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Latina actress shares childhood

Daugher of pimp and prostitute longed for dream family

By Kara Hull EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As the daughter of a Puerto Rican pimp and his black prostitute living on the edge of Spanish Harlem in the 1960s, she never got her dream TV family. But that didn't stop actress and comedian Lydia Nicole, from writing her own script for life, which now includes taking her message of hope across the nation in the form of a one-woman show.

Nicole, who has appeared in movies like "Indecent Proposal" and TV's "The Roseanne Show" and "B.E.T. Comic View," performed last night in the Union Theatre as part of the Latino Student Union's Latino Awareness Week.

Measuring her life through TV shows like "All in the Family" and "The Donna Reed Show," Nicole looked to Hollywood for stability as she prayed relentlessly for something "normal" in her life. "I didn't know what a family was

"I never judged my parents' career choice. I just saw it as what they did, not who they were."

LYDIA NICOLE, ACTRESS

other than what I saw on television." she said. "Everything that was wrong, I had.'

Her mother, Nicole said, was brutally honest-to the point of repeat-edly telling Nicole she was an "accident," and should have been aborted.

Such honesty is a trait that Nicole willingly displayed for her audience last night.

"I'm biracial, or for those of you who fill out applications, you know me—I'm 'other,'" she said. "I like to think of myself as a little café latte. Out here that makes me Mexican. In Miami it makes me Cuban and in

Mississippi, it makes me dead."

Clad in pink and tying purple ribbons in her hair during the performance, Nicole re-enacted scenes from her childhood, where her favorite place to get away from it all was the fire escape outside her apartment. Here she witnessed a fatal beating, countless drug deals, her mother's friends "at work" and most importantly, learned to keep her mouth shut.

But though she longed for a "Brady Bunch" family life, Nicole never resented her parents for how they lived.

"I never judged my parents' career

choice," she said. "I just saw it as what they did, not who they were."

For Nicole, it was being introduced to Christianity through Catholic schooling and spending a summer with an Amish family that kept her going.

"I always heard God," she said. "That was my anchor amidst all the language and the drama. We all get low. We all get depressed. What brings you back is you've got God tapping on you.'

And for her audiences, Nicole hopes that her success story will help others overcome the roadblocks in the way of their dreams.

"It doesn't matter what your obstacles are, if you have the desire and the passion, you can do any-thing you want," she said. "It's not about your pedigree, your back-ground or your culture. I didn't know anyone famous besides drug dealers. But I positioned myself where I was and I had goals.



Ashley Kuntz B

FINDING HER OUTLET: Actress and comedian Lydia Nicole performed her one-woman show last night on campus. Nicole's show is a script of her life.

Bush: US troops to finish job in Iraq

By Terence Hunt THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Conceding a couple of "tough weeks in Iraq President Bush signaled last night he is ready to put more American troops on the front lines and use decisive force if necessary to restore order. He said he was confident the nation would stand with him despite "gut-wrenching" televised images of fallen Americans.

At a combination speech and news conference at the White House, Bush rejected suggestions that Iraq was becoming another Vietnam — a quagmire without ready exit. "I think that analogy is false," he said. "I also happen to think that analogy sends the wrong message to our troops and sends the wrong message to the enemy.





U. class offered in light of law

By Miranda Bond

In response to the new Ohio concealed carry law, extended education is being offered on top of the past training to carry a concealed weapon.

The law was amended on Jan 1, 2004 and allows county sheriffs to issue licenses to carry concealed handguns with 12 hours of training. Training is not required if the applicant has attended classes within the past three years. This applies as long as the train-ing was done by a certified instructor

"Carrying a concealed handun is a privilege in Ohio, and with this privilege comes a responsibility to be aware, not only of the common sense rules of safe firearm handling, but the laws that affect how, when and where you can carry your firearm, and how to properly use the handgun to defend yourself or another person," said Attorney General Jim Petro on his web

BGSU's concealed carry classes

will allow residents to gain the knowledge necessary to handle a concealed hand gun. The class is

taught by certified instructors. The class will total the required 12 hours. There will be a 10-hour classroom portion that will cover safe handling and storage, safe ammunition handling, shooting techniques and laws relating to deadly force. Participants will then complete the two-hour range time requirement.

Upon successful completion of written and live fire tests, partici-pants will receive the required State of Ohio pamphlet and certificate allowing them to apply for a permit. They will also receive and National Rifle Association basic shooting certificate.

Janet Womack, director of the classes said that because of the new law, continuing and extended education saw a need for the service. "We know there is a need in the

Standing before cameras for an hour — giving a 17-minute speech followed by reporters' questions — Bush offered no apology for the government's failure to prevent the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

In response to questions, he also could not cite any mistakes or failures of his as president.

One year after the fall of Saddam Hussein, Bush said a recent spike in violence is neither a civil war nor a popular uprising. "The violence we've seen is a power grab by ... extreme and ruthless elements" from inside Iraq and from outside.

While the troops will remain, Bush also said the United States would stick to a June 30 deadline for handing over political power to Iraqis. He said a U.N. envoy would help decide which Iraqis would be placed in charge.

With casualties climbing and doubts rising, Bush said America's yearlong involvement in Iraq

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son BG News

SATURDAY

IN CHARACTER: Last night UAO presented "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom. Offering free popcorn, Pepsi and candy to the audience. Before the show Union Programs sponsored a "Lord of the Rings" costume contest. Camden Bayer, back in black; Marc Setler, left: Brandon Bell, middle and Christan Heilman, right, were present for the contest.

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BG participates in call with Kerry

SUNDAY

THE BG NEWS

Yesterday, David Schrag of the BG News was able to participate in a conference call with Mass. Senator John Kerry which started Kerry's college campus tour titled "Change Starts with U Kerry Campus Tour 2004." The confer ence call consisted of many college newspapers around the country. Senator Kerry focused on issues he felt were important as well as why college students should vote for him for the Presidency.

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According to Kerry, over the past three years the price of college tuition has increased 28 percent leaving 220,000 students priced out of college. He blames the Bush administration, and believes that if elected President, he can turn this problem around by "stopping the hemmhoraging.

"George Bush owes America's youth an apology," Kerry said.

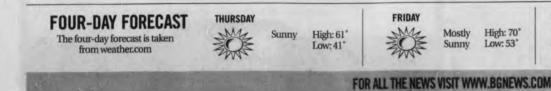
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Bush answers questions on 9/1

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"seems like a long time to the loved ones whose troops have been overseas. But when you think about where the country has come from, it's a relatively short period of time.

Bush said Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East, indicated that he needs more troops in Iraq. Abizaid told Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld he needs at least 10,000 more troops than he had previously envisioned.

"If that's what he wants, that's what he gets," Bush said. "And we'll need to be there for a while."

Bush said he had ordered military commanders "to make every preparation to use decisive force if necessary to maintain order and to protect our troops.

The president addressed matters of war and peace in the course of his hour at the podium, but election-year politics shadowed the proceedings.

Asked whether he believes he has acted correctly even if it costs him his job, he replied quickly, "I don't intend to lose my job. Because I'm going to tell the American people I have a plan to win the war on terror.

"Look, nobody likes to see dead people on their television screens," Bush "I don't. It's a tough time for the said. American people to see that. It's gutwrenching.

Iraq figures in Bush's decline in public opinion polls in two areas that are critical for his re-election campaign. Approval of his handling of Iraq has declined to the mid-40 percent level, and approval for his handling of terrorism has dipped into the mid-50s. Growing numbers of people say the military action in Iraq has increased rather than decreased the threat of terrorism.

Sen. John Kerry, Bush's Democratic rival, said the president failed to explain how he would stabilize Iraq. "We need to set a new course in Iraq," Kerry said in a statement. "We need to internationalize

the effort and put an end to the American occupation. We need to open up the reconstruction of Iraq to other countries. We need a real transfer of political power to the U.N."

While Bush opened with remarks about Iraq, the questions were broader — focusing also on the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Had I had any inkling whatsoever that people were going to fly airplanes into buildings, we would have moved heaven and earth to protect the country. Just like we're working to prevent further attacks," he said.

Asked whether he felt any responsibility for the attack, Bush said he grieved for the families of the victims and said in retrospect he wished, for example, the Homeland Security Department had been in place. Bush initially opposed creation of the agency but changed his mind under prodding from lawmakers.

The president also said a highly publicized intelligence briefing he received on Aug. 6, 2001, contained "nothing new" in disclosing that Osama bin Laden hoped to attack the United States. He was heartened, he said, by the disclosure that the FBI was conducting numerous investigations.

But that claim was undercut earlier in the day at a televised hearing by the com-mission investigating the terrorist attacks. Former Acting FBI Director Thomas Pickard testified that he didn't know where the information about the FBI investigations came from, and one commission member, Slade Gorton, suggested many of the investigations related to fund raising, not the threat of attacks

Bush said he would investigate the matter.

Bush strode into the East Room of the White House midway through the deadliest month for Americans since Baghdad fell last spring. At least 83 U.S. forces have been killed

and more than 560 wounded this month, according to the U.S. military, as American troops fight on three fronts. against Sunni insurgents in Fallujah,

Shiite militiamen in the south and gunmen in Baghdad and on its outskirts. At least 678 U.S. troops have died since the war began in March 2003.

