop in Monterey County. By last year, it had risen to No. 7, with a gross value of \$188 million.

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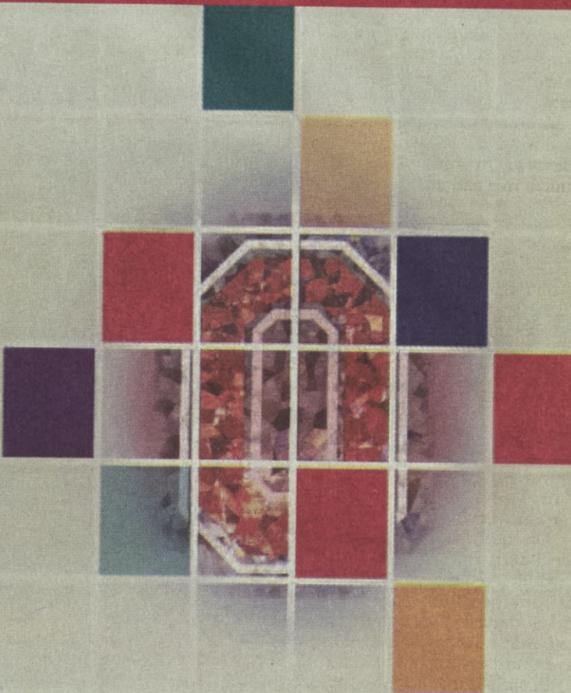
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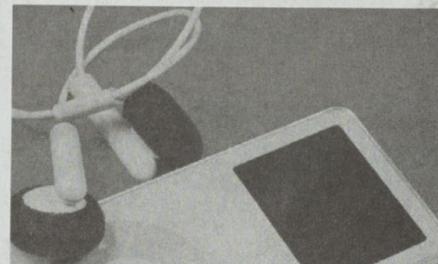


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# Bush seeks calm with Iran

By Nedra Pickler  
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — President Bush on Tuesday appealed directly to Muslims to assure them that the United States is not waging war with Islam as he laid out a vision for peace in the Middle East before skeptical world leaders at the United Nations.

On the sidelines, Bush pressed Iran to return at once to international talks on its nuclear program and threatened consequences if they do not.

But his speech to the U. N. General Assembly was less confrontational and aimed at building bridges with people in the Middle East angry with the United States.

"My country desires peace," Bush told world leaders in the cavernous main hall at the U.N. "Extremists in your midst spread propaganda claiming that the West is engaged in a war against Islam. This propaganda is false and its purpose is to confuse you and justify acts of terror. We respect Islam."

Addressing Iraqis specifically, Bush said, "We will not abandon you in your struggle to build a free nation."

Bush said Iran "must abandon its nuclear weapons ambitions." Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was scheduled to speak to the body later Tuesday, but he was not at the country's table in the hall when Bush spoke.

Speaking to Iranians, Bush said their country's future has been clouded because "your rulers have chosen to deny you liberty and to use your nation's resources to fund terrorism and fuel extremism and pursue nuclear weapons."

On the crisis in Sudan's violence-wracked region of Darfur, Bush delivered strong warnings to both the United Nations and the Sudanese government, saying that both must act now to avert further humanitarian crisis.

Bush said that if the Sudanese government does not withdraw its rejection of a U.N. peacekeeping force for Darfur, the world body should act over the government's objections. The U.N.

Security Council last month passed a resolution that would give the U.N. control over the peacekeeping mission in Darfur, now run mostly ineffectively by the African Union. But Sudan has refused to give its consent.

"The regime in Khartoum is stopping the deployment of this force," Bush said. "If the Sudanese government does not approve this peacekeeping force quickly, the United Nations must act."

With more than 200,000 people already killed in three years of fighting in Darfur and the violence threatening to increase again, Bush said the "credibility of the United Nations is at stake."

Iran's defiant pursuit of a nuclear program was at the top of the agenda when Bush met earlier with French President Jacques Chirac at the Waldorf Astoria hotel where the U.S. delegation was staying. The French leader is balking at the U.S. drive to sanction Iran for defying Security Council demands that it freeze uranium enrichment.

"Should they continue to stall," Bush said of Iranian leaders, "we will then discuss the consequences of their stalling." The president, speaking after his meeting with Chirac, said those consequences would include the possibility of sanctions.

Chirac proposed on Monday that the international community compromise by suspending the threat of sanctions if Tehran agrees to halt its uranium enrichment program and return to negotiations. The U.S. and other countries fear Iran is trying to build nuclear weapons, while Tehran insists its uranium enrichment program is to make fuel for nuclear power plants.

Bush said that Iran must first suspend uranium enrichment "in which case the U.S. will come to the table."

But he also stressed that he and Chirac "share the same objective and we're going to continue to strategize together."

"Time is of the essence," the president said. "Now is the time for the Iranians to come to the table."

Both Bush and Chirac

stressed they are working together, and the French president said twice that they see "eye to eye."

Chirac also said the European Union would not negotiate with Iran until it suspends uranium enrichment. "We cannot have negotiations if we do not have on one hand prior suspension," Chirac said.

Bush's challenge is to build international support to confront multiple problems in the region: the Iran issue, a stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace process, armed Hezbollah militants in Lebanon and unabated violence in Iraq.

Bush planned to meet later Tuesday with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani.

Bush's speech was the last in a series on the war on terror, timed to surround last week's fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks and to set the tone for the final weeks of the U.S. midterm elections.

Bush was speaking in the same room where four years and one week ago he made another plea for action in the Middle East. On that day, Bush said Saddam Hussein had stockpiles of deadly chemical and biological agents that the United Nations must confront.

He was wrong, but still forged ahead with war against Iraq without the support of many other nations. And he is still trying to rebuild credibility with the body, experts say.

"The sense outside of the U.S. is that the United States is responsible for many of the failures in Iraq, first by going in mostly alone and then by incompetent administration," said Jon Alterman, a Mideast expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

"The problem with the way he's talked about democracy in the Middle East is not that people see it as undesirable," Alterman said, "it's that people see it as naive. He needs to persuade cynical people that not only is he sincere, but it's achievable, and here's what they need to do to make it so."

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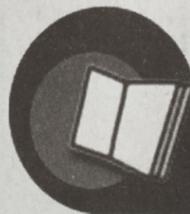
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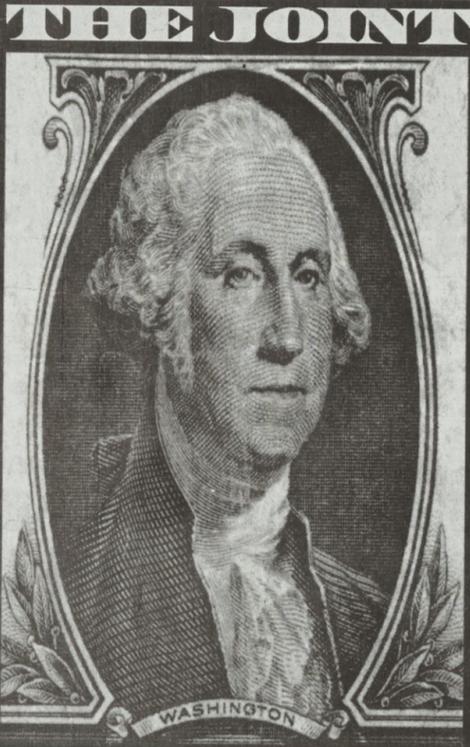


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## Records used to stop porn

By Hope Yen  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said Tuesday that Congress should require Internet providers to preserve customer records, asserting that prosecutors need them to fight child pornography.

Gonzales and FBI Director Robert Mueller have met with several Internet providers, including Time Warner Inc.'s AOL, Comcast Corp., Google Inc., Microsoft Corp. and Verizon Communications Inc.

The law enforcement officials have indicated to the companies they must retain customer records, possibly for two years. The companies have discussed strengthening their retention periods — which currently run the gamut from a few days to about a year — to help avoid legislation.

During those meetings, which took place earlier this summer, Justice Department officials asserted that customer records would help them investigate child pornography cases. But the FBI also said

during the meetings that such records would help their terrorism investigations, said one person who attended the meetings but spoke on condition of anonymity because the meetings were intended to be private.

Testifying to a Senate panel, Gonzales acknowledged the concerns of some company executives who say legislation might be overly intrusive and encroach on customers' privacy rights. But he said the growing threat of child pornography over the Internet was too great.

"This is a problem that requires federal legislation," Gonzales told the Senate Banking Committee. "We need information. Information helps us make cases."

He called the government's lack of access to customer data the biggest obstacle to deterring child porn.

"We have to find a way for Internet service providers to retain information for a period of time so we can go back with a legal process to get them," he said.

At Tuesday's hearing, Gonzales said he agreed with the

sentiment of 49 state attorneys general who in a June letter to Congress expressed support for a federal law that would require longer retention of customer records.

"We respect civil liberties, but we have to harmonize this so we can get more information," he said.

The subject has prompted some alarm among Internet service provider executives and civil liberties groups after the Justice Department took Google to court earlier this year to force it to turn over information on customer searches. Civil liberties groups also have sued Verizon and other telephone companies, alleging that they are working with the government to provide information without search warrants on subscriber calling records.

Justice Department officials have said that any proposal would not call for the content of communications to be preserved and would keep the information in the companies' hands. The data could be obtained by the government through a subpoena or other lawful process.

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## Mexican cardinal sued

By Julie Watson  
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A group of sexual abuse survivors filed a lawsuit Tuesday against a Mexican cardinal, claiming he hid evidence to protect a priest accused of molesting boys.

A lawyer for the Chicago-based Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court against Cardinal Norberto Rivera, who was considered a candidate to replace Pope John Paul II when he died last year.

The network announced in Mexico City that it had filed the lawsuit, saying it would give details in a news conference Wednesday. Rivera's office promised a statement with its reaction.

The survivors' group alleges Rivera, now Mexico's top-ranking cardinal, helped cover up abuse by the Rev. Nicolas Aguilar involving 50 boys when Aguilar served as a parish priest in central Puebla state in 1987. Rivera was bishop of Tehuacan in Puebla state

at the time.

Rivera, according to the group, later helped in Aguilar's transfer to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Aguilar has been charged in California with 19 felony counts of committing lewd acts on a child.

The network said as many as 60 alleged victims from both Mexico and the U.S. have come forward with cases against Aguilar.

Tuesday's lawsuit was filed on behalf of Joaquin Aguilar, 25, who has no relation to the priest. Joaquin Aguilar said at a news conference in Mexico in December that he was abused by the Rev. Aguilar in 1994 when he was a teenager. He reported it to authorities, he said, but nothing was done.

His family was ostracized by authorities and people in their parish, Aguilar said, adding that the ordeal led to problems with drugs and alcohol.

The 64-year-old archbishop of Mexico, Rivera was appointed by Pope John Paul II. He opposes abortion and artificial

contraception and has spoken out against globalization, government corruption and election fraud.

The church has become more openly involved in socioeconomic and political issues during Rivera's tenure, thanks in part to a change in the policy of the government, which until 1992 banned church-run schools and public religious processions.

