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Jacobs picked by Steelers in fifth round of NFL draft, three other Falcons signed; PAGE 12



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## **Testing weight of Academic Honesty Policy**

Shumaker, Whipple take issue with the way the discipline process treats students

By Candice Jones

When Aaron Shumaker was running for Undergraduate Student Government last year, changing the Academic Honesty Policy was on his list of things to do.

Before he was ever elected to president of USG, he decided the Academic Honesty Policy was

And he wasn't alone. Edward Whipple, vice president of the University, has never been satisfied with the policy.

The Academic Honesty Policy an in-depth outline of the University's process for dealing with student cases of cheating and plagiarism in the classroom. In the introduction of the policy, found in the Student Handbook, it defines

Honesty Policy as "to enhance and sustain the environment of ethical and principled intellectual pursuit, consistent with the core values of the University.

Twenty-two pages long, the policy maps out every step of the process from the accusation to the punishment. But some, like Shumaker and Whipple, aren't satisfied with the path the policy

Though they cite many reasons for disliking the policy, Shumaker and Whipple agree the biggest problem with the University's Academic Honesty policy is the way it treats the students who use

Right off the bat it puts students at a disadvantage," Whipple said.
Each of the two have studied the policy and found several points of contention which can fall into three main concerns.

Process is weak

There are several reasons critics of the AHP have for disliking the First, Whipple is shocked that the AHP doesn't require the teach-

er who is accusing a student to meet with the accused. Under the current policy, students are not assured the right to tell their side of the story

'That is just grossly unfair," Whipple said.

After a student is accused of academic dishonesty, they have to decide whether to deny the charges. If the student wishes to appeal the accusation they may ask for a

Academic Honesty Committee.

To appeal the charges, the accused student must give their case to the academic dean of their college. The dean then decides whether to issue punishment or whether to send the case to a hear-

So, the AHP does not guarantee the student a hearing if they wish to have one - Whipple's second problem with the procedure.

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### Market for organic food shows signs of growth

Choosing all-natural foods is worth the extra costs, some say

By Kara Ohngren

Grocery shopping at Kroger, Tina Sestan, senior, walks straight through the conventionally grown produce section and pro-ceeds directly to Nature's Market - a section of the store that offers organic and vegetarian products.
"My whole family is into eating

all-natural foods, and it makes me feel like I am making healthier choices when I buy organic," Sestan said. "For me, the price difference is so worth it in the

Organic food is the fastestgrowing sector in the retail food industry, the Minneapolis Star

Tribune reports.
Studies have found organic price premiums that range from 35 percent to 53 percent for baby food, 72 percent for frozen broccoli, 94 percent for spring wheat and 177 percent for soybeans, according to govern-ment research cited by the Food Marketing Institute

In a similar vein, the February issue of Consumer Reports said that organic foods cost consumers an average of 50 percent more than conventional foods, but some organic foods such as milk and meat, may cost twice as much.

Chris Haar, director for dietetic internships on campus, believes the growing popularity of eating organic comes from people's per-ception that an organic lifestyle is a healthy