Additionally, four American employees of a private security company working in Iraq were killed and their bodies mutilated two weeks ago, and Thomas Hamill, an employee of another firm, was seized as a hostage last week.

Bush said the United States was demanding the arrest or capture of Muqtada al-Sadr, a radical Shiite cleric whose illegal militias have fought U.S. forces in southern Iraq.

He compared insurgents taking hostages in Iraq to radical Islamic fanatics around the world, saying they are "serving the same ideology of murder" of those who blow up trains in Madrid, Spain, bomb buses in Israel — or inflicted the worst attack in American history.

"None of these acts is the work of a reli-gion," Bush said. "All are the work of a fanatical political ideology."

Weapons classes almost full

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and we have wonderful instructors that can provide this service," said Womack.

So far there has been a lot of interest in the program. April and May classes are almost filled, but there is still room.

The response has been successful," said Womack BGSU's concealed carry classes meet twice a week for two weeks from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the College Park office building. Classes are scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays, April 19, 21, 26 and 28; Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 4, 6, 11 and 13; Monday and Wednesdays, May 17, 19, 24 and 26. Range times will be scheduled separately and will take place at the shooting range at the Wood County fair grounds.

Tips

The fee for the class is \$149, but a special introductory discount is being offered for 10 percent off for BGSU community members. The discount will only be applied to the three currently scheduled classes

Anyone over 21 can apply for a permit and enroll in classes. To register for classes call 214-8181 or toll free at 1-877-650-8165.

Concealed weapons are not permitted on campus.

READ

"[College students] need to embrace their power and go out and vote." JOHN KERRY, US SENATOR

Kerry entertains questions, builds platform among students

KERRY, FROM PAGE 1

"Thanks to his fiscal recklessness and failed economic policies, today's college graduates are facing fewer jobs and a bigger share of the national debt. We should be lifting up and inspiring our youth, not letting them down. That is what this tour is about — empowering students and letting them know that they have a voice and a role in my campaign. With help from America's campuses, we are going to beat George W. Bush and offer America a new direction.

After a brief introduction, Senator Kerry took a few quesipating in the conference call. When asked about social security and how the system looks in the future, Senator Kerry was quick to negate the idea that social security is a fail-ing system and that collegeaged citizens won't reap the benefits.

"I will guarantee that social security will be there through this century," Kerry said. "It will be here for your generation and the next. I do not intend to cut the benefits on social security."

When asked about how to change voter apathy among college voters and how imporant college voters are to his success, he said that college voters are key.

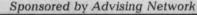
embrace their power and go out and use it," he said.

When asked about the military, Kerry commented on what he felt were President Bush's mistakes.

'We need a more sensible foreign policy where young people don't feel their leadership is making irresponsible decisions based on the military," he said.

Keeping the conference rather short, Senator Kerry answered the last question concerning policy areas that should be attractive to college students. Kerry also spoke of the need to make health care more accesible, he said he has a plan to create 10 million jobs over four years and push the tech-

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> et a life The calendar of events is taken from http://events.bgsu.edu/

10a.m. - 2p.m. Info. for "Geo Journey" Sponsored by the Geology Club/Department. Union Lobby

10a.m. - 5p.m. SAGA Glass Art Sale Sponsored by the Student Art Glass Association. Bowen-Thompson Student Union Galleries

10a.m.- 3:30p.m. BGSU Campus Event Box City Info. Table Habitat for Humanity will be selling tickets for their Box City fundraiser, to be held on April 16-17. Union Lobby

10a.m. - 4p.m. Senior Gift Campaign Sponsored by Office of Development. Union Lobby

10a.m. - 4p.m. Sigma Week Sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma. Union Lobby

10a.m. -4p.m. USG Elections Union Lobby and Education Bldg. steps

11a.m.- 4p.m. BGSU Campus Event ANO Promotion Sponsored by Anime in Northwest Ohio.

Union Lobby

11a.m.- 3p.m. Magazine Subscription Fundraiser Sponsored by Delta Chi Phi. **Union** Lobby

11a.m. - 4:30p.m. Islam Info. Table Sponsored by Muslim Student Association. Union Lobby

Noon - 1p.m. Brown Bag Lunch: "Just Blood (No Sweat, No Tears)" More than a million women nationwide have a bleeding disorder-only many of them do not know it yet. They know they have heavy periods that last longer than a week. They know that they bleed after surgery, bruise easily and have nose bleeds and bleeding gums. However, they do not know that they need to be properly diagnosed and treated to avoid having serious health complications. This presentation with Kristin Rausch, the program coordi-nator at the Northwest Ohio Hemophilia Foundation, will focus on Von Willebrand Disease, how it affects women, the symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and what to do if you

think may be affected.

Hanna Hall

The Women's Center, 107

2 - 4p.m. BGSU Campus Event DD Week Sign-up Sponsored by Dry Dock. Union Lobby

2:30 - 3:30p.m. Workshop: How to Get an Internship At this workshop, you will learn strategies for finding an internship. Contact: Career Center 314 Bowen-Thompson Student Union

3:30 - 5p.m.

Empowerment Group For women survivors of abu sive dating relationships. This student support group is a space for women at all stages of recovery to discuss their experiences and the patterns of abuse, explore safety options, facilitate healing and learn to recognize cues to potentially abusive behaviors and relationships. Confidentiality is emphasized. Sponsored by The Transformation Project. Please contact Rebecca Nichols at 372-2190 for more information. Meets every Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. TBA

6p.m

Greek Affairs Etiquette Dinner You are cordially invited to join Order of Omega and Greek Affairs for an etiquette dinner. The cost is \$5 per person (bursarable) for a full dinner including salad, rolls, entree, beverage and dessert. The etiquette presentation will be during dinner by Dr. Catherine Pratt. Business-casual attire is requested. Please R.S.V.P. by noon on April 12 to reserve your seat. Reservations can be made in person at the Greek Affairs Office in 440 Saddlemire or by phone at 2-2581. Please designate if you have any dietary needs or wish to have the vegetarian option. This event is sponsored by Order of Omega, Pepsi and **Greek Affairs** Contact: Greek Affairs, 419-372-2581 Bowen-Thompson Student Union 202B-Community Room

7p.m. "How I Took Back the Night" by Adrienne Veitch Sexual Assault Awareness Month continues with BGSU student Adrienne Veitch speaks out about her personal experience with sexual assault. Contact: The Women's Center The Women's Center

8p.m. Sign Making for Friday's Take Back the Night Rally and

All members of the community are given the opportunity to create a sign for the Take Back the Night March in Toledo, Ohio.

Contact: The Women's Center The Women's Center

8p.m. - 10p.m. Miss Quien Soy Pageant Sponsored by the Latino Student Union. Bowen-Thompson Student Union Multipurpose Room

8p.m.

Rainbow Dayz Keynote Speaker--Eddie Sarfaty Sponsored by Vision Bowen-Thompson Student Union 308-McMaster Room

9p.m.

Free! Group Facilitation Workshop Thanks to the Outdoor Program and OPAC this workshop will train campus leaders and anyone who works with groups in specific techniques f or effective group facilitation. Free! Registration deadline April 14 @ noon. Please call 2-2790 to register. Contact: Recreational Sports, 419-372-2711, www.bgsu.edu/recsports Bowen-Thompson Student Union 314-Buckeye Telesystem/CPS Room

9:15 - 9:45p.m. Circle K International **Community Service**



THE BLOTTER

Monday, April 12

Complainant reported a hit-skip accident that occurred a couple weeks ago in Lot J.

Complainant reported his vehicle was damaged in Lot 6.

Complainant reported his bookbag was stolen from the Union. Complainant reported his driver's license was stolen in the Union

Complainant in Darrow Hall reported receiving harassing phone calls

University Police are investigating an accident in front of the Sigma Phi Epsilon House.



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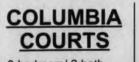
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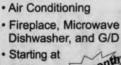
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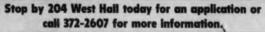
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"I am overjoyed to be back in my homeland, the true north ... strong and censor-free."

Singer ALANIS MORISSETTE, on wearing a nude-colored bodysuit adorned with nipples and pubic hair, at Canda's Juno music awards. week.com)

Is the U. sleeping with the enemy?

s some of you may already know, Steven Wilkes, former Bowling Green assistant football coach, took a job at Notre Dame. The vacant coaching position has been filled by none other than Vance Joseph.

Does that name sound familiar? Vance Joseph is the former

assistant coach for the Colorado University football team. He was on paid administrative leave

from CU's coaching staff, along with Head Coach Gary Barnett pending an investigation of pos-sible rule violations.

The rule violations of which we speak involve accusations of using sex and alcohol as recruiting tools for male players and unfair treatment for the football players. Let's not forget the eight women who have accused CU players of rape. Part of the investigation includes finding out if the coaching staff was aware of

Joseph hasn't been directly linked to Barnett's problems. However, there is still a chance that he could be found in violation of these rules. No one will know until the investigation is completed.

So, why didn't Bowling Green officials including, Head Coach Gregg Brandon, wait to see the results of the investigation?