As Mexico's foremost cardinal, Rivera was given an outside chance of succeeding John Paul II.

Rivera has maintained a high profile in Mexico's news media, officiating at celebrity weddings and commenting on current affairs during and after Mass at the Mexico City Cathedral, which faces city hall and the Presidential Palace.

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# Space shuttle landing delayed

By Rasha Madkour  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — NASA delayed the planned landing of space shuttle Atlantis by at least a day Tuesday after engineers spotted an object that may have accidentally flown out of its cargo bay.

Landing had been scheduled for Wednesday morning. But a poor weather forecast and concerns that something crucial floated out of the craft prompted the delay, space shuttle communicator Terry Virts told the crew.

"Big interest in whether we're going to be doing any robotics tomorrow," responded Atlantis commander Brent Jett, referring to using the shuttle's robotic arm to inspect the spacecraft.

NASA engineers think the object may have shook loose from the shuttle during the firing of jets in preparation for landing. NASA managers may order Atlantis' robotic arm to be taken out again for an inspection, and the space agency hasn't ruled out the possibility of having the crew return to the space station.

A Russian Soyuz TMA-9 capsule with an Iranian-American telecommunications entrepreneur, an astronaut and a cosmonaut was heading to the space station for a docking set for early Wednesday.

Engineers are concerned because they don't know what the object is or whether it's a crucial piece of the shuttle.

"The question is what is it? Is it something benign? Or is it something more critical we should pay attention to," said Wayne Hale, space shuttle program manager. "We want to make sure we're safe before committing to that critical journey through the atmosphere."

NASA wanted an extra day to do a detailed photographic analysis of the shuttle and its cargo bay area, NASA spokesman Doug Peterson had said earlier. Already NASA had been using cameras to scan the cargo area.

Astronauts aboard the shuttle were able to take photos of the object and describe it to Mission Control.

"It's fairly small ... It was departing away from us, maybe 1 or 2 feet per second," Jett radioed. "It wasn't rising or falling ... It was definitely moving away fairly



NASA TV/AP

In this image from NASA TV the cargo bay of Space Shuttle Atlantis and the starboard wing is surveyed by video cameras after an object that may have accidentally flown out of its cargo bay was spotted flying outside the shuttle, Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006.

quickly."

Mission control spotted the baffled object — the size of which was not immediately determined — with a video camera in the shuttle's cargo bay. The object, which circled the Earth in the same orbit as the shuttle, probably came out of the cargo bay around 2:45 a.m. EDT Tuesday because some jets had just been fired on Atlantis, Peterson said.

"It's something that we didn't expect, but it's something that we're taking a real close look at," Peterson said. NASA ordered Atlantis to keep the camera running all night instead of stowing it ahead of the planned landing attempt as usual.

Even before the problem with the unexplained object surfaced, NASA had said weather could affect Wednesday's scheduled landing. A storm front moving through Florida could delay landing from 5:59 a.m., when the sky would still be dark, until 7:34 a.m. or until Thursday or Friday.

Weather requirements are more stringent for dark sky landings because they are more difficult.

In preparation for the landing, the Atlantis crew had packed, checked flight controls — similar

to those on an airplane — and test fired small jets that are used to guide the shuttle. The commander and pilot used simulations to practice their landing skills.

They also participated in a rare conference call with two other spacecraft also currently in orbit.

"It's a little crowded in the sky this morning," said Jeff Williams, a resident of the international space station the shuttle undocked from on Sunday after delivering and installing a solar panel addition.

"We were wondering if we had to hire some more air traffic controllers for the increased traffic here," responded Michael Lopez-Alegria from the Russian Soyuz capsule that launched from Kazakhstan on Monday. He's part of the team that will be taking over from Williams' crew.

During the 10-minute conversation, while the space station and shuttle hovered over Australia and the capsule over the Black Sea, the astronauts reminisced about their time together, the times to come and the latest drama in the cosmos.

On Monday, the three space station astronauts pulled an alarm and donned protective gear after an Elektron oxygen generator

overheated, spreading smoke and a burned-rubber smell and leaking potassium hydroxide, an irritant that is used to power batteries. NASA said the leak was not life-threatening, and the crew cleaned up the spill.

"We're sorry you guys had to go through that but, yeah, we're kind of glad we weren't there, and we want you all to know that we didn't touch the Elektron," Jett joked to Williams.

During their mission, the Atlantis astronauts officially resumed construction of the international space station after a four-year hiatus. The 115-foot-long solar wings they added will generate power for the space station once it's rewire during the next mission, slated for December.

Progress on the orbiting lab halted after the Columbia disaster in 2003, when the space shuttle disintegrated while re-entering the Earth's atmosphere, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

Since then, NASA has implemented several safety procedures, including Monday's inspection of the shuttle using a robotic arm with a TV camera and laser imagery system attached on the end.

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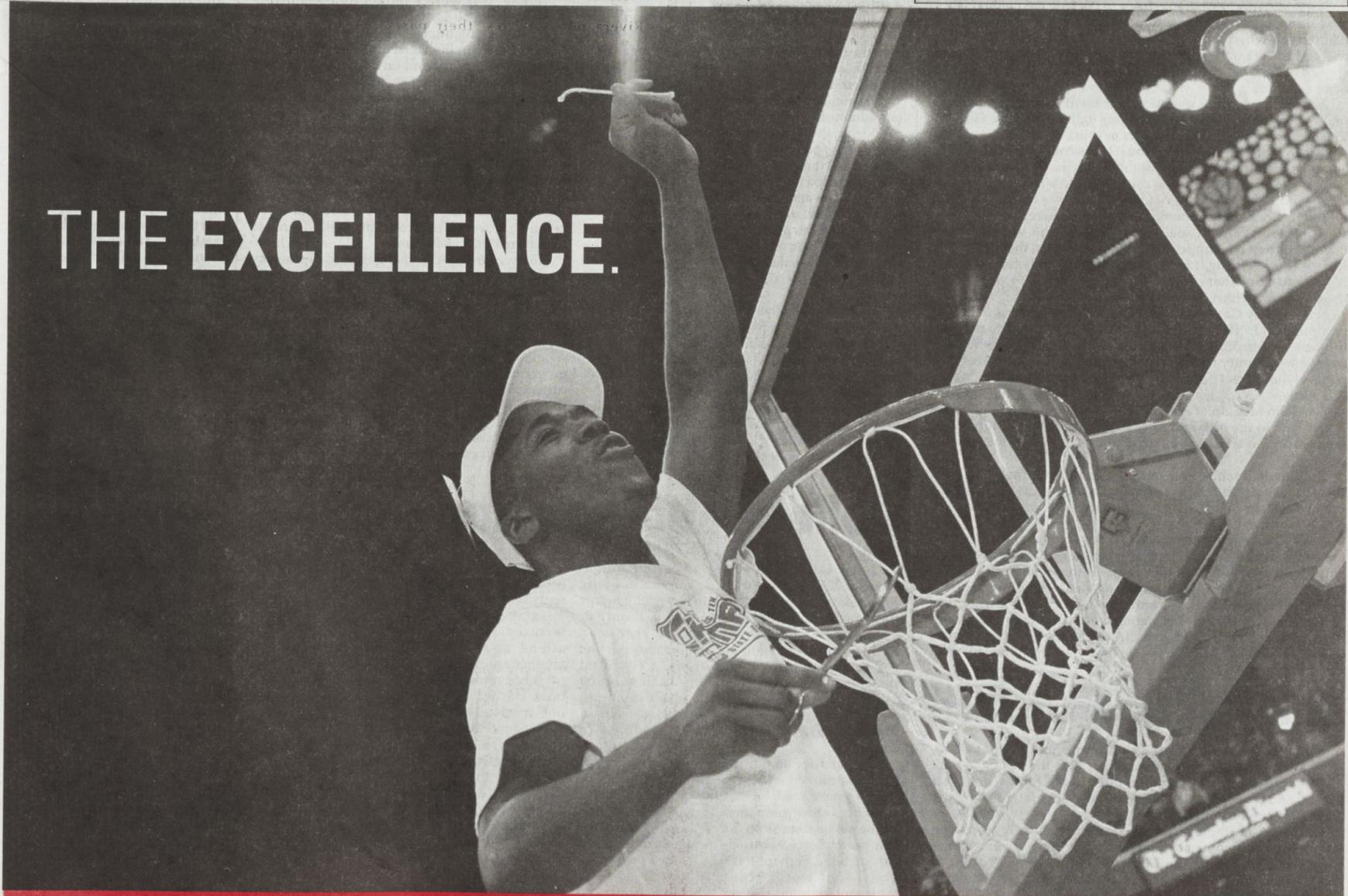
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### OUR VIEWS

## Leave Geneva Conventions alone

In June, the Supreme Court ruled the Geneva Conventions on rights of wartime prisoners should apply to suspected terrorists the CIA has in custody. After this ruling, interrogations ceased because of the questionable legality of the way the CIA was conducting its interrogations.

On Wednesday Sept. 6, President Bush spoke at the White House and introduced a bill to congress that would clarify the legal methods used on interrogating suspected terrorists that have been captured.

Bush called for Congress to do three things: First, define what will be considered crimes under the War Crimes Act. Second, he asked that Congress "make explicit that by following the standards of the Detainee Treatment Act our personnel are fulfilling America's obligations under Common Article Three of the Geneva Conventions."

According to whitehouse.gov, some of the language used in Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions needs to be made clear for the new bill, including the phrase that prohibits "outrages upon personal dignity, in particular, humiliating and degrading treatment." He intends on using this bill as a way to "clarify the rules for our personnel fighting the war on terror."

Third, Bush would like Congress to make clear that captured terrorists cannot use the Geneva Convention to sue U.S. personnel in courts.

In saying degrading treatment is prohibited, we believe the statement is clear and needs no further definition.

Remember back to April 2004, when the prisoner abuse in the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq was brought to public attention. There was no question this was cruel, degrading and humiliating torture. This scandal damaged the credibility and image of the United States. But after a few weeks, the media forgot about the scandal, and continued its coverage for the war on Iraq.

The Bush Administration refuses to disclose the methods they were using to interrogate captured terrorists. If these procedures had to stop when the knowledge of any interrogations was released to the public because of a question of legality, America should question the methods of the CIA and the Bush administration.

Another important question is if Bush wants Congress to make it so these captured terrorists can not use the Geneva Convention to sue the interrogators in court, does that mean they were using methods prohibited by it? This could be a way for his administration to ensure that nothing they have done up to this point to the captured terrorists comes back to bite them.

The purpose of the Geneva Conventions was to set a standard for international law for humanitarianism. It is currently ratified by 194 countries, and if we begin to twist the words of the document to fit our supposed needs for this war, then what is to stop us from twisting it further in the future, or better yet, what is going to stop other countries from twisting the words to use them against us, if we were to go to war in the future?

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., one of the opponents of Bush's new plan, said, "If it's seen that our country is trying to redefine the Geneva Convention to meet the needs of the CIA, why can't every other country redefine the Geneva Convention to meet the needs of their secret police?"