There must be other, less risky candidates for our coaching staff who are readily available. Joseph is widely considered an

up-and-coming assistant coach. Obviously Brandon and other officials recognize his talents in coaching. However, there is more to a job than skill. There is also the

sue of character. It is sometimes hard to tell a person's character in a short time. But it seems that if a person's character is already in

question, then that should raise

OPINION

some warning flags. Joseph could be innocent. There is even a possibility that he had no knowledge of what was going on. If he had no knowledge of what was going on, wouldn't that also raise some concerns about his awareness of and concern for players' actions? Joseph is treading dangerously close to some very serious accu-

sations. Likewise, Bowling Green officials could be sleeping with the enemy at this point.

The decision to hire Vance Joseph as an assistant football coach should have been postponed until the results of the investigation proved him inno-cent of any and all rule violations.

Nonetheless, we can't help but wonder what people will think of our great football program, now that there is a person on staff who carries such a negative stigma.

Evolution is old, faulty science



The commercialization of another Easter caused me to think of an irony. Somehow it's okay to throw fables like the exis tence of the Easter bunny at children, but it's getting less and less tolerable to even mention God in public schools.

How dare Christians give chil-dren the option of believing that someone created them who loves and cares about them?

Instead, it's somehow better for a child's emotional development to continue telling them that the original existence of humankind began by accident and that they were monkeys and apes at one time.

The censorship of creationism in public schools is based on a faulty argument that many believe stemmed from a misinterpretation. Some have taken the constitutional mandate against a state-sponsored religion to mean an implied separation of church and state.

Aside from this error, if you take the misinterpretation as truth, along with freedom of religion as a basis to stop the presentation of creationism in schools, there are still a couple of reasons to disagree with this basis.

Is teaching creationism, along with evolution, promoting or combining the church or religion with the state?

Just because you offer the theory that someone or something could have created everything, doesn't necessarily mean you have to be promoting God or Christianity.

Also, based on the definition of religion, why isn't evolution censored in the same respect as creationism?

Religion is defined as "a cause, principle, or belief held to with

faith and ardor," according to Webster's Dictionary. Since there is no empirical evidence to prove creationism or evolution as fact. then both require faith, therefore making them both religions.

It requires just as much faith to believe that everything around us was designed and created by someone or something as it does to believe that, by chance, everything came out of nothing.

This idea, that everything came from nothing is called spontaneous generation, and was disproved in the late 1800s by French Chemist Louis Pasteur.

Every science experiment ever done demonstrates that life only comes from pre-existing life, never from non-living matter. Yet, more than 100 years later, spontaneous generation is still being taught in public schools and universities as fact. And that's not the only thing that is still being taught about evolution that has been disproved.

Remember all of those "missing links" you learned about? Well guess what?

They're still missing.

You may be asking yourself, "What about all those missing links that were found that I learned about in school?" Sorry. Those were all discredit-

ed. Cro-Magnon man and Neanderthal man are now held to be human. Ramapithecus is shown to be an orangutan and Zinjanthropus is an ape. Piltdown man, Colorado man

and Nebraska man were proven hoaxes - and that's just to name a few.

There are no bones or fossils -- "links" -- that show evolution in action. In fact, fossil evidence is more supportive of creation-ism than evolution.

One example is the turtle. Evolution textbooks teach that there are fossils of turtles that are 250 million years old, but they are identical to present-day liv-

ing turtles. There is no difference.Why haven't turtles evolved over time?

You may also rest easy that you were not a monkey at one time. That theory is entirely based on just one part of our body. Scientists and professors make the correlation that since Cytochrome C of our body is most closely related to the chimpanzee, that we came from them.

Well, if we transferred that logic to picking out other parts of our body, then our milk chemistry would suggest we came from donkeys, our cholesterol levels would indicate our ancestors as garter snakes and our foot structure would point to glacial bears as the animals that we derived from. So which was it?

Just because parts of our bodies may be close to animals or other things in nature, it doesn't mean that we came from them through evolution. It shows that there is consistency within creation — a common designer. "Think about a Porsche and a

Volkswagen "Beetle" car. They both have air-cooled, flat, horizontally opposed, four-cylinder engines in the rear; independent rear suspension, two doors, a boot (trunk) in the front and many other similarities. Why do these two very different cars have so many similarities? Because they had the same designer," says creationist Ken Ham.

Evolution is far too often referred to as fact rather than it's proper category, theory. I can deal with telling children that Santa Claus or the Easter bunny exists - they will eventually realize the truth.

However, I can't deal with scientists and professors leading children and even college students astray with lies about evolution.

PEOPLE **ON THE STREET**

mail-order spouses?



own, you might as well order one.'



AMANDA KOCH SOPHOMORE,



SOPHOMORE, HISTORY

"I don't really need one.

We must understand terrorists' viewpoint

RUSS

With the recent rash of kid-

nappings in Iraq, I figure we are due for a reminder by the Bush

administration of the inhuman

ways of terrorist monsters. I feel

that looking at terrorists in this

I am in no way condoning

kidnappings and murders to be

However, I think it is important

Terrorists are never referred to

to understand that we are at

as what they actually are — humans. In fact, if you took a

superficial look at their lives,

they are like us. They eat food,

their children with futures they

As Iraqis, they view American

use tools and seek to provide

think are the most agreeable.

and coalition forces and civil-

by Western colonialism. Mix

that with fundamental Islam

and you have a recipe for dis-

trust of American intentions.

To think that these people are

brainless murderers is to under-

estimate the enemy. They know

exactly what they are doing. They cannot possibly win this war conventionally. Thus, they

must adopt unconventional

best trained and most well-

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Opinion Columnist

and world opinion has on the ability of the coalition to fight a war effectively.

The people of Spain quickly replaced their conservative gov-ernment in elections after Al-Queda bombed trains in Madrid about a month ago. It should be noted that immediately after the attacks, the conservative party in Spain wanted to blame the bombings, without a shred of evidence, on a separatist group within their own borders who supported the later

victorious socialist party. I guess it could be argued that a number of votes were cast against the conservative party simply for their obvious attempt at political gain from the terrorist attacks and not for their support of the war.

I think the main reason we haven't been attacked since Sept 11, 2001, is because we had forces in the Middle East. Why would the terrorists spend money and time to kill an American over here when they can find them in their backyard?

Besides, the war is doing exactly what the terrorists wanted - several areas or major cities in Iraq in chaos, the recent unification of Muslim sects against the coalition and dropping support for the war stat side

It is also important to understand that these fundamentalists are in the fight of their lives. In order to unite the Islamic nations and repel Western influence from their people and their goals — they cannot lose this war. Their way of life depends on victory and they are willing to do anything necessary to achieve it.

It's like me fighting Mike Tyson to the death - a rather rudimentary analogy admittedly. Of course, I'm going to kick him in the balls and run off, he should be expecting it and the crowd that gathered to watch should not be surprised when I come back and do it again. I think it's time we start showing the enemy some respect. Not for their disgusting actions (the sight of the burned, dismembered corpses almost made me sick), but rather for their understanding of the situation. And especially for their willingness to do whatever it takes in a war in which the odds are against them.

What is your take on



JEFF THOMAS SENIOR, VCT

"If you can't find your



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"I guess money can buy love.



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"You've gotta do what you gotta do sometimes."

If the horrific display of the burned corpses being dismembered in the streets of Fallujah did not remind you of the scenes in Mogadishu and Somalia several years ago, then you need to review those events. These Iraqis and the small number of foreign terrorists realize that this is an unpopular war throughout the world and increasingly so in America.

They saw how we ran away from Somalia after the public outcry over the horrible images on television and hoped to duplicate those results in Iraq. They know the effect that public

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OHIO U. MOVES ART DISPLAY AFTER OBJECTIONS

IRONTON, Ohio (AP) - Student photographs depicting suicide, nude bodies and a burning Ku Klux Klan robe were moved from a public hallway at a regional campus of Ohio University after people complained. The art class project was moved to a conference room to give people a choice of whether to view the photographs and to protect them from vandalism. The room is too small for all 90 photographs, so they'll have to be rotated.



Hope remains for missing man

By John Nolan ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BATAVIA, Ohio - An Ohio Army reservist, missing in Iraq since his convoy was attacked,was known in high school for his tenacity on the football field and in the classroom.

"We're pulling for him. He's a fighter," Dan Simmons, athletic director at Glen Este High School, said of Pfc. Keith "Matt" Maupin.

The 20-year-old has been missing since Friday, when gun-men used rocket-propelled grenades and other weapons to attack his convoy, the Pentagon said. The attack was one of many during a flare-up of casualties and instability in Iraq in recent weeks

Maupin, of Batavia, graduated from Glen Este in 2001.

"Matt was a selfless kid on the football field," Simmons said. "He did whatever the coaches told him. He wasn't a starter, but he made the other kids play harder."

Maupin was assigned to the Reserves Army 724th Transportation Company, based in Bartonville, Ill. He earned scholar athlete awards from his high school and athletic conference for maintaining a 3.5 grade point average

taining a 3.5 grade point average during football season as a senior. He played backup tight end and defensive end. "Matt was a great kid, and he comes from a great family," prin-cipal Dennis Ashworth said in a statement. "All of us here — the statement. "All of us here — are staff, the students are extremely concerned about his

well being." Maupin's younger brother, Kent Micah Maupin, is a Marine. He was a wrestler and soccer player and graduated from Glen Este in 2003.

A yellow ribbon was tied to a chain link fence at the bus corral outside the 1,300-student school about 15 miles east of Cincinnati. Nearby, a sign that read "Support Our Soldiers" was stuck into the ground near the school driveway.