Exactly.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona is one of the strong Republican opponents to the bill, and said, "We have to hold high moral ground," when talking about the bill Bush is proposing, and we agree.

President Bush, of all people, should be familiar with morality, as a part of his campaign in 2004 was to uphold the moral standard of the country by wanting a Constitutional ban on gay marriage.

Bush is adamant about protecting our country from things he thinks will harm its moral integrity, including both gay marriage and interrogations against terrorists. At the end of every speech about terrorism, he always mentions the lives lost on Sept. 11, and how tragic a loss it was and how important it is to protect our nation. There is nothing wrong with wanting to protect our country, but by authorizing the CIA to use any methods possible to extract information, we cross the line.

## Early action unfaire

Last week, Harvard College announced it would end its early admission program next fall because the policy, which allows students to apply twice, once in the fall early action period, and if not accepted, again a few weeks later during the regular admission period.

Officials made the change after concerns that early admission favors higher income students because their lower income counterparts often wait until regular admissions in order to compare financial aid offers from a variety of schools. Students from more affluent families have less a necessity to wait for offers from other schools.

We applaud Harvard for ending their early admission program, a program that is very popular among the nation's top private schools.

The more students graduating each year with college degrees, the better it is for the country to continue to adapt to the changing world ahead. One of the most important ways to increase the number of students graduating college is to ensure they attend the one best for them.

Finding that correct college is often a tiresome and expensive task, full of applications, deadlines and college visits. Allowing lower income students more time to compare financial aid offers from a number of schools rather than worrying about applying early admission is a step in that direction.

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## Bush's rhetoric hypocritical

Five years after the Sept. 11th attacks our ports are not secured, chemical plants remain unguarded, our military is unable to meet recruiting goals and we are losing Iraq.

According to recent reports, the western prefecture of Iraq, Anbar Province — the heart of Sunni insurgency — has been forfeited by the U.S. military due to rising instability.

As of this writing, only five percent of incoming cargo is being screened for chemical and biological material, giving the terrorists a 95 percent chance of sneaking hazardous substances into the United States.

Moreover, military recruiters have apparently felt pressured into lowering recruiting standards — accepting felonious criminals and individuals suffering from severe mental disorders — all due to the largest recruiting shortfall in 26 years (recruiting has plunged by 35,000).

And above all, the administration wants to rewrite Common Article III of the Geneva Convention to allow interrogators to partake in inhumane treatment — treatment that is in direct violation of International law, and U.S. law as recent as 2005.

When will this administration decide to set aside political rhetoric that further obscures problems and provide Americans with constructive, pragmatic policy?

Military experts have long declared that torture tactics do not work, mainly because the victims give the interrogators what they want, regardless of truth-and would put our own troops in potentially detrimental and dangerous situations.

It is mind-boggling how much can change from one administration to the next.

During the 2000 campaign season, George W. Bush pledged to unite a politically polarized nation, yet it is now feasible to propose we are more polarized than ever.

Five years ago the nation rallied behind Bush, seeking comfort, regulation and retribution.

In return the president promised to capture those directly responsible for the Sept. 11th attacks, and yet we proceeded to invade Iraq.

The president took advantage of our sentiment and zeal.

And to this day the president and those around him continue to suggest the war on terror begins with Iraq, despite a thorough Senate Intelligence report that indicates Iraq and Al Qaeda had no connection and that, in fact, Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden were pungent opponents.

In the intervening time, Afghanistan has fallen victim to the reprisal of the Taliban, and the president has stopped looking for the man directly responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks.

Hence, Osama Bin Laden is still free and Afghanistan is not.

Democracy in Afghanistan might have worked had the president focused on the mission and not been preoccupied with invading Iraq.

In parts of Afghanistan, women no longer go to school because they fear the actions that might be embraced by supporters and members of the Taliban.

Had Mr. Bush truly wanted vengeance he would not have pulled U.S. troops from the Afghani-Pakistani border, where we had Bin Laden surrounded in the mountainous region Tora Bora.

As an alternative, Mr. Bush handed the mission over to the present insurgents, allowing Bin Laden to escape.

As of this writing, we have spent \$315 billion U.S. tax dollars in Iraq.

Money, if it were handled by responsible leaders, would be spent on preventive measures such as securing nuclear materials abroad and participating in multi-lateral diplomatic and peace-keeping operations; and on homeland security such as providing port security, coordinating emergency first responders, and safe-guarding our own nuclear sites.

We have yet to install the 41 recommendations from the 9/11 Commission Report — despite efforts from some Democratic Senators — and yet the current regime insists on dividing the country and misconstruing facts.

In the meantime, North Korea has commenced its nuclear weapons program, while Iran has attained nuclear capabilities.

Had we affianced and engaged in diplomacy we might have prevented such internationally blusterous calamity.

In 1994, when North Korea was considering nuclear options, Jimmy Carter was proficiently capable of negotiating a peace deal with Kim Il-sung, who subsequently froze all nuclear weapons programs; however, by contesting diplomacy, the current administration has further isolated us from the rest of the world, which has consequently encouraged North Korea to once again proliferate nuclear weapons.

It is time for a change!



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## College about taking chances

Today is the first day of classes for Autumn Quarter 2006. For me it is just another in a long line of days of class here, but to many of you this day marks a new beginning, the beginning of your life as a Buckeye. Freshman year is an exciting time when you get to meet new people, see new places and do new things. Your first quarter can be hectic as you try to fit as many clubs into your schedules as possible, and to sample many different types of classes in an attempt to find a major and graduate in four years.

But, as I see so many freshman arriving at Ohio State for their first year, I wonder how many really have any idea what they want to do with their lives after graduation. Perhaps it is the fault of the national stress on liberal arts education that our generation seems to be incapable of focusing on one topic. Perhaps it can be blamed on today's fast-paced world economy or our societal penchant for multi-tasking. Whatever the reason, it seems harder and harder every day for us to finally come to these important decisions.

I thought I was different. When I arrived at OSU, wandering around aimlessly as an OWL, I had my heart set on one goal: to be an archaeologist. To many people this will only invoke the image of Harrison Ford performing death-defying stunts, but the scientific study of the past is my passion. I have been working toward that goal for 17 years, only to find now in examining myself that I might have chosen the wrong direction three years ago. I don't intend to change my major because archaeology is still my passion, but I have discovered important things about myself in these past three years that will modify my post-graduate goals.

As I go into my final year with this knowledge, I would like to give you some good advice: Learn from your mistakes.

The only way to learn (not to memorize, but to truly learn) is from past mistakes. Even the boring lectures we must all attend at one time or another are compilations of what many people have learned from their own mistakes and chosen to pass on to us. These classes are invaluable when you apply yourself, so make the most of them. Your advisors and professors will be able to give you great advice during your years here, but they can not tell you anything about you.

Do not be afraid to declare a major or start trying out different major classes to see what piques your interest. The earlier you jump into these classes, the more time you will have to correct your mistakes. Another great learning tool is getting involved with research. OSU is a top research university, and you should take advantage of its opportunities. Anyone can get into it if they have the initiative. The Undergraduate Research Office will be a great help to you with this. The sooner you find out that culturing microbes or examining specimens under a microscope all day does not cut it for you, the better.

Just remember, even if this work does not appear to be a success, the mistakes you make now will guide you along your journey to success. So do not let "failures" get you down. You are not alone in your search; we are all in this together.



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### YOUR VIEWS

## OSU student voting options

To the Editor:

In Monday's Lantern, opinion columnist Matt Stegman talks about OSUVotes and the challenges young people will face this fall in attempting to vote. Although he makes some good arguments, the new ID requirements are not as onerous as he would have you believe.

After registering to vote by October 10th, you will be able to vote on Election Day as long as you can provide a valid piece of identification that matches your voting address. Acceptable forms of ID are a copy of your utility bill, bank statement, payroll check, driver's license or state issued photo ID card, military ID, government check or government document showing your name and current address.

Considering that so many OSU students have utility bills in their name, jobs in Columbus or official OSU documents with their campus address on them, the identification requirements, although a pain in the neck, can be overcome with a little initiative by the student.

Even if a student doesn't have any of the acceptable IDs listed above, a student can still cast a provisional ballot by providing the last four digits of his/her social security number. And in the even rarer case where a student does not have any ID and does not have a social security number, the voter can still cast a provisional ballot by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot.

Now it is important that we continue to debate whether the new ID requirements unnecessarily burden college student voters or are an unfair response to the allegations of voter fraud from the 2004 election, but it is also important to recognize that college students can vote from their college addresses this fall and that their vote will be an important one for both parties, Republican or Democrat.

According to a recent report issued by CIRCLE, 29 percent of 18-29 year old voters consider themselves Democrats compared to only 20 percent identifying themselves as Republicans. But that leaves 51 percent of young voters who consider themselves independents or do not identify themselves with either political party. The youth vote is up for grabs this fall and both parties would be making a huge mistake by ignoring college student voters.

Ryan Meadows  
OSU Alum 2006

## Football fires caused by students or others?

To the Editor:

First things first, I am a parent of a student and a big fan of Ohio State football for the last 30 years. You must recall that the fall 2006 quarter at OSU only began Monday. There were no students on campus, at least not in class, until this past week. Give students a break. The pyromaniacs are not OSU students. They are most likely from around the campus area, other colleges, or just local townies. This time let us put the blame where it belongs. And have the Columbus and campus police do their job.

Barbara Ritchey  
Hudson, OH

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# 'Croc Hunter' remembered at memorial

By Dennis Passa  
Associated Press

BEERWAH, Australia — "Crocodile Hunter," Steve Irwin was remembered Wednesday for his "great zest for life" at a public memorial service for the beloved conservationist and entertainer.

"We have lost a friend, a champion," actor Russell Crowe said in a recorded tribute. "It will take some time to adjust to that."

Prime Minister John Howard, among the 5,000 in attendance at the Australia Zoo for the ceremony, remembered Irwin for his love of Australia.

"Steve Irwin touched the hearts of Australians and touched the hearts of millions around the world in a very special way," said Howard. "He did that because he had that quality of being genuine, of being authentic, of being unconditionally and having a great zest for life."

"Throughout his all-too-short life he demonstrated a love for the two things that ought to matter more to all of us than anything else — his love of his family and his love of his country."

There was one seat at Irwin's personal stadium — the one set aside for the late and hugely popular "Crocodile Hunter"

himself. On the stage sat Irwin's widow, American-born Terri, and their two children, Bindi 8, and Bob, 2 — all dressed in Irwin's favored khaki outfit. It was their first public appearance since Irwin's death.

A exuberant television entertainer and conservationist, Irwin, 44, died Sept. 4 when the barb from a stingray pierced his chest while he was filming for a TV show on the Great Barrier Reef. His family held a private funeral service for him on Sept. 9 at Australia Zoo.

Flags on the Sydney Harbor Bridge flew Wednesday at half-staff, and giant television screens were set up in Irwin's home state of Queensland for people to watch the service. Three of Australia's main television networks carried the hour-long ceremony, which was to be made available to U.S. and international networks and which family officials said could be watched by as many as 300 million people.

Crowds began lining up Tuesday night for the start of the memorial service. Later, under sunny skies just before the start of the ceremony, dozens of television satellite transmission trucks parked outside the zoo, a flora and fauna park that has been owned

by the Irwin family since 1970.

His death set off an unprecedented outpouring of grief. Tens of thousands traveled to the zoo near Brisbane to drop off flowers and other mementoes, many of them signing Irwin-styled khaki shirts instead of a condolence book.

Since Irwin's death, his conservation charity Wildlife Warriors has seen a surge in donations and its Web site has received millions of hits.

John Williamson, one of Irwin's favorite Australian country singers, sang his trademarked "True Blue" song that Irwin loved.

Later, as part of the public memorial entitled "He Changed our World," actress Cameron Diaz said in a video presentation that Irwin was incredibly popular in the United States.

"America just flipped for him," said Diaz. "Every kid was in love with the idea of being him."

Later, actor Kevin Costner said Irwin put himself "out



RUSSELL MCPHEDRAN/AP Steve Irwin, of the TV show "The Crocodile Hunter," holds a nine-foot female alligator at his Australia Zoo in Beerwah, Queensland, Australia, on June 18, 1999. Irwin, fatally wounded by a stingray last week, will be celebrated at a public memorial at his wildlife park next week, his wife announced Wednesday, Sept.

there" for everyone to see.

"He was fearless," said Costner in the video tribute.

"He let us see who he was. That is being brave in today's society."

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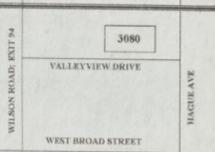
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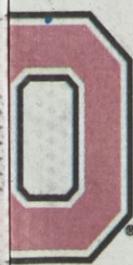
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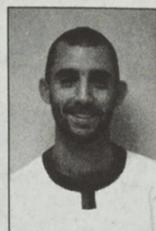
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## COMMENTARY



KEVIN BRUFFY

# Smith's work ethic paying off

By David Briggs  
For The Lantern

Troy Smith will insist he pays little attention to the Heisman talk that has enveloped him.

"I can't worry about someone else's game," he said Tuesday.

But if for nothing else, the late-season brilliance in 2005 that made him one of the trophy's front-runners has one benefit: a little respect from the honchos behind his favorite video game, NCAA Football 2007.

"They looked out for us this year," Smith said, laughing. "Last year, they wouldn't give us the wide-open spread offense that we really ran. So I would have to go to another team's playbook and use their plays. Now you just throw the ball to Ted (Ginn Jr.) and (Anthony Gonzalez) and it's like cheating. It's like stealing."

Away from the suburban apartment where the game has seen plenty of wear — what with those daily summer showdowns with his buddy Ginn — it's been the same story on the field. That's how effortless the play of an OSU offense averaging 427 yards per game has seemed at times.

And though Smith would argue otherwise — deflecting any attention thrown his way — he is the reason why. He is what makes the offense go. He is the one who has tossed for 769 yards and seven touchdowns; the one who has gone more than five games without throwing an interception and the one who has emerged as the consensus Heisman favorite. Most importantly, he is the team's indisputable leader.

"Troy is unbelievable," center Doug Datish said. "He just has this air of confidence that I think came when he kind of became the guy here ... He deserves every single honor he's got and he'll get in the future."

It's a tale as equally inspiring as the dramatic fall of former OSU star Maurice Clarett is heartbreaking. From one

misstep away from being booted off the team to his position today, carrying the hopes of the nation's No. 1 team for the school's eighth national championship.

"People mature as they get older," Smith said. "Hopefully everybody goes through that change where you realize that some of the things you used to do were immature and you need to grow up."

His past troubles are well-chronicled. Most recently, he was suspended for the 2004 Alamo Bowl and the 2005 season-opener for accepting money from a booster.

The road back was not any smoother. After offering hope to a lost 2004 season by winning four of the season's final five games and becoming just the second player in Buckeyes history to single-handedly put up over 400 yards of total offense in OSU's thrashing of Michigan, it all came to an abrupt halt.

Returning from the missed time, Smith appeared somewhat out of sorts as he was thrown onto the main stage of OSU's primetime showdown with Texas in 2006. Splitting time with Justin Zwick resulted in a 25-22 OSU loss. The platoon was quickly abandoned by coach Jim Tressel as the promise

developed a newfound devotion to film study and began taking the role of quarterback as a position of leadership more seriously.

"It was the look I saw on all of my teammates faces when they look at you as the quarterback," Smith said, describing how he decided to turn his attention to inspiring confidence in his teammates.

As for the film study, it became a priority in Smith's life as he spent endless hours in the film room with Tressel and quarterbacks coach that he now offers this: "You can never do enough studying."

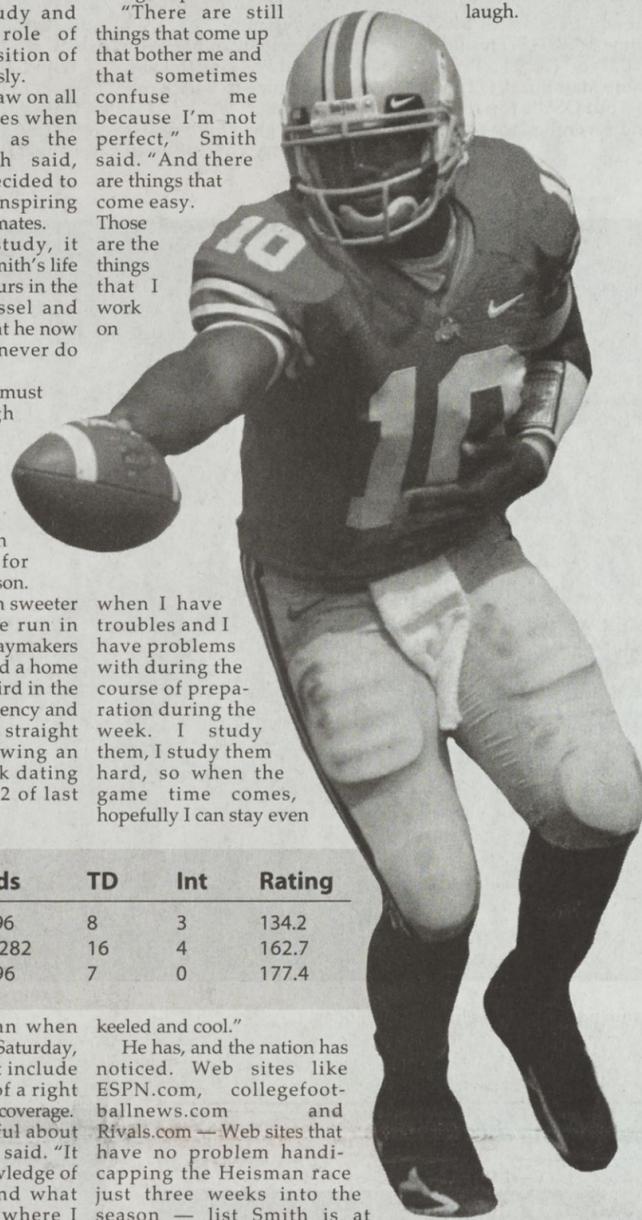
Perhaps, but Smith must have done enough dissecting as he finished out the season by becoming the first quarterback in OSU history to throw for more than 2,000 yards and rush for over 500 yards in a season.

And it's only gotten sweeter this year. Nixing the run in favor of keeping his playmakers happy, Smith has found a home in the pocket. He is third in the nation in passing efficiency and he has attempted 152 straight passes without throwing an interception, a streak dating back to November 12 of last year.

brought up.

"There are still things that come up that bother me and that sometimes confuse me because I'm not perfect," Smith said. "And there are things that come easy. Those are the things that I work on

Smith admits with a laugh.



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2005	149	237	62.9	2,282	16	4	162.7
2006	56	81	69.1	896	7	0	177.4

Smith displayed in 2004 made him the starter once again.

He showed flashes but he was far from the player fans remembered from the Michigan game. The turning point in his career came on Oct. 8 in State College. The OSU loss ended any title aspirations and saw Smith throw for just 139 yards. Smith prefers to call his progression a "gradual development," but a tangible change in the quarterback and his approach was underway.

Spurred by Tressel, Smith

He now has a plan when he takes the field each Saturday, and that plan doesn't include relying on that rifle of a right arm to force throws into coverage.

"Troy is very careful about our football," Tressel said. "It comes down to a knowledge of what we're doing and what they're doing. And where I think he's really grown is his play against all different schemes of defenses. He studies them hard."

As expected, Smith balks when his interception streak is

keeled and cool."

He has, and the nation has noticed. Web sites like ESPN.com, collegefootballnews.com and Rivals.com — Web sites that have no problem handicapping the Heisman race just three weeks into the season — list Smith is at the top.

Perhaps, though, the more pressing question for Smith is whether he can win the Heisman on NCAA 2007.

"Yeah, I play as myself,"

## NOTEBOOK

# Downing challenges Buckeye fans; Clarett still in Buckeyes thoughts

By David Briggs  
For The Lantern

Coach Jim Tressel was asked Tuesday if he would call the saga of former OSU star Maurice Clarett's fall an "athletic tragedy."

He would not, instead expressing hope for the man who was sentenced to 3 and one-half years in prison on Monday.

"Knowing Maurice like I do, I'd like to think that he'll have a plan for his growth while he's taking care of those consequences," Tressel said. "My feelings don't change any for him."

"Like any situation that arises, if you'll take it and use it to grow, it's amazing what it can do for you. So my prayer is that he takes that time and creates a plan for his life and that he'll have a wonderful life."

Clarett pleaded guilty to charges of aggravated robbery and carrying a concealed weapon, ending for now a tumultuous three year-run that began shortly after he led the Buckeyes to the 2002 National Championship.

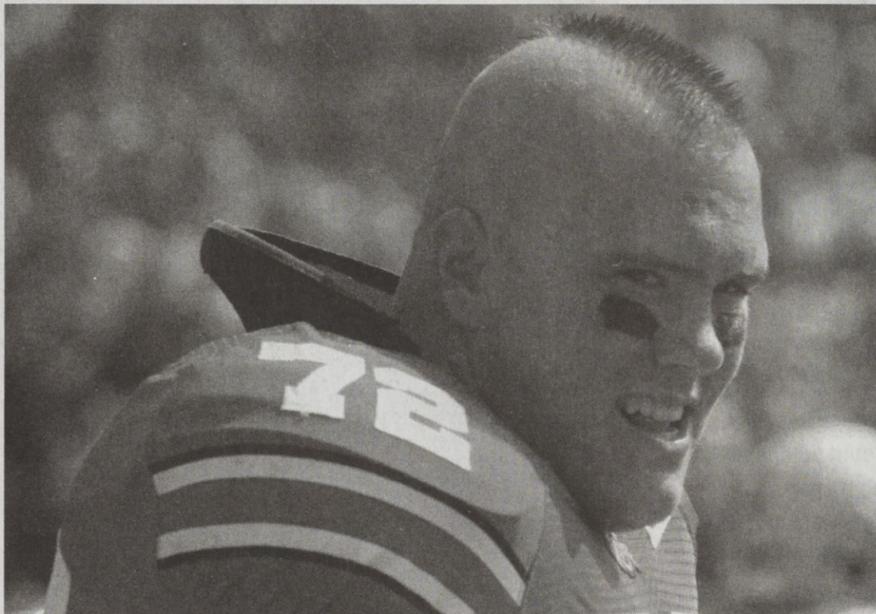
Troy Smith, once a close friend to Clarett, said he will be keeping his former teammate in his prayers.