There also was a yellow ribbon outside the front door of the one-story, ranch home where Maupin's mother lives. Two police officers kept reporters away from the home yesterday.

Maupin's mother, Carolyn Maupin, told The Cincinnati Enquirer on Monday that Army representatives had visited her

notify her that her son was missing.

She is a member of the Clermont County Military Support Group, which meets monthly and has organized a care package and letter-writing campaign in support of soldiers in Iraq.

Clermont County Sheriff Tim Rodenberg, an ex-Marine with a son in the Marines doing a second tour in Iraq, said he decided not to contact the family for now out of respect for their privacy.

"I don't know how they can even deal with it - not knowing," Rodenberg said.



MISSING: Missing Ohio Army reservist Pfc. Keith Maupin of Batavia, OH, is shown in a 2001 high school year book.

Missing ballots found in storage room

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO, Ohio - A county elections worker found 300 completed ballots from the March 2 primary in taped-shut boxes in a storage room.

It's not clear whether the absentee ballots were counted or who cast them, said Paula Hicks-Hudson, director of the Lucas County elections board.

The ballots were found Thursday by a worker who started searching for them after the election board came up 150 ballots short during its official count last week.

Because the ballots were removed from the envelopes on Election Day, election officials can't determine who cast them, Hicks-Hudson said.

About half of them may have been counted, she said. But none of them have any marks to

indicate they were counted. The extra ballots could affect the results of close precinct races that will decide whether Paula Ross will remain the county's Democratic party chairwoman, The Blade reported vesterday.

Several other close races also

could be affected, Hicks-Hudson said.

Voters in the Otsego Local School District, which includes a portion of Lucas County, passed a levy by 33 votes to build a new high school.

"I am looking at everything trying to figure this crazy thing out," said Hicks-Hudson, who believes the ballots are legitimate and should be counted.

Ohio's Secretary of State office has been in contact with the county elections board and asked it to determine how many absentee ballots were sent out

and how many returned.

Each ballot is coded for a precinct, so that should help to track the origin of the ballots, said Carlo LoParo, a spokesman for the secretary of state's office.

"It's a situation that can be resolved," he said. "We're confident a resolution can occur relatively quickly."

He wasn't aware of any similar situations in the past and did not know yet how the county will have to handle the ballots. Bernadette Noe, a member of

the elections board, said she

wants to know who put the bal-

lots in the computer storage room and why. She also wants to find out who has been in and out of that room.

Ross will soon face a vote for re-election to her post by the Democratic party's central committee.

More than 400 candidates for that committee were up for

election in the primary. Ross and

her opponents claim to have won a majority of seats on the committee. The winners, who will choose the party leader, have not been declared because the election has not been certified.

Ross said she doesn't think that the discovery of the ballots was a sign that someone was trying to influence a race.

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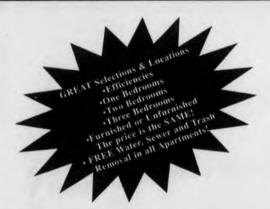
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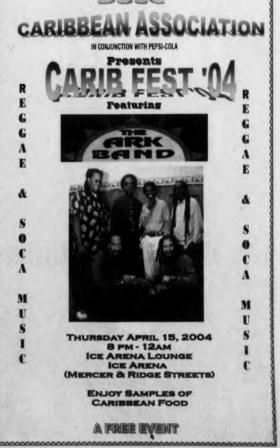


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IDAHO STUDENT ON TRIAL FOR AIDING TERROR

BOISE, Idaho (AP) - A University of Idaho graduate student went on trial Tuesday on charges he supported terrorism by running Web sites that recruited militants and raised money for groups promoting violence against the United States.

Sami Omar Al-Hussayen, a Saudi national working on his computer science doctoral degree, is charged with three counts of aiding terrorism and additional counts of visa fraud and making false statements. Al-Hussayen is accused of helping to run Web sites that supported the militant Palestinian organization Hamas and other groups allegedly promoting terrorism.

NATON

Ephedra ban takes affect Monday

By Wayne Parry THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWARK, N.J. - Barbara J. Michal's son died in 1997, one of dozens of people whose deaths are linked to the once-popular diet drug ephedra.

So she praised a federal judge's decision Monday to allow a nationwide ban on dietary supplements containing ephedra to take effect. The ruling turned aside a plea from two manufacturers.

"It's got to stop," said Michal, of Riverside, Calif. "This is not about public health and science. It's about politics and money

U.S. District Judge Joel Pisano refused to grant a temporary restraining order that would have prevented the Food and Drug Administration from banning the products.

Ephedra, once hugely popular

for weight loss and bodybuilding, has been linked to 155 deaths, including that of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler a year ago.

After years of fighting manufacturers over the risks, the FDA announced in December that it was banning the sale of the amphetamine-like herb - the first such ban of a dietary supplement.

"These products pose unacceptable health risks, and any consumers who are still using them should stop immediately," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson said.

NVE Pharmaceuticals of Newton, manufacturer of the diet supplement Stacker 2, had hoped to head off the ban, arguing its roduct is safe if used as directed. It was joined by a second compa-

NEW WAY TO COMPUTE

ny, the National Institute for Clinical Weight Loss, manufac-turer of a product called Thermalean.

The judge said the manufacturers did not meet several legal requirements, including proving that they are likely to win the case and that they would suffer irreparable harm if the ban took effect.

Pisano's ruling means the ban will be in effect at least until NVE's lawsuit can be heard. No trial date has been set.

The ban does not affect decongestants and other medicines containing ephedrine, a synthetic version of ephedra. Drugs containing ephedrine and a chemical cousin called pseudoephedrine are regulated and approved by the FDA and are safe, said agency spokesman Lawrence Bachorik. Ephedra sales already had plummeted because of publicity about the risks, especially after Bechler's death a year ago. Three states — New York, Illinois and California - prohibited the stimulant on their own. "Ephedra has killed more than

100 individuals and injured thousands of others," said Bruce Silverglade, legal director of the Washington-based Center for Science in the Public Interest. "The only problem is, it took the FDA almost 10 years to ban the substance."

Unlike medications, which must be proven safe and effective before they are allowed to be sold, federal law allows dietary supplements to be marketed without any such proof. To curb a supplement, the FDA must show it poses a significant health threat. NVE maintains that the FDA

failed to prove such a threat if the

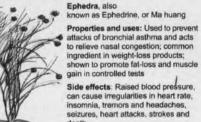
BREAKTHROUGH:

Ephedra ban goes into effect

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A federal judge allowed a ban on dietary supplements containing ephedra to go into effect Monday despite a temporary restraining order sought by two manufacturers.





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SOURCES: Food and Drug Ad ard School of Public Healt

supplement is taken correctly. and was swayed by the outcry over ephedra deaths. "The FDA chose to ignore valid

science that showed that there

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wasn't a problem," said Walter Timpone, a lawyer for NVE. "In 1999, (there were) 104 deaths as a result of aspirin ingestion. Are we going to ban aspirin now?

Mind over matter

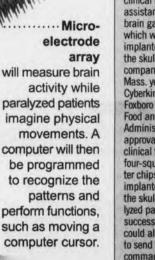
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Scientists hope experiments allowing monkeys to control a computer cursor through brain activity could be applied to paralyzed humans.

SOURCE: Cyberkinetics Dan DeLorenzo•AP

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Maryam Saleh, a Cyberkinetics Inc. clinical research assistant, holds a brain gate censor, which will be implanted beneath the skull, at the company in Foxboro, Mass. yesterday. Cyberkinetics of Foxboro has received Food and Drug Administration approval to begin a clinical trial in which four-square-millimeter chips will be implanted beneath the skulls of paralyzed patients. If successful, the chips could allow patients to send computer commands, essentially by thinking about them.



IDEA FOR OIL: Dr. Yanhui Zhang holds process samples of oil refined from hog manure at his lab at the University of Illinois. Zhang's research group has perfected a process to break down manure into oil.

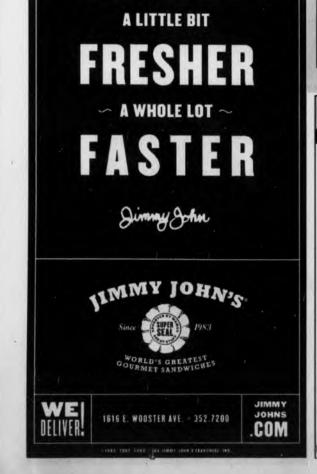
By Jim Paul THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

URBANA, Ill. - A University of Illinois research team is working on turning pig manure into a form of crude oil that could be refined to heat homes or generate electricity.

Years of research and fine-tuning are ahead before the idea could be commercially viable, but results so far indicate there might be big

for reducing our dependency on foreign oil," said Zhang, an associ-ate professor of agricultural and biological engineering. "Definitely,

there is potential in the long term. The thermochemical conversion process uses intense heat and pressure to break down the molecular structure of manure into oil. It's much like the natural process that turns organic matter nto oil over centuries, but in the laboratory the process can take as little as a half-hour. A similar process is being used at a plant in Carthage, Mo., where tons of turkey entrails, feathers, fat and grease from a nearby Butterball turkey plant are converted into a light crude oil, said Julie DeYoung, a spokeswoman for





benefits for farmers and consumers, lead researcher Yanhui Zhang said.