"I'm praying for him all the time. It's an unfortunate situation, but there's not much myself of my teammates can do about that situation," Smith said. "Every man chooses his path. It might not be a good one, but he has to live with that situation."

### Downing challenges fans

Sorry Buckeye fans, but Ohio Stadium may not offer the Big Ten's rowdiest fans. Or so says T.J. Downing.

The loudest environment the



DAVID HEASLEY/THE LANTERN

Senior guard T.J. Downing wants to hear some extra noise at the Shoe Saturday

senior guard said he's ever experienced was at Penn State's Beaver Stadium last October during OSU's 17-10 loss.

"So I'd like to issue a challenge to our fans. (PSU's) fans single-handedly took us out of our game," Downing said. "Maybe we can do the same."

Can they, though? "I don't know. Penn State fans can, so our fans can," Downing said. "I know how we party here in Columbus."

To rival last year's "White Out" in State College, OSU is billing Ohio Stadium as the "Red Sea" for Saturday's Big Ten opener, asking all fans to wear scarlet.

### Pettrey honored

Kicker Aaron Pettrey was tabbed Big Ten Special Teams player of the week after the freshman's flawless Saturday.

Pettrey nailed field goals from 43 and 47 yards while booting five of his seven kickoffs for touchbacks.

This marks the third straight week the Buckeyes have made the list.

Smith was the league's offensive player of the week for his season-opening performance against Northern Illinois and linebacker James Laurinaitis took the defensive honors after his showing at Texas. Clarett's former high school

teammates at Youngstown's Warren Harding, receiver Mario Manningham and linebacker Prescott Burgess, garnered this week's offensive and defensive accolades. The pair are now teammates at Michigan.

### Boeckman out, Hall improving

Backup quarterback Todd Boeckman will be unavailable this week after spraining his ankle during the fourth quarter of Saturday's 37-7 win over Cincinnati.

Third on the depth chart behind Smith and Justin Zwick, the sophomore was in for just four plays before his day was

cut short mid-drive. The injury, though, is not thought to be serious.

"He rolled his ankle," Tressel said. "It didn't even happen really in the course of a play, but he was falling and the play kind of ended and someone fell on him."

Also on the ankle sprain front, Roy Hall is now "95 percent" healthy and the senior wideout will see "significantly" increased time this week, Tressel said.

After being sidelined for the season's first two games, Hall only saw a handful of plays in his return on Saturday.

### Quotable

"David Patterson demonstrated the whole week that he thought we weren't ready. Not to say he was Nostradamus, but he was right. We came out sluggish and we came out slow. He felt it and I felt it" — Smith on the prescient senior defensive tackle foreseeing the Buckeyes' listless start in Saturday's 37-7 win over Cincinnati.

### Extra points

Steve Rehring has replaced senior Tim Schafer as the starting left guard, according to the most recent depth chart released by the team on Tuesday. Schafer is now listed behind Alex Boone at left tackle ... ESPN's College Gameday will be visiting OSU for Saturday morning's broadcast. The crew will set up shop just south of St. John Arena ... Saturday will mark the 22nd meeting between OSU and Penn State, with the Nittany Lions holding a 11-10 edge.

# OSU should pass on troubled recruit

On Monday, former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett pleaded guilty to aggravated robbery and carrying a concealed weapon. Although it might not be the end of the strange saga of the former OSU star, his minimum 3 and one-half year sentence should put a damper on his chances of showing up in the news for a while.

It is time for the news to get back to the No. 1 rated Buckeyes on the field, because in Columbus, OSU football is more important than Christmas.

And what is not to love in 2006? The Bucks are unbeaten as they enter Big Ten play this week, having already beaten last year's defending national champion Texas Longhorns and the team's two Heisman hopefuls, Troy Smith and Ted Ginn, Jr., are playing up to the billing.

So what put OSU back in the negative news blotter? News surfaced in The Washington Post more than a week ago of a prospective 2007 recruit out of Maryland narrowing his college choices to OSU and Alabama. What is so unique about this particular recruit? He was arrested for armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery in May of this year.

The young man's name: Pat Lazear.

According to the Post story, Lazear, 17, provided a gun for a friend to rob a smoothie store in Bethesda, Md. After dropping his friend at the store, his friend allegedly flashed the weapon and walked out of the store with \$463. Later, Lazear, his friend and others allegedly met and divided the money. The penalties for these two felony charges carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

And this was not Lazear's first run-in with the law. He previously underwent 90 days of court supervision after using a stolen credit card to buy a pair of shoes in November 2004.

Sound like someone you want to see suit up in Scarlet and Gray next year?

Scouts see a 6-foot-2-inch, 225 pound linebacker who made 124 tackles last year. I see a spoiled football jock who thought he could break the rules for some extra cash.

Others see a running back with 4.6 speed in the 40-yard dash who ran for 1,068 yards and scored 18 touchdowns a year ago. I see a man among boys who is required by the Maryland judicial system to wear a black ankle monitor at all times, even on the field.

How can you look past this kid's alleged prior transgressions, especially in light of the microscope put on OSU athletics after Clarett, Louis Irizarry, Ira Guilford and others have tarnished the OSU tradition?

While more than 20 Division I-A colleges have offered Lazear scholarships, other programs, including Notre Dame and North Carolina State have ended their recruitment. What do they see that Coach Tressel and others do not see?

The judge in Lazear's pending case is allowing Lazear to visit Columbus early next month as long as a parent stays with him at all times, because he is also reportedly attending a family function in the area. Lazear is sure to enjoy his granted freedom since he was issued a 7 p.m. curfew after his May arrest. Of course, the curfew has been extended to accommodate football practice and games.

With so little time remaining before the end of the month, I hope the next time OSU talks to Lazear they say, "Thanks, but no thanks."

Kevin Bruffy is the Lantern opinion editor. He can be reached for comment at [bruffy.2@osu.edu](mailto:bruffy.2@osu.edu).

# Cross country teams start strong

By Bryan DeArdo  
Lantern sports writer

With the preseason aspiration of at least repeating last year's second-place finish at the Big 10 Championship in mind, the Ohio State men's cross country team started the 2006 season on a positive note.

After winning their first meet of the season, the Xavier Invitational, the Buckeyes defeated Akron and Kent State in the Buckeye Invitational Friday. It was the first time since 2003 the Buckeyes hosted a meet in Columbus. OSU tallied 20 points, followed by the Golden

Flashes (41) and the Zips (74). "We're on pace to be where we want to be at this point in the season," senior Glenn Collins said.

The Buckeyes set the pace right from the start and never looked back. Juniors John Ealy and Alex Bailey took the top two honors with a time of 22:00.0 on the 4.25 mile course. Collins, the lone senior on this year's team, took fourth place with a time of 22:03.9. Freshmen Chad Balyo (22:21.1) and Sophomore Matt Buzek (22:26.2) rounded out OSU's top five in sixth and seventh place respectively.

Other runners competing for OSU were junior Robert Sturges (12th, 22:43.6), freshmen Christopher Olinger (14th, 22:47.8) and freshmen Taylor Candella (15th, 22:59.0).

"This season, we are more of a pack team than in years past," Collins said.

The Buckeye pack impressed onlookers at the invitational this past Friday, including athletics director Gene Smith.

"It's great to be out here on such a nice day," Smith said. "It's always nice to watch our athletes compete."

Smith also gave high praise to cross country coach Robert

Gary, who recently became the first coach in OSU history to be named the head coach for both the track and cross country programs. Gary, a 1996 graduate of OSU, is a two-time Olympic qualifier for the steeplechase in 1996 and 2004.

"He has done a great job with cross country, and I'm sure he will do an even better job with our track program," Smith said. "He's a teacher, and that is what's most important."

With Gary's teaching, OSU is looking to build on the success of last year's 11th place finish at nationals, the highest in team history.

"One thing we want to get is top two at regionals, and top 10 at nationals," Collins said. "Last year, we got 11th at nationals, which is something we want to improve on this year."

While the men have raced out of the gate, so to have the Buckeye women. The Ladies completed a sweep at the Buckeye Invitational over Kent State and Akron. The Bucks finished with 23 points to the Zips' 44 and the Golden Flashes' 60. Freshman Sara Foster won her second-consecutive meet in a time of 18:13.71 for the 3-mile course. Sophomore Rachel Stichter took

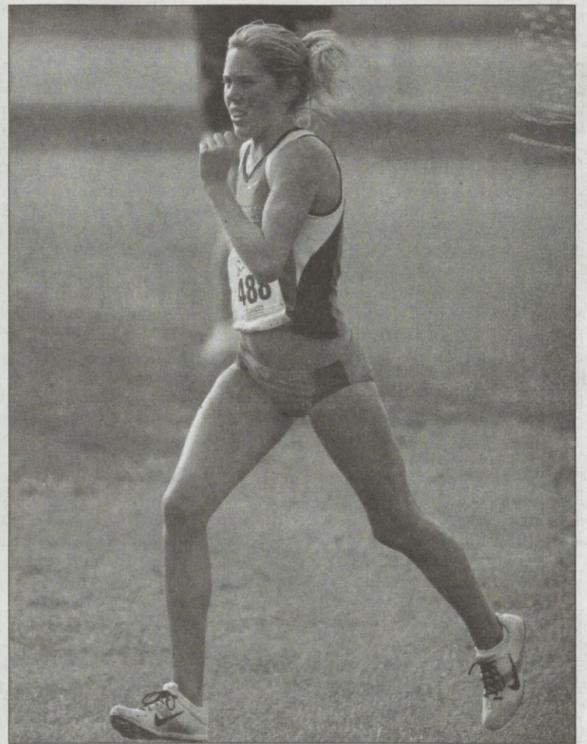
second in 18:20.46, junior Laura Piper was fifth in 18:32.82 and senior Melanie Price finished sixth in 18:33.78. Freshman Laura Neufarth finished 9th overall for OSU with a time of 19:05.48.

With two victories in their first two meets, the future looks very bright for the OSU men's and women's cross country teams.

"I'm very happy by how the teams have ran the first two meets," Gary said. "We have ran very hard the last few weeks, and I'm very excited about how we will do the rest of the season."