"This is making more sense in terms of alternative energy or renewable energy and strategically

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BG NEWS BRIEFING **BG** baseball has **Indiana Tech game** cancelled

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Bowling Green's baseball team, coming off two wins over Buffalo over the weekend, have had yet another scheduled game cancelled due to poor weather.

Yesterday's contest against Indiana Tech was canceled due to high winds and cold temperatures.

This latest cancellation was the ninth game for the Falcons this season that has been cancelled due to poor weather.

The Falcons are now slated to host Cleveland State tomorrow at Steller Field for two seven-inning games

Softball twinbill at **Buffalo** postponed

The BG softball team, after two non-league wins over Oakland Monday, had its doubleheader originally sched-uled for today pushed back to tomorrow.

BG, now 17-20 overall and 4-4 in MAC play, will attempt to play Buffalo, 12-15 and 4-4 in MAC play, twice tomorrow before returning home to host Ball State this weekend.

Golfers struggle in weekend tourneys

By Kevin Shields SPORTS REPORTER

The Easter weekend didn't treat the Bowling Green men's and women's golf teams to low scores, as the men finished 12th of 14 teams and the women came in seventh out of nine.

Adam Balls and Julie Wise were the top golfers on their repsective teams. Balls finished tied for 38th at the Marshall Invitational, while Wise finished 25th at the Bronco Invitational.

At the Marshall tournament, the men got off to a slow start on Friday in the first round shooting a combined score of 306.

We came out and shot a 306 in the first round and we were out of it after one round," men's Head Coach Garry Winger said. "We did well in the second round, but we were out in no man's land and there wasn't really anyway to move up. It just wasn't a good situation we put ourselves in after the first round."

The Falcons shot better in the second round, finishing with a score of 293. Balls was in ninth place overall heading into the final round on Saturday after rounds of 72 and 71. He and his team went backward in the final round, as he shot an 80 with the team combining for 306 again to finish 12th of the 14 teams.

"Adam played well the first two rounds and was ninth overall heading into Saturday, but didn't have a good third round," Winger said. "We didn't golf well this weekend and when you don't

NBA: HAWKS' SURA HAS HIS THIRD STRAIGHT TRIPLE-DOUBLE REVOKED BY NBA; PAGE 8.



The former Green Bay general manager was hired by the Browns as a consultant in January.

By Tom Withers The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Ron Wolf resigned as a part-time person-nel consultant to the Cleveland Browns yesterday, less than three months after the longtime NFL executive was hired by the club.

Wolf, who built the Green Bay Packers into a Super Bowl champion in his 11 years as the team's general manager, said his deci-sion to leave the Browns was tied into Carmen Policy's resignation as team president.

Policy announced last week that he was stepping down as president and chief executive on May 1.

"Once that happened, that was it for me," Wolf said in a telephone interview. "Carmen had been the one who brought me in and after he said he was leaving, there was no reason for me to stay, either."

Browns spokesman Todd Stewart confirmed that Wolf had

left the team. After the Browns went 5-11 last season, they hired the 65-

year-old Wolf in January to assist them in evaluating their current roster and to plan for next week's college draft. Wolf worked from his home in

Maryland, reviewing game tapes and video of potential draft picks. The Browns had also asked Wolf for his opinion before they decided to replace quarterback Tim Couch by signing free agent QB Jeff Garcia.

However, coach Butch Davis dismissed Wolf's input during the recent NFL meetings in Palm Beach, Fla. "I don't think his opinion had

any bearing whatsoever on what transpired," Davis said, referring to the Couch-Garcia decision. "He gave an opinion about our quarterbacks the same way he had an opinion about our left guards."

Wolf was asked if Davis' comments had angered him or led to his leaving the Browns.

"I was just a part-time guy, so he [Davis] could use me any-way that he wanted to," Wolf said

Wolf, who acquired quarter-

back Brett Favre during his tenure with the Packers, said he wasn't disappointed at not fulfilling his 18-month, \$750,000 agreement with the Browns.

"Everything happened the way it was laid out for me," said Wolf. "I wasn't looking for work until they called me.

Wolf came out of retirement to join the Browns, and said he'll be more diligent before he pursues future opportunities in the NFL.

"I'm going to be a little more careful if I ever decide to do something like that again," he said.

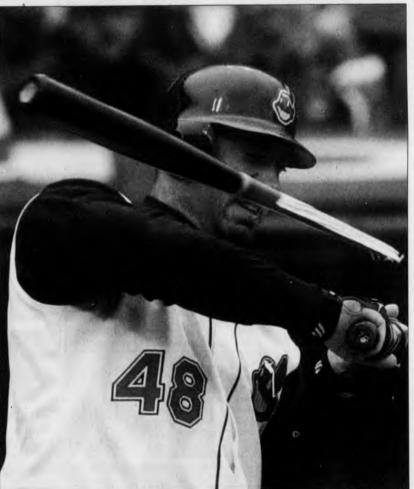
"For me, coming

back [to coach] is a

sense of escape, so to speak."

OHIO STATE LACROSSE COACH

POWER SUPPLY Hafner provides much-needed punch



By Tom Withers THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND - As Travis Hafner retold how he hit his first career grand slam into the teeth of a 28 mph wind on opening day for the umpteenth time, Indians third baseman Casey Blake

decided to tell the real story. "No wind can stop 'The Pronk," Blake yelled, mimicking Arnold Schwarzenegger's "Terminator" character and referring to Hafner's nickname

So far this season, pitchers haven't been able to slow 'The Pronk', either.

Hafner is on an early season tear, and the Indians day off yesterday finally gave him

some well-deserved rest. With his grand slam in Cleveland's 6-3 win over Minnesota on Monday, Hafner took over the American League lead with four home runs. In his first eight games, he also has nine RBIs, is batting .400 and leads the league in total bases (25) and slugging percentage (1.000).

More importantly, though, Hafner has shown signs of becoming the type of power hitter the Indians have desperately needed since Jim Thome's departure.

Hafner has even surprised himself with his quick start. "I've always been a real slow starter," he said, "so this

JOHN BRESCHI, ON RETURN TO COACHING AFTER SON'S DEATH Coach still deals

with loss of son

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Every day presents a new challenge for Joe Breschi and his family, more than a month after the death of Breschi's 3-year-old Michael.

The Ohio State men's lacrosse coach fills his time with the routine of coaching. His mind, however, is never terribly far away from his son.

"For me, coming back [to coach] is a sense of escape, so to speak," Breschi said. "I never stop thinking about Michael and how much I love him but coming back with these guys and showing how much they mean to me and how much love I have for them is some sense of getting through a day."

Michael was killed when he was hit by a sport utility vehicle that was backing up in the park-ing lot of his Columbus preschool.

Joe Breschi missed the Buckeyes' next game but returned for a win over Drexel on March 13.

"I just remember the first me b It was the best thing I've ever heard," senior Greg Bice said. The players buffered Breschi from his frayed emotions. "I needed them more than they needed me," he said. The Buckeyes (8-2), nationally ranked after winning seven in a row, wear the initials "MB" on their jerseys and have "black buckeyes" on their helmets. Breschi's way of dealing with the grief is more personal. "I have his socks in my pants ocket and I have his shirt, his little Ohio State shirt, tucked into my pants," he said. "And I carry his little lacrosse stick we used to play with all the time. I feel really close to him. It's just a game we play. The real beauty is Michael's 3 1/2 years. I loved him so much and I still love him so much. We did everything together. That stick, I just feel close to him when I'm holding it." Breschi, his wife, Julie, and daughters Samantha, 2, and Abigail, 9 months, are learning to cope with the loss. "We're doing OK, taking it one day at time," Breschi said. "I think for me and my wife we

Tony Dejak AP Photo

BIG SLUGGER: Cleveland's Travis Hafner breaks the bat as he takes a pitch from Minnesota Twins pitcher Kyle Lohse in the first inning Monday in Cleveland. Hafner has played well despite the Indians' early-season struggles.

is a nice change. and 240 At 6-foot-3 pounds, Hafner could pass as

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BG NEWS BRIEFING Falcon tennis falls to Xavier University in Cincinnati, 6-1

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Ashley Jakupcin won at the No. 4 singles spot for Bowling Green's only point in a 6-1 loss to Xavier yesterday in Cincinnati.

Bowling Green's No. 3 doubles team also picked up a win against the Musketeers, but Xavier's No. 1 doubles team of Stephanie Bauer and Lauren Clary edged out BG's Lisa Maloney and Susie Schoenberger, 8-6, to capture the

doubles point. The Falcons end the regular season with a Mid-American Conference matchup with Ball State Saturday.



like Metzger File Photo BG News WINNER: BG's Ashley Jakupcin, above, was the lone Falcon to win yesterday against Xavier.

Barnett: It was players' fault

By Jon Sarche THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BROOMFIELD, Colo. Suspended University of Colorado football coach Gary Barnett told recruiting investigators yesterday there is "no question" misbehavior occurred at a 2001 party at the center of rape allegations against his players.

Barnett, appearing for the first time before the panel looking into recruiting prac-tices at the school, said there were 10 people at the off-campus party, including four football athletes.

"There is no question in my mind that inappropriate behavior occurred," said

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TROUBLE IN BOULDER: Suspended Colorado football coach Gary Barnett testifies before an investigative panel looking into allegations that sex and alcohol were used to entice football recruits to the Boulder campus. Barnett's attorney is at right.

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NBA revokes Sura's third triple-double

By Paul Newberry THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA - Bob Sura didn't make any pretense about it. Urged on by his teammates in

a blowout game, the Atlanta Hawks' journeyman guard inten-tionally missed a layup just before the buzzer so he could get the rebound and make his small mark in history

Sura was trying to become the first NBA player in seven years with three straight triple-doubles. The game was essentially over. What the heck?

The NBA didn't see it that way. Less than 24 hours after Sura's bit of self-gratification, the league ruled yesterday that he wouldn't be rewarded for intentionally missing a shot.

The field goal attempt was taken away, which wiped out the rebound. Sura was left with 22

Lacrosse community rallies behind OSU coach

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have our other two children to keep us busy."

The lacrosse community throughout the country rallied behind the family. Players, fans and coaches attended the funeral and offered support.

"It was great to see coaches come out, especially on a Thursday. I know they were preparing for games," senior Anthony Gilardi said. "It was more important for them to be there for coach Breschi and be there for our team." Said Breschi, "I wish I had the

opportunity to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart and my family's heart. That's what keeps us going each day, every-body's prayers and thoughts."

Before each breakout from a huddle, the team gives the thumbs-up signal, just as Michael and his father did after each practice. It's the players' way of honoring the precocious Michael and showing their unity.

"We've really stuck together through this," Bice said. "Hands down, this is the toughest thing this lacrosse program has gone through and individually one of, if not the toughest, I've had to go through."

BG NEWS BRIEFING **Bengal player hurt** in car accident

Bengals cornerback Dennis Weathersby was in serious condition at a hospital after suffering a head injury when his car went off a highway

points, 11 assists and nine rebounds — not 10 — in the Hawks' 129-107 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Monday night.

So much for having three straight games with double fig-ures in scoring, rebounding and -a feat last accomplished assists by Grant Hill in 1997.

After flying to Boston for Atlanta's regular-season finale Wednesday night, Sura issued a statement through a team spokesman.

"I'm disappointed that my attempt to turn my third tripledouble caused so much controversy," he said. "It was never my intention to make a mockery of our sport and to take any attention away from our huge win over the Nets. If anyone was offended by my actions, I sincerely apologize.

Sura's motives didn't seem all that sinister — "it was kind of a reaction thing," he said after the game — but he joined the growing list of players and coaches who have resorted to underhanded tactics in an attempt to pad individual stats.

Ricky Davis, then with Cleveland, took matters to the extreme last season when he intentionally missed a shot at the wrong basket, with the idea of getting his own rebound and finshing off the first triple-double of

his career. It didn't work. Davis was bearhugged by a Utah player before he could retrieve the rebound, and the NBA said it wouldn't have mattered anyway - there's a rule against trying to score for the opposing team. As it was, Davis was fined by his own team and roundly condemned for his blatant attempt at personal glory. Davis wasn't the first. Six years

ago, Connecticut women's bas-ketball star Nykesha Sales, lost for the season with a torn Achilles' tendon, hobbled onto the court at the start of a game to make an uncontested layup that gave her the school scoring record.

In January 2002, Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre appeared to take a dive so New York Giants defender Michael Strahan could set the single-season sack record. Both players denied they were in cahoots

And last November, a high school quarterback in Illinois, Nate Haasis, asked officials to erase a record-setting pass because his coach made a deal with the opposing team to allow a completion late in the game. The pass was disallowed and the coach resigned under pressure.



BAD BOY: Atlanta Hawks Jason Terry, left, and teammate Bob Sura celebrate their win against the Nets Monday. Sura was, momentari-

"We both have been distressed at the information we read coming from the University as well as Gary Barnett." DAVID HNIDA, FATHER OF FORMER CU FOOTBALL PLAYER KATIE HNIDA, WHO HAS CLAIMED SHE WAS RAPED WHILE ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM

NCAVA: a 'rape culture' exists at Colorado U.

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Barnett, dressed in a suit and tie. "There is no question that the behavior of the 10 young people involved was the result of their own poor decisions and under the influence of alcohol."

Three women have said they were raped by players or recruits at the party or just afterward. They have sued the school in federal court, seeking unspecified damages for what they say was the school's failure to rein in athletes and provide equal protection to women.

At least eight women since 1997 have accused Colorado football athletes of rape, though no charges have been filed. A separate probe headed by the state attorney general is also under way.

The Board of Regents' panel is to issue a report at the end of the month on whether Colorado uses sex and alcohol to entice recruits to the Boulder campus - including whether university employees know about it.

At times gesturing with his hands and raising his voice to make a point, Barnett said every allegation against him and his coaches is untrue, telling the panel he believes they can "can restore accurate public perceptions about our dignity and our integrity." He said he feels a strong

sense of responsibility not only for his players' performance on the field but their behavior in



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BARNETT IN TROUBLE: Peggy Lamm, chairperson of a special panel investigating possible misconduct in the football recruiting program questions suspended Colorado football coach Gary Barnett, foreground, as he testifies before the panel

tried to make her feel welcome. A few hours before Barnett spoke, the panel released a March 30 e-mail to a commission attorney from Dr. David Hnida, the woman's father and an Army surgeon currently

posted in Iraq. Hnida said Barnett and other university officials must have known about sexual harassment problems his daughter was having at Colorado before

she left. "We both have been dis-tressed at the information we CINCINNATI - Cincinnati the community. handling the problems approwomen over the weekend He said he tries to make read coming from the universipriately. them understand they have no ty, as well as Gary Barnett," David Hnida wrote. "To be "To say they've ignored this more rights or privileges than other students. But he said to finish with a score of 167 and finished 25th. Host Western because of the athletic depart-GOLF, FROM PAGE 7 ment is absurd," he said. blunt, there is quite a bit of golf well you can't compete in a there are limits to tracking the ramp and struck a utility pole, activities of dozens of players iyi 5 pr tournament like that." Michigan won the tournament He also said his daughter Denver striptease company, with a 623 team total. The "I have 48 that I have held Ohio State was the winning would be willing to speak to the Hardbodies Entertainment, Tuesday. Weathersby was driving accountable over the last five Falcons with a score of 681. team in the three-round tournapanel after spring football prac-tice at New Mexico ends also told the panel Colorado years. I can't live their lives for Other Falcon finishers in the ment alone at about 5:30 p.m. football players hire strippers tournament them," he said. were Jenny Other finishers for the men Monday when his car, coming tomorrow. from his company for recruit-Schnipke (t-35th), Amanda were Heath Ziglar (40th), Craig Pickerel (t-64th), Adam Cordes Barnett was put on paid Monday, ing parties once or twice a year. On Kathy off an Interstate 275 exit ramp Schroeder (t-38th), Kari Evans (tleave for comments he made Redmond, founder of the National Coalition Against Violent Athletes, told the panel that a "rape culture" exists withinto merging traffic on a street He said the coaches had about two of the alleged rape 38th) and Kari Liggett (t-41st). The Falcon men will compete (t-64) and Tommy Lopez (74th). in suburban Springdale, left nothing to do with the parties cases, including that of Katie The women had a similar fate and the money did not come from the university. the roadway and hit the pole, Hnida, a former place-kicker next at the Norm Bullock at Western Michigan in their twoknocking him unconscious, said she was raped by a Collegiate Classic in Dayton round tournament Sunday and in Colorado's sports programs. "They want to outdo other Sunday and Monday. The women will head to the Eastern Springdale police said. Colorado teammate in 2000. Monday. They shot a 346 in the "Players are taught that women are objects, commodiuniversities," Lower said of the players. "Whether the coaching It appeared that no other Barnett has said his statefirst round and finished with a Kentucky University Spring Invitational Saturday and cars were involved, but police ments were taken out of con-335 ties, and that if you come to this staff turns their back on it or Saturday and have asked any witnesses to text — he was answering ques-Wise shot rounds of 85 and 82 school, you get women, you get sex," said Redmond, who come forward and provide they don't, they honestly don't Sunday. tions about why she left information to corroborate have anything to do with these Colorado to later enroll at the received a \$50,000 settlement parties. what investigators found, University of New Mexico -University from the police said yesterday. and that he and the university GNC Live Well. GNC Live Well. Student Discount LARGE SUB REE DELIVERY \$5.50 Minimu 419) 352-4663 Get into the of things! LARGE SUB PERRYSBURG MARKETPLACE FREE DELIVERY \$5.50 Minimum 419) 352-4663 27072 Carronade Dr. • Phone: 872-6155 (15 minutes North of BG off 1-75) HOURS: Monday - Friday 10-8; Saturday 10-5; Sunday 12-4

Nebraska after she accused a football player of rape in 1991. The player was never charged. Redmond said university leaders should be replaced

because they ignored problems. Barnett, who shook his head at times while Redmond spoke,

declined to respond to specific allegations. Regent Peter Steinhauer later said he believed university President Elizabeth Hoffman and Chancellor Richard Byyny were

Hafner drawing comparisons to former 1B Thome

ly, the first player in the NBA to record three straight triple-doubles.

The NBA has since ruled he did not achieve the feat.

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an NFL middle linebacker or pro wrestler, which, by the way, would be just fine with the 26year-old pro wrestling aficionado who seems to enjoy recalling Hulk Hogan's best moves in the ring more than discussing what pitch he hit over the wall in Jacobs Field.