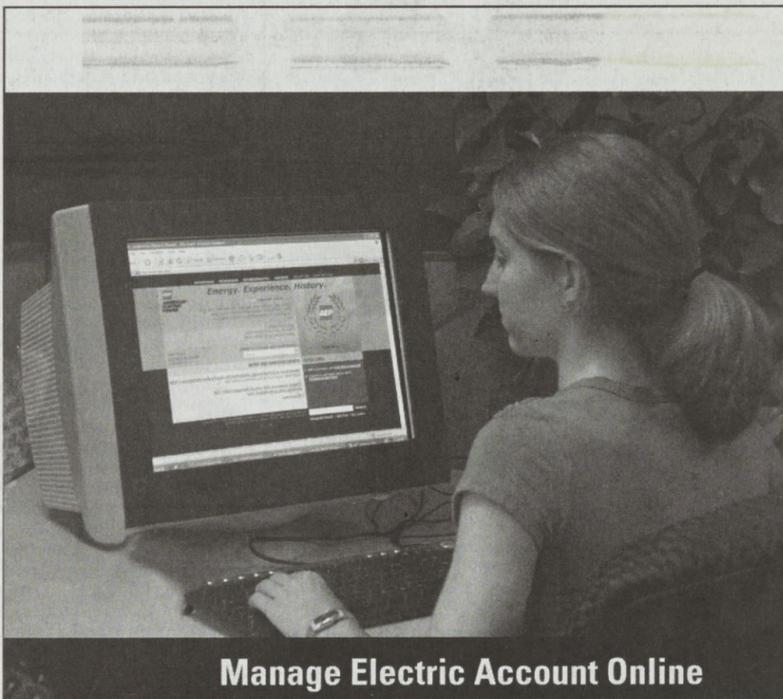
The Men's Cross Country team en route to winning the Buckeye Invitational Friday.



Sarah Foster running at the OSU golf course Friday.

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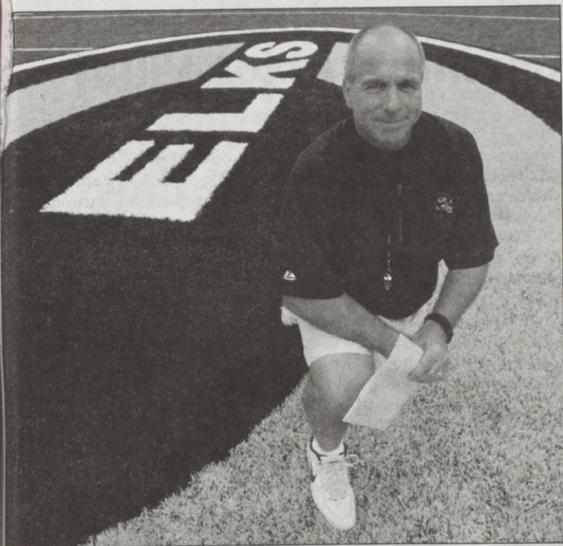
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Centerville High School head football coach Ron Ullery poses on the school's new synthetic turf field, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2006, before practice in Centerville, Ohio.

# High schools try new turf

By James Hannah  
Associated Press

CENTERVILLE, Ohio — The locker room is throbbing with rap music as Centerville High School's football team suits up. It's been raining on and off for three days, but the players are ready for a full practice on their field.

Last year, the athletes' cleats would have torn up the soggy grass, turning it into a sea of mud that would dry into the pattern of ruts and grooves.

But now, Centerville has joined the growing ranks of high schools around the nation that have replaced grass fields with a new generation of synthetic turf; one that sheds water, requires little maintenance and can be used around the clock by football, soccer and field hockey teams as well as bands and clubs.

Even though they're spending hundreds of thousands of dollars at a time when most school budgets are under pressure, schools from Ohio to California are putting in the new turf as a long-term investment. In many cases, they're getting help from boosters and other private donors.

Matt Miller, a 17-year-old defensive back at Centerville High who has played on both natural and artificial turf, said he gets better traction on the new synthetic turf.

"I play coverage a lot, so when they throw the ball I can jump a little bit higher. And I can cut on breaks and stuff," Miller said. "And it's a lot softer. When you hit the ground, it doesn't hurt as much."

Artificial turf has been around for decades, but the early versions such as AstroTurf were more like carpet than grass. The turf could be hard, giving knees and ankles a pounding and leaving players with ruglike burns.

High schools see synthetic turf, also used by colleges and pro teams, as a way to get more use out of their fields. At a time when heavy student participation in sports, including popular sports such as soccer, is a growing trend, natural grass often won't hold up.

Researchers have indicated that the market for companies installing artificial turf doubled between 2003 and 2005 and is expected to double again by 2009, according to Wayne, Pa.-based Sprinturf.

The number of artificial turf fields installed at high schools in the United States by Montreal-based FieldTurf Inc. increased from 35 in 2002 to 133 in 2005. The company has installed 141 so far this year.

"I know it's up because we're working about 100 hours a week," said Brooke Beard, administrative manager at the FieldTurf USA plant in Dalton, Ga.

Co-Creation Sports Fields of Provo, Utah, installed its first artificial field in April at nearby Timpview High School, where the grass field wouldn't drain properly. Since then, four other Utah high schools have expressed interest in getting fields next spring.

"And we've had calls from Hawaii," said Paul Sagars, company vice president.

Crushed stone provides the base for the newest generation of

artificial turf. Small porous mats, to which the grass-like fibers are attached, are laid out and sewn together. Sand and tiny rubber pellets to simulate soil are poured over the top and settle at the base of the fibers.

"I can't wait until the first week of October and the first week of November when we're going into the playoffs and we have a field to play on, not a mud bowl," said Brad Monks, assistant principal at Timpview.

Some schools turned to artificial turf to escape the costs of watering grass.

Marin Catholic High School in San Francisco installed an artificial field in August and estimates it will save the school as much as \$20,000 a year on its water bill. Demand for water in the area is high because of the need to irrigate crops.

Valley High School in Las Vegas estimates its synthetic field is saving the school as much as \$50,000 a year in maintenance, much of that coming from not having to water the field.

"It has reduced our watering schedule to almost zero," said Athletics Director Mark John. "We are being encouraged by the water district to save water in any way, shape or form that we can."

Proponents of natural grass say synthetic turf is expensive, lasts a limited number of years, produces higher field temperatures on sunny days, and usually requires grooming. Chewing gum can stick to the fibers, and sunflower-seed shells need to be blown off the turf regularly or else they can get ground into the turf. However, usually the problem is confined to the sidelines.

Synthetic fields usually cost about \$500,000 to buy and install. Companies say the fields will last eight to 15 years, depending on usage. With natural grass, high schools spend from \$25,000 to \$30,000 each year seeding, watering, fertilizing and mowing.

Fairmont High School in the Dayton suburb of Kettering paid \$500,000 for its artificial turf field last year from a \$102 million bond issue passed in 2002. Even though the school will save about \$25,000 a year in maintenance costs, it doesn't expect the total cost of artificial turf to be cheaper than grass.

However, the school justified the expense because the new field will get much greater use. The football team will be able to practice on it, not just play games. And other sports teams and the marching band are welcome to it.

"We're using it every night," said Rick Robertson, athletics director.

For some schools, grass is simply not an option.

Dixie High School in St. George, Utah, had problems with its grass field because of the poor soil.

"My booster club spent tens of thousands of dollars to get grass to grow," said Principal Craig Hammer. "We brought sod in from Las Vegas they said could grow on the hood of a car — and it died."

Two years ago the school installed artificial turf, splitting the \$400,000 to \$500,000 cost with the booster club.

"Our kids thought they were in the NFL. It was big-time," Hammer said.

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## Browns owner Lerner purchases English Premiership's Aston Villa

Associated Press

IRMINGHAM, England - Cleveland Browns owner Randy Lerner became chairman of Aston Villa on Tuesday, completing the second American takeover of an English Premier League soccer club.

Villa chairman Doug Ellis and four members of his board resigned after Lerner increased his stake to almost 90 percent, the level at which he can legally buy the remaining shares in the Birmingham club.

In a statement to the London

Stock Exchange, Villa announced the appointment of Lerner as chairman and retired Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Bob Kain and Michael Martin as non-executive directors.

Earlier, Lerner's takeover vehicle, Reform Acquisitions Ltd., told the exchange that it had raised its stake in the club to 89.69 percent.

Lerner submitted a \$118.8 million bid on Aug. 14 to buy Aston Villa, one of English soccer's oldest clubs. Lerner plans to take the club off the stock market and into private ownership on Oct. 17.

Villa manager Martin O'Neill

said he will meet with Lerner later this week. Lerner scheduled to fly to England this week for Villa's games against Scunthorpe and Charlton.

Villa, established in 1875, hasn't won the English league title since 1981.

Lerner is the second American owner of a Premier League team and the fourth foreign owner. Last year, Tampa Bay Buccaneers owner Malcolm Glazer took over at Manchester United.

Ellis stepped down after years of running Villa on two stints. He was chairman from 1968-75 and from 1975-

## Rose "signs" he's sorry for betting on baseball

By Joe Kay  
Associated Press

CINCINNATI - Pete Rose never expected baseballs bearing his autograph and a printed apology for betting on baseball to be sold publicly, his business agent said Monday.

A New Jersey auction house plans to put 30 such balls up for bid in April, unsure how much they'll fetch. The baseballs belonged to a memorabilia collector who died last December.

Baseball's banished hits king signed the baseballs for some of his friends about a year ago, but didn't want them put up for sale, according to business agent Warren Greene.

"These guys are collectors. Pete signed for them," Greene said, in a phone interview. "Pete made zero dollars for signing them."

The baseballs say "I'm sorry I bet on baseball" in block letters, with Rose's autograph directly below. Greene didn't know who suggested the inscription.

The New York Daily News first reported the story in Monday's editions.

Rose accepted a lifetime ban for gambling in 1989, but denied for nearly 15 years that he bet on baseball. He finally acknowledged in his latest autobiog-

raphy, published in January 2004, that he made baseball wagers while he managed the Cincinnati Reds.

During his exile from baseball, Rose has made a living in part off his memorabilia signings. During an appearance years ago, he agreed to sign a fan's copy of baseball's Dowd

Report, which contained the

evidence that he bet on baseball.

Greene said a collector who got some of the "I'm sorry baseballs" gave 30 of them to Barry Halper, a limited partner in the New York Yankees who died last December. The family contacted Robert Edwards Auctions to sell his sports

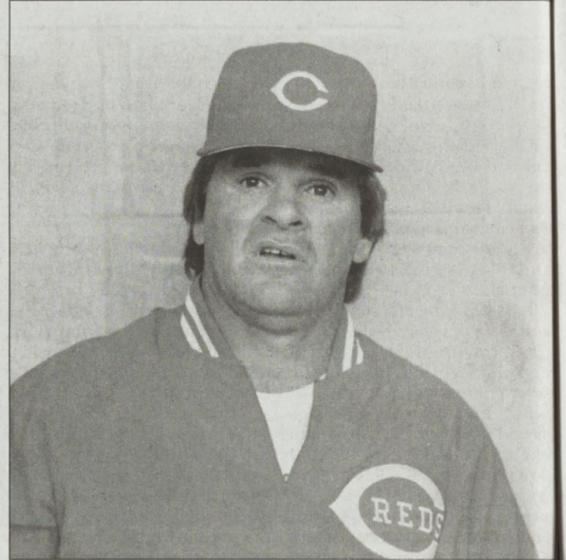


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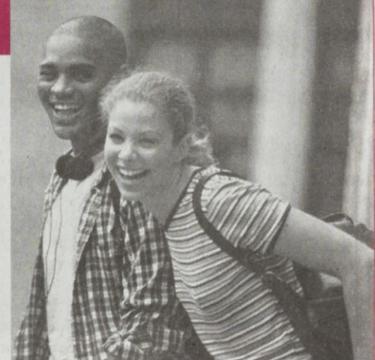


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# Facebook now stalker friendly

By Jeff Ryan

The North Wind (Northern Michigan U.)