Oh, and the Pronk moniker? It stands for "part project, part don-key," Hafner says with a laugh. "A lot of people ask me about that now

For Hafner, that's better than being constantly asked if he can replace Thome.

Almost since the moment he arrived in Cleveland via a trade with Texas in December of 2002, Hafner has been compared to Thome, the popular first base-man who broke the hearts of Indians fans by signing with Philadelphia as a free agent following the '02 season. There are similarities between

Hafner and Thome. Both are big men. Both have big swings. Both play first base. And both are patient hitters with a knack for driving the ball to left field.

But until Hafner hits 40 homers - he had 14 in 91 games a year ago- that's where the

comparisons to Thome end. Hafner deftly avoids the Thome talk as if he's laying off a tempting outside fastball. The resident of tiny Sykeston, S.D., (pop. 153) knows he can't carry the Indians.

Not yet. "We talk about having an We talk about having an offense that produces one through nine," said Hafner, repeating one of manager Eric Wedge's favorite lines. "I'm just excited to be part of a team where everybody contributes." But wouldn't it be nice to hit 40

homers?

"I'm not really thinking about

that stuff," Hafner said. The Indians, though, can't help but think about what effect Hafner could have on their lighthitting lineup. They're desperate for a fearsome presence in the middle of the order, someone who can drive in runs and hit the

occasional long ball. On Monday, Hafner flexed his muscles with a homer that, for 12,424 fans, was vintage Thome.

Hafner turned on a 1-0 pitch from Twins starter Kyle Lohse, driving it through the stiff wind and over the right-field wall to give the Indians a 4-0 lead.

After he returned to the dugout, the crowd called him out for a curtain call - another career first for him.

"It's one of those kind of moments you dream of as a kid," Hafner said. And the kind Thome made

routine at the Jake.

Balls leads men, Wise the

police and the Bengals said

KIDNAPPERS IN IRAQ FREE RUSSIAN WORKERS

(AP) Eight kidnapped employees of a Russian energy company were freed in Iraq yesterday, the Russian Foreign Ministry said. The Interenergoservis workers were seized from their residence Monday. Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko said no one claimed responsibility for the kidnapping.

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Annan's UN has its hands full

By Edith M. Lederer THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS - From Iraq and East Timor to Cyprus, Haiti and more than a half-dozen African countries, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has his hands full these days.

Just over a year after President Bush warned that the United Nations would "fade into history as an ineffective, irrelevant, debating society" if it didn't help him confront Saddam Hussein, the world body is involved in major missions across the globe - with Washington's blessing.

At the same time, the U.N.'s credibility has been called into question over allegations of corruption in the U.N. oil-forprogram which helped food feed Iraqis for seven years. Annan also faces criticism over the Aug. 19 bombing of U.N. headquarters in Baghdad that killed 22 people. U.N. staff are still angry that senior officials have not been held accountable

for the security lapses. It's a lot to juggle, even for a career diplomat who's been in the global hot seat for more than seven years, dealing with America, the lone superpower, and with the often conflicting demands of 190 other U.N. member states

The Bush administration remains ideologically hostile to the United Nations, but now that it has its hands full with Iraq and Afghanistan, it doesn't mind a larger U.N. role in operations in crises it regards as being of "sec-ond-order priority," said Lee Feinstein, a Clinton administration official now on the Council on Foreign Relations.

"At the moment, that is every-thing but Iraq and Afghanistan," he said.

That still leaves plenty on Annan's plate, including Iraq and Afghanistan, even if no U.N. forces are there.

His top aide, Lakhdar Brahimi, is in Baghdad despite the upsurge

in fighting, trying to help political, religious and civic groups agree on an interim government to take power from the U.S.-led coalition on June 30. He did much the same in Afghanistan.

Another U.N. envoy, Alvaro de Soto, is in Cyprus pushing voters to approve a U.N. plan to reunify the divided island in plebiscites on April 24.

In Congo, U.N. forces are strug-gling to protect a fragile peace, with recently toughened orders to shoot back when attacked. And Annan is looking for troops to ensure security and disarm fighters in Ivory Coast, Burundi and Haiti. Sudan, Africa's largest country, is expected to get a U.N. force after a peace agreement takes effect to end two decades of civil war.

U.N. peacekeeping reached a high of nearly 80,000 troops during the Bosnian war in 1993-94, then gradually fell below 15,000. But new conflicts, especially in Africa, increased the number to

about 50,000 today - and with new missions expected in Burundi, Sudan and Haiti, it's likely to rise to near 70,000.

Meanwhile, at his Manhattan headquarters overlooking the East River, Annan is expected to name an independent panel this week to investigate the oil-for-food program. He is also overseeing a sweeping overhaul of U.N. security. The 66-year-old Ghanaian is

the first career U.N. diplomat to hold the top job, but like his predecessors, he can only influence. Any action can be vetoed by one of the five permanent members of the decision-making Security Council - the United States Britain, France, Russia and China.

Nor can he draft a peacekeeping army; he can only negotiate, because it's up to member states to decide whether to contribute

troops. "Member states at the U.N. pursue their own interests, with



DIPLOMAT: U.N Secretary-General Kofi Annan talks with members of confrence of "Moscow's international model of UN" in Moscow April 5. Annan has been busy with confilicts across the world this year

little regard for the institutional interests of the United Nations, as France and the United States did last year on Iraq, and Kofi Annan is then left to pick up the pieces," said David Malone of the International Peace Academy.

Countries turn to the United Nations only with problems they

can't solve themselves, offer halfhearted support, he said, "and this helps explain why the U.N. experiences as many diplomatic and peacekeeping failures as it does Nonetheless, Terry Taylor, who

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US citizen commits suicide in French jail

By John Leicester THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS - A New Jersey man who fled to France after allegedly killing his lover in the United States committed suicide by hanging himself with a bedsheet from a drainage pipe in his French jail cell, his lawyer said yesterday. Paul Eduardovich Goldman, 39,

a naturalized U.S. citizen, killed himself Sunday afternoon in a prison in the suburbs of Grenoble. in the French Alps, even though he was under suicide watch, said attorney Arnold Levy-Soussan.

"He hanged himself with a sheet in his cell," the lawyer told The Associated Press. "He already

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It's a Bright Ideal



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JAPAN IN IRAQ: Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's armored vehicles patrol past local Iraqis near their base in Samawah, Iraq. Japan has about 350 group troops based in Samawah for a mission in Iraq to purify water and carry out other reconstruction tasks. Last week the Japanese government said it would not withdraw its troops from Iraq despite video showing three Japanese civilians being held hostage by insurgents who threatened to burn the Japanese alive if Tokyo did not withdraw



Police arrest Arab for plot in Hungary

By Pablo Gorondi THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUDAPEST, Hungary Hungarian police arrested a man of Palestinian descent yesterday and suggested he was planning to bomb the country's new Holocaust museum during a visit by Israeli President Moshe Katsav.

Two Syrians were detained for questioning. Israeli officials and diplomats

said earlier that three Arab suspects were arrested in the Hungarian capital of Budapest on suspicion of planning to kill Katsav

Senior law enforcement officials denied a link between Katsav's visit and the planned attack.

"There is no connection whatsoever between today's official visit by the Israeli president and the police action taken this morning," National Police National Police Commissioner Laszlo Salgo said. A senior Interior Ministry offi-

cial, Tibor Pal, also said Katsav's presence in the Hungarian capi-tal "has nothing to do with the police action taken today.

Police said investigations leading to the arrest revealed no specific date or target for the attack.

Authorities monitored phone calls by the arrested suspect, a naturalized Hungarian citizen, in which he asked acquaintances for explosives "to blow up a Jewish museum," Police Lt. Col. Attila Petofi said.

The only permanent Jewish museum in the capital is the Holocaust Memorial the Holocaust Memorial Center to be inaugurated tomaorrow by Katsav.

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Oil only Director hopes to not use fund

By John McCarthy THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The state's insurance director fought hard for something she hopes she never uses.

Gov. Bob Taft on Monday approved a bill that will allow the state to write malpractice insurance policies for doctors if there aren't enough private insurers to offer them.

Four insurers have stopped selling coverage in Ohio since December 2001 and at least 73 doctors have left Ohio or cut back their practices in recent months,

Ohio Department of Insurance figures show.

In 2003, premiums increased anywhere from 17 percent to more than 87 percent among the five insurers who write 70 percent of the state's malpractice coverage.

Insurance Director Ann Womer Benjamin said the state had to act to ensure coverage would be available if private insurers pull out completely. "I truly hope I do not have to

invoke this measure," Womer Benjamin said.

Taft said the stream of doctors

leaving the state must be stopped. "We have a crisis in Ohio that

threatens the availability of good medical care," Taft said before signing the bill outside the maternity ward at Grant Medical Center. "That means hundreds of patients will be looking for new physicians.

The ability of the state to write policies, if needed, along with caps on the amount juries can award in pain-and-suffering damages in malpractice cases should help bring some stability to the industry, Womer Benjamin

said

Insurers are also awaiting the outcome of court challenges to the new caps. In 1999, the Ohio Supreme Court overturned the Legislature's second attempt to limit the amount juries could award for damages. However, lawmakers narrowed the scope of the limits in a bill they passed last year and feel the court's current makeup is less likely to throw them out.