(U-WIRE) MARQUETTE, Mich. — Facebook: We all know it, we all love it, and until recently we all checked it. Then it happened — Stalker Day 2006, the day when college students stood still.

The reason for this catastrophe? Facebook changed its format by adding new features to the home page.

The NewsFeed is the newest feature on Facebook. It allows users to view all recent updates and activity of others on their main page. Many are opposed to this new feature. I am not one of them.

With the NewsFeed, I don't have to spend time studying profiles to see what has changed.

Facebook doesn't cater to stalkers, it caters to just the opposite: Average students who want to stay informed about what their friends are doing.

Creator Mark Zuckerberg said in a post on the Web site last week that Facebook was created as a networking tool to connect students across the country.

It is up to the users who can view their profile, or even what information they want on their profile. It's not the fault of a stalker if he was given access to view all of the personal information you decide to post.

I feel it relies on the user to control their information. If people would like others to know every little thing about them, then they should put as much information out there as possible. If people would like privacy, they should be aware of what information they post.

Facebook gives students the option to post pictures, blogs, phone numbers and addresses.

It's not required that students post all available information about themselves. Facebook functions just fine, if not better, without my phone number or address.

The site has integrated many security features available for all users, including profile blocking and limited profile viewing. It shouldn't be the responsibility of the site to monitor what information is available for other users in the same network.

Despite basic common sense, there are still people that want Facebook to control what is posted and accessed by the online community.

The information that Facebook asks for is the basic name, age and interests. I like to use Facebook to keep an eye on my little sister while she's at school and also to stay in contact with my buddy who joined the Army.

According to Facebook, it is the seventh most-visited Web site on the Internet. Facebook's user capacity has already expanded from college students to include high schools and several companies.

With Facebook reaching every facet of what students do, we need to make sure that the information we provide for others to see is not too much.

The real stalkers of Facebook are not the creepy kids that sit in the corner and smell like urine. They are the students that sit in lectures checking to see if anything has changed or updated.

# Spike Lee shows flaws through epic documentary

By Matt Brennan  
Daily Trojan (USC)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - It might sound odd, but I've been thinking a lot about Spike Lee lately. His epic documentary about Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, "When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts," clocks in at a little more than four hours. Despite having a length that, in the hands of a lesser director, would be considered untenable, the film has been hailed as a landmark in American documentary filmmaking.

According to reports from Newsweek and The New York Times, Lee, like the rest of us, watched helplessly from afar as scores of impoverished blacks were left to rot inside the Superdome.

But Lee has never been one to favor inaction; his films are almost always forceful, at times

bordering on belligerent. He never shies away from controversy.

In "Do the Right Thing," which established him as one of America's brightest young filmmakers more than 15 years ago, ethnic groups clustered and claustrophobic in Brooklyn's sweltering tenements dispense slurs of all kinds right at the camera in a volcanic montage of hatred. More importantly, the scene rings true. Lee conjures up a litany of characters who are neither easy to side with nor to villainize; all are capable of deeply wrought prejudices.

To watch Lee's best films is to be privy to the mind's eye of America's most courageous examiner of race.

Lee is a man who, unlike his sometimes-rival Quentin Tarantino, is concerned with the real violence of our country's underbelly, rather than the cartoonist, pulpy violence of comic books, samurai films and spaghetti

Westerns. Whether the portrait is intimate or expansive, the anger, frustration and impatience show through like the rough wood of a polished table. Their omnipresence lurks below, stabs forth and returns to silence, just like racial hatred in America: Years of relative peace, massive conflagration (as in the Rodney King riots of 1992) and another period of quiet, all the while left unspoken and, thus, unresolved.

In "Bamboozled," Lee provides possibly his most acidic representation of affluent America perpetrating racism nearly everyday.

He sees fit to condemn white television and advertising executives for exploiting shameful stereotypes in the name of the Almighty Dollar, and their ignorant or conspicuously silent underlings and an American populace who, fed a steady diet of racism, will only grow fat.

But most of all it asks a disturbing question: Could free speech be construed in such a way that the likes of "Mantan" might make it to the screen, only to be lapped up by an anxiously racist white populace, whose spending money forms the stuff of advertisers' dreams?

To me the answer is probably not, but the suggestion is enough to remind us that racism is as prevalent today, just as insidious and disgraceful as it was before the civil rights movement.

That, of course, is what Lee does so well to examine in his new documentary, to explore not just the human cost of Katrina but also what the federal, state and local failures to enact an effective response signal about race and class in America. Little more than a year ago we stood, like Lee, mesmerized by chaos, poverty, destruction and terror more associated with post-colonial

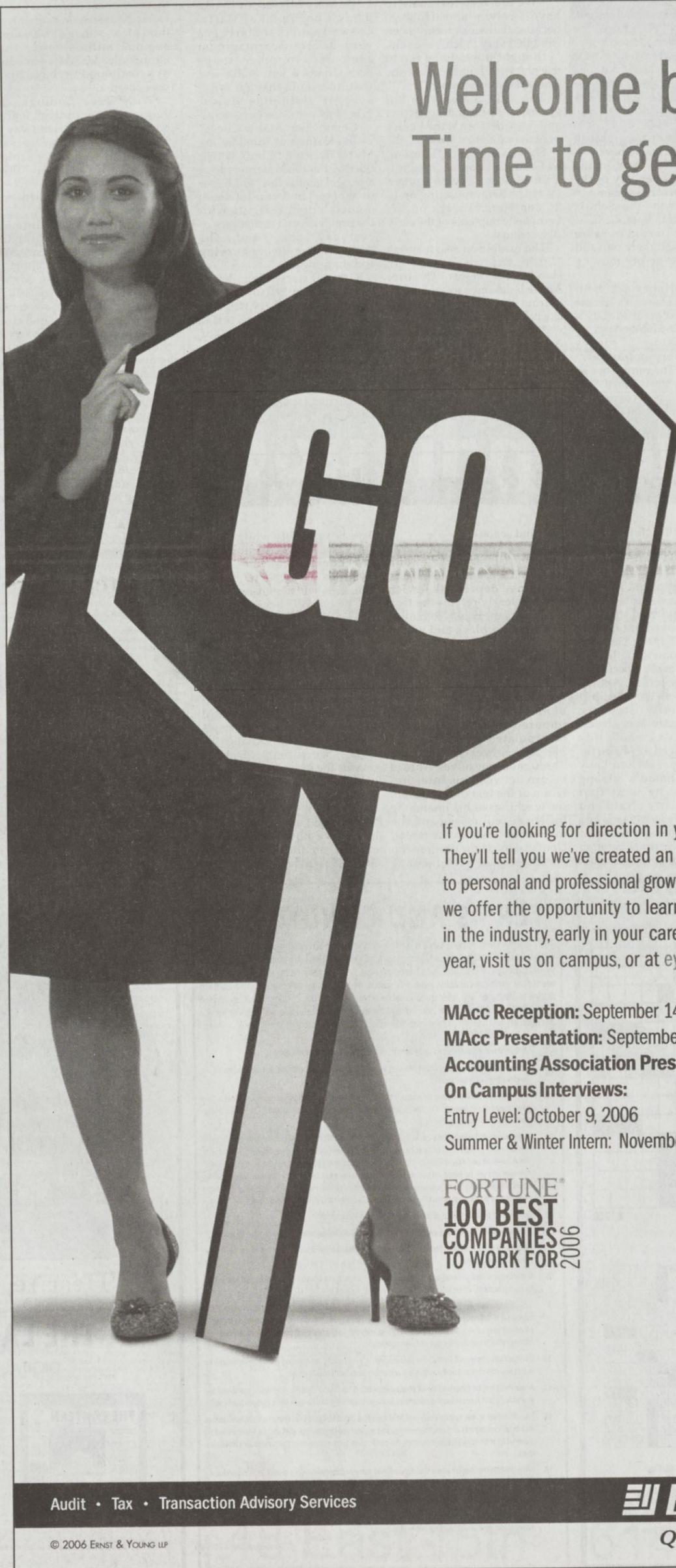
Africa than the United States. It brought home our complacency in the faces of great dangers, internal and external, our ability to ignore and forget what plagues us in favor of the conspicuous consumption of freedom fries.

What percolates from the sewage-lined bottom of New Orleans' flooded streets, more than anything else, is barely controlled fury; how, we might ask — and Lee does — could this have happened?

Lee's answer is that America has, for all intents and purposes, returned to the era of poll taxes and scare tactics, disenfranchising the poor through subtler ways.

If the secret to our success here, where money flows like water through broken levees, is treading so heavily upon those who are already suffering, then, like Lee, we have to ask ourselves: Is it worth it?

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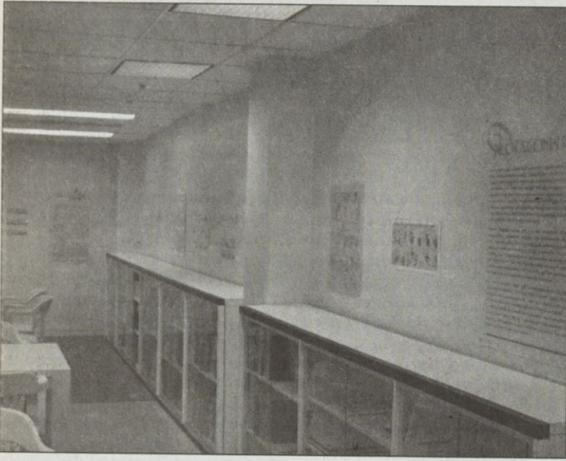
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# OSU hosts little girl cartoon exhibit

By Kara Hardy  
Lantern staff writer

Although made of sugar and spice, they are not always nice. The Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library will host Sugar and Spice: Little Girls in the Funnies, from Sept. 17 through Jan. 5, 2007. Lucy Shelton Caswell, founder and current curator of the library, is on the board of the Charles M. Schulz Museum.

Schulz, the creator of "Peanuts," approached Shelton Caswell as a consultant when he and his wife were considering building a museum. The museum board was brainstorming ideas for exhibitions when they decided to focus on little girls in the comics.

"I knew this library had the other half of what it took to do this show," Shelton Caswell said. The library has a unique collection of "Peanuts" memorabilia that includes rare books and figurines of the classic comic strip.

The exhibition features little girls who spend time with their

families and are protagonists and sidekicks of boys.

As curator of the exhibition, Shelton Caswell chose the themes and selected the pieces.

"I tried to choose the most representative and I knew I would have a finite space," she said. "That is part of the challenge of curating an exhibition. 'Nancy' and 'Little Orphan Annie' are a couple of givens that you had to have."