The industry is watching the issue closely.

"It still has not been tested by the Ohio Supreme Court for its

constitutionality. That's very significant," said Dan Kelso, president of the Ohio Insurance Institute, an industry trade

group. Taft and Womer Benjamin said obstetrician-gynecologists have been hit particularly hard by soaring malpractice rates. Dr. Roger Baker, an OB/GYN at Aultman Hospital in Canton, said he paid \$11,500 last year for malpractice insurance, and one company quoted him a premium this year of \$75,000.

Sorority members urged, give blood at any cost

By Scott Charton THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, Mo. national office of a sorority whose members were urged to lie about their health to boost turnout in a competitive campus blood drive apologized yesterday.

In a statement from its national office in Colorado, Gamma Phi Beta said it "regrets the e-mail sent regarding mandatory participation in a campus-wide blood drive and apologizes to the com-munity, the Red Cross and campus."

The American Red Cross tells those who are sick or have recently received tattoos or piercings not to donate blood, both to

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protect the health of donors and to lessen the risk of transmitting The diseases to recipients.

Sorority members at the University of Missouri-Columbia were urged by a fellow member to lie about their health.

In an e-mail sent last Tuesday to about 170 members of Gamma Phi Beta, sophomore Christie Key, the chapter's blood donation coordinator, wrote: "I don't care if you got a tattoo last week LIE. I don't care if you have a cold. Suck it up. We all do. LIE. Recent peirc-ings? LIE."

She added: "Even if you're going to use the Do Not Use My Blood sticker, GIVE ANYWAY." Donors who have second thoughts at the donation site can discreetly attach a sticker to a health questionnaire indicating

their blood shouldn't be used. declined to comment

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Monday and referred questions

to Gamma Phi Beta's chapter

president, who did not immedi-

About 3,300 units of blood were

collected at the Missouri event.

The Red Cross reassured the pub-lic that its blood supplies are safe,

saying all donations are routinely

tested for safety. Gamma Phi Beta's statement

said the message was sent "with-

out the consent or approval of

any chapter officer." Cathy Scroggs, a campus vice chancellor, said the university

"I would characterize it at this

time as one student that is

overzealous," Scroggs said. "But

we have heard that people have felt pressured to donate blood in the past, and this certainly has

caused us to want to take a look at

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the whole process.'

ately return a call.

made in small batches

> **OIL, FROM PAGE 6** Omaha, Neb.-based Conagra Foods, which operates the plant in a joint venture with Changing World Technologies of Long Island, N.Y.

Converting manure is sure to catch the attention of swine pro-ducers. Safe containment of livestock waste is costly for farmers, especially at large confinement operations where thousands of tons of manure are produced each year. Also, odors produced by swine farms have made them a

nuisance to neighbors. "If this ultimately becomes one of the silver bullets to help the industry, I'm absolutely in favor of it," said Jim Kaitschuk, executive director of the Illinois Pork Producers Association.

Zhang and his research team have found that converting manure into crude oil is possible in small batches, but much more research is needed to develop a continuously operating reaction chamber that could handle large amounts of manure. That is key to making the process practicable and economically viable.

Zhang predicted that one day a reactor the size of a home furnace could process the manure generated by 2,000 hogs at a cost of about \$10 per barrel.

Big oil refineries are unlikely to purchase crude oil made from converted manure, Zhang said, because they aren't set up to refine it. But the oil could be used to fuel smaller electric or heating plants, or to make plastics, ink or asphalt, he said.

"Crude oil is our first raw material," he said. "If we can make it value-added, suddenly the whole picture becomes economic brighter."





ENDANGERED: Canoers paddle the Big Darby River May 2, 2001 west of Columbus, Ohio. The 88-mile long creek known for its diversity of fish and freshwater mussels, is ninth on a conservation group's list this year of the nation's most endangered rivers.



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Cheney focuses on Iraq

Vice President confers with Chinese leaders in Beijing

By Tom Raum THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING -- Vice President Dick Cheney praises China for its efforts to prod North Korea to give up its nuclear ambitions and promised yesterday to "do good work together" on a range of

U.S. officials cautioned against expecting breakthroughs on the stalled North Korea nuclear talks. Tensions also remained over Taiwan and Hong Kong. China's vice president asked Cheney during a

one-on-one meeting for Washington to stop selling defensive weapons to Taiwan, Chinese state media reported. Zeng Qinghong's appeal to Cheney shortly after his arrival in Beijing reflected the intensity of China's frustration with U.S. support for self-ruled Taiwan.

"There is only one China and Taiwan is part of China," an announcer, citing Zeng, said on the state television evening news. "We hope the United States can carry out its commitment and not sell weapons to Taiwan and not send wrong signals to Taiwan independence forces.

The official Xinhua News Agency said Cheney affirmed U.S. policy, which doesn't support formal independence for Taiwan. Beijing's anxiety over U.S. ties with Taiwan is

expected to be a key issue during Cheney's three-day visit.

Iraq was also high on the agenda in China, as it was in Japan — Cheney's first stop on his weeklong trip to Asia. Before arriving here from Tokyo, Bush promised Japanese leaders unspecified U.S. help in trying to return to safety three Japanese citizens taken hostage in Iraq. He praised Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro

Koizumi for not bowing to demands from Iraqi militants. "It's important that our governments not be

intimidated by threat of violence, that we not allow terrorists to change or influence the poli-cies of our governments," Cheney told a foreignpolicy forum in Tokyo before flying to Beijing. Cheney told Zeng: "We believe we can do

good work together." All three nations on Cheney's itinerary have

had civilians taken as hostages in Iraq, although those from South Korea and China have been released. Relations between the United States and China have improved as the two nations worked together to resolve the North Korean nuclear impasse. Differences remain over Taiwan, Hong Kong

and human rights.

The Bush administration has been increas-

ingly critical of China for trying to restrict moves toward democracy by Hong Kong, a former British colony now considered a special administrative region of China.

Ahead of Cheney's arrival, China urged the United States to stop adhering to a law that encourages Washington to sell defensive weapons to Taiwan. By doing so, the United States is sending the "wrong message to Taiwan independence forces" Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan told the official Xinhua News Agency.

Under the Taiwan Relations Act, the United States is pledged to defend the island off southeastern China if it is attacked from the mainland.

U.S. officials have expressed misgivings, however, about apparent moves on an indepen-dence-minded agenda by Taiwan's freshly re-elected president, Chen Shui-bian.

Cheney was to meet Wednesday with Jiang Zemin, former president and still the Communist Party chairman, and Jiang's successor as president, Hu Jintao.

The unity of America, Japan and like-minded nations saw us through the dark days of the Cold War, and with the same unity we will over-come the trials of today," he told the forum.

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tried to commit suicide at the start of his incarceration in January. So he was classed among detainees under special surveillance."

"I don't understand because he was not meant to be left alone and to be under constant surveillance. But that wasn't the case. I think French authorities made a big mistake. That is clear," said Levy-Soussan.

Goldman was caught Jan. 20 in Grenoble, southern France, where his extradition hearing was taking place. He was expect-ed to be extradited to Pennsylvania to face first-degree murder charges in the fatal stabbing of Faina Zonis, 42, a Philadelphia mortgage proces-sor found dead in her office on Dec. 29.

He also faced U.S. federal charges of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

A postcard found at Goldman's Mount Laurel, New Jersey, town house ultimately led investigators to a residence in Grenoble, where he was caught.

His lawyer said Goldman learned just last week of the deaths of his parents.



Edward Goldman, 66, and his wife, Inessa Lemashova, 63, committed suicide in January by slitting their wrists. The couple left a note saying they were disgraced by their son's conduct and didn't want to live.

"When he was told, I contacted the prison director to say, 'Be careful. Mr. Goldman must be watched because he's not doing well and, on top of that, this type of news is not likely to make him feel better,"' his attorney said in a telephone interview.

"I was told that measures were taken, but clearly those measures were insufficient," he added. "I don't understand that he was left alone like that with a sheet and a

pipe." Officials from France's prison

service were not immediately available for comment.

The person with whom Goldman shared a cell in the Varces prison was out exercising when Goldman hanged himself from a drainage pipe, the lawyer said.

"He must have been alone for approximately half an hour," he said.

He added that Goldman denied murder, but feared he would be sentenced to prison back in the United States

courage to fight," he said.

Goldman's body was expected to be autopsied yesterday or today. Diane Gibbons, a district attor-ney in suburban Philadelphia's Bucks County, said Goldman's

suicide would not change plans to prosecute his wife, Irina Sapiro. Sapiro, 42, is out on bail on

charges she hindered the prosecution of her husband by helping him flee to Europe. Sapiro's lawyers have said she feared her husband.

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Jeane Kirkpatrick, President Reagan's U.N. ambassador, says Annan's criticism of the United States for launching a war on Iraq without U.N. authorization has led to "some real estrangement between the U.N. secretariat and the United States.

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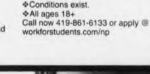
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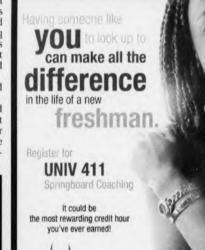
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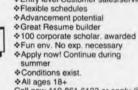
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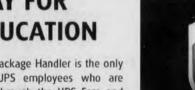
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