Most of the strips in the show are the property of the library, except for the "Peanuts," which are from the Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, Calif.

The show started in Santa Rosa and stayed there two and a half months before moving to OSU.

The exhibition starts with Richard Felton Outcault's "Buster Brown" and Winsor McCay's "Little Nemo in Slumberland."

"In the history of comics these were very important," Caswell said. The comics began with little boy protagonists but the "girl sidekicks in comics like 'Peanuts' functioned more as

real characters than decorations."

"We are very fortunate to have 'Calvin and Hobbes' because that work hasn't been exhibited very much," she said. "I thought it would be fun to use one with Lucy because she irritated Calvin so much."

The strip comes from Bill Waterson's personal collection and is on display at the library until the exhibition is over.

Shelton Caswell said "Dimples," by Grace G. Drayton, is significant because Drayton worked on strips before moving on to do commercial work on the Campbell Soup kids of the early 20th century.

The exhibition also features "Little Orphan Annie" by Harold Gray. In this 1929 strip, Annie is taking care of Daddy Warbucks after he was injured in a helicopter accident.

"(This is) typical Orphan Annie, put your hand over your heart and salute the United States," Shelton Caswell said. "Annie is too perfect."

She said that she prefers more normal and mischievous

girls like Robert M. Brinkerhoff's Little Mary Mix-up, or Lynda Barry's portrayal of Marly. Caswell said that Marly is a very different protagonist compared to other strips because she is vulnerable and we understand that she is not a super child like Annie.

"That's why she is so interesting," Comics like "Family Circus" by Bill Keane and "Blondie" by Murat Bernard "Chic" Young portray the 1950s stereotype of a perfect family. But "For Better or Worse," by Lynn Johnson, depicts a typical family with the problems and difficulties of everyday life, and the characters are always growing and changing.

Caswell started the library in 1977 when Milton Keniff donated his papers to OSU. She also teaches editorial cartoon and history of newspaper comic strips at OSU.

The exhibition is free and open to the public, located at 1858 Neil Ave. Mall, around the corner from the Wexner Center for the Arts.

# Get ready for the new Nintendo

By Brian Thoman  
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. —With a flick of the wrist and a swing of the arm, video gamers can now use their movements to make characters move on the screen. Thanks to a small, white handheld controller that resembles a television remote, gamers will no longer need to rely on traditional gaming methods.

Nintendo is developing a new system, Wii, which will give individuals more physical interaction with their video games.

With the introduction of Wii, Nintendo hopes they will turn around lackluster sales compared to the other two major video game console makers, Sony and Microsoft.

Gamers only have to look at the bizarre controller setup to catch a glimpse of how groundbreaking the Nintendo Wii will be.

Instead of the standard one piece controller, the Wii boasts a dual controller that will change the face of gaming forever.

Both the Wii Remote and Nunchuk controllers include a three-axis motion sensor.

The Wii Remote also includes a speaker, rumble feature and expansion port, and can be used as a pointer within five meters of the screen.

The Wii Remote has a power switch, plus pad, A, B, Minus, Home, 1 and 2 buttons.

In December 2002, when all three systems recorded record sales, Nintendo was firmly in third place, selling 619,000 units, about 2 million fewer than industry-leader Sony, according to a National Purchase Diary sales chart.

With these findings, the gaming community feared Nintendo would go the way of SEGA and no longer create home video game consoles, focusing instead on their popular handheld series.

Nintendo fans need not longer worry.

On April 7, Nintendo announced the plans for the highly anticipated Nintendo Wii. But will the Wii fall short in comparison with the highly anticipated PS3 and Xbox 360?

Reggie Fils-Aime, Nintendo of America president and chief operating officer, thinks the Nintendo Wii will prove itself to be one of the best new gaming systems.

"(The Nintendo) Wii will appeal to a broader audience," he said. "Microsoft and Sony are both going down the same path while the Wii is paving an entirely new road."

Reggie also pointed out that "in the end, prettier pictures will not bring new gamers and casual gamers into this industry. It has to be about the ability to pick up a controller, not be intimidated, and have fun immediately."

The Nintendo Wii certainly is going in another direction.

Up to four Wii Remotes can be connected at once using wireless Bluetooth technology. The wireless signal can be detected within 10 meters of the console.

Kestutis Daugirdas, a senior, took these into mind when discussing the Wii.

"I commend Nintendo on its ability to think outside of the box other companies stay in," he said.

But will the Nintendo Wii have good games? Most certainly.

Nintendo has always been a holder of several popular game titles such as the widely famous "Zelda" and "Super Smash Brother" series.

At launch, Nintendo expects to have "Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess," "Super Mario Galaxy" and "Super Smash Brothers Brawl" ready for purchase.

Edward Vettel, University of Illinois sophomore in engineering, places faith in the Zelda series.

"Name one Zelda game that hasn't kicked ass," he said.

In a current interview with IGN, a well-known gaming website, Ubisoft North American President Laurent Detoc discussed his confidence in the Wii.

"Wii is a different video game experience than the Xbox 360 and PS3," he said. "We think it's going to be a hit."

It seems the public thinks so as well. Based on industry analysis at the Electronic Entertainment Exposition, Nintendo plans to have a whopping 6 million units ready for its launch date on Nov. 19.



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# America's greatest fear still exists

By Christina Ashie  
The Battalion (Texas A&M)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas — A clean-shaven young man with beige-brown skin, hazel eyes and dark hair wearing a crisp white polo and slacks used to be the American concept of an ideal youth. In John Updike's newest novel, "Terrorist," it is the depiction of America's greatest post-Sept. 11 fear — an angry terrorist.

"Terrorist" is one of the first novels to openly address post-Sept. 11 fears and clearly depict a post-Sept. 11 America. The novel centers around two main characters: Ahmad Ashmawy and Jack Levy, as well as a host of minor, but multi-faceted characters: Ahmad's mother, Terry; Jack Levy's wife, the overly obese Beth; Joryleen,

Ahmad's cute Black love interest; and Shaikh Rashid, Ahmad's imam, or spiritual adviser.

Ahmad, the son of a deadbeat Egyptian Muslim father and a free-spirited Irish-American mother, is the studious and obedient Islamic protagonist. To Jack Levy, an atheistic 60-something Jewish counselor at New Prospect High School in New Jersey, Ahmad stands apart from the other low-income minority students. Ahmad's respectfulness, conservative morals and tidy appearance give Levy hope for Ahmad's future. When Levy discovers Ahmad's strong Islamic faith, he is at first tolerant and later afraid and angry. Updike cleverly taps into the simmering rage, fear and ignorance of Americans through Levy's responses to Ahmad's

faith and actions.

Updike's careful depiction of the mind-set and stories of a developing Islamic radical and an aging, depressed Jewish atheist clearly relates the true message of the book: Nothing in this world is black and white. As the book progresses, the reader appreciates more and more this novel's no-fault policy.

For example, because Ahmad is so dedicated to the protection of his faith in the midst of an impure America, he is easily manipulated by the strong-minded believers around him. Throughout the novel, Ahmad is torn between his interpretation of the text of the Quran, the teachings of his imam, the influence of Joryleen and the interest of Levy. In the novel, Updike depicts the progression of Ahmad's mindset concerning

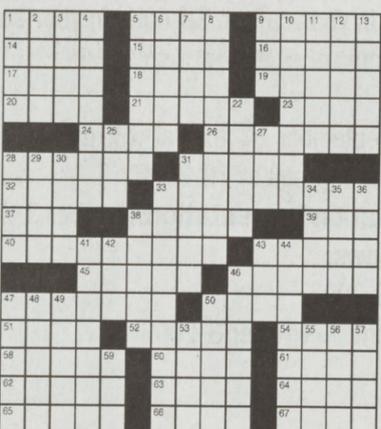
American society while under the pressure of these influences. The question of the novel becomes which of these influences will dominate.

The novel begins a bit slowly, but its message and focus quickly capture the attention of the reader. Updike's delicate development of the many facets of the characters occasionally is just short of tedious, but the effect of creating so intimate a bond between reader and character is certainly worth the exchange.

In "Terrorist," Updike reveals the fear and intolerance of both sides, forcing the reader to evaluate and re-evaluate his own position. "Terrorist," well-written and thought-provoking, is a brave novel and a clear expose of the post-Sept. 11 American psyche.

## Crossword

- ACROSS
- Good buddy
  - Dune material
  - Get on
  - Signoret film, "Madame"
  - Fencer's foil
  - Tree-shaded area
  - On the sheltered side
  - Dray
  - Over
  - Garden plots
  - Alphabetize
  - Mid-month date
  - Pitched shelter
  - Carpentry tools
  - Apportioned
  - Struck powerfully, old-style
  - Copland or Burr
  - Old-style calculator
  - Stretch the truth
  - Schemes
  - Meadowland
  - Interpret
  - Take care of
  - Avoid a church service
  - Grooms like a cat
  - In the direction of
  - Iditarod vehicle
  - Sharif of films
  - Financial share
  - Amount paid
  - Fads
  - Pelvis parts
  - Nothing but
  - Thorax
  - Freeway fillers
  - Perched upon
  - Precipitous
  - Flying toy
  - Sleep



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| 9 Lea call                | 46 The magic word        | 50 Avoid         |
| 10 Satellite, e.g.        | 47 Sort of song          | 53 Jail          |
| 11 Dwelling               | 48 City on the Missouri  | 55 Not fooled by |
| 12 Wanderer               |                          | 56 Bank opening  |
| 13 Attire                 |                          | 57 Classify      |
| 22 Crude crosses          |                          | 59 Farm pen      |
| 25 Bard's contraction     |                          |                  |
| 27 Shoshone               |                          |                  |
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| 29 Whisker                |                          |                  |
| 30 Subject of study       |                          |                  |
| 31 Election selection     |                          |                  |
| 33 Sight-gag comedy       |                          |                  |
| 34 Peter Fonda title role |                          |                  |
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1574-1590 WORTHINGTON Ave. - Remodeled four bedroom townhouse with A/C, microwave, dishwasher, and parking!

ROOMMATE WANTED FEMALE

STILL NEED a quiet place? Almost a B&B in North Campus near Indiana & Glen Echo...

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FALL HELP wanted. PT help needed for special events/promotional company. Work involves setup/tear down of events...

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TWO MEN AND A TRUCK. Moves Who Care. Great job for students Earn up to \$11,400/yr within first 45 days...

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SHARING 2BR Apt. fully furnished. A/C, off-street parking. In excellent shape. \$290/MO plus half utilities. 716-0790

ROOMMATE WANTED

\$380, SHARED house, W/D, A/C, phone, Roadrunner, utilities included. 2-1/2 full baths, hardwood floors...

HELP WANTED CHILD CARE

2 FUN Worthington kids. Girls ages 7 and 10. After school, 10-12 hours/week. In our home, near Antrim...

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ABA INSTRUCTOR needed. Hilliard family seeking reliable, energetic persons to provide ABA therapy to our 4yr son...

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AUTUMN QUARTER Communications Internships. National Ad- vocacy group seeks dedicated individual for Communications Internship...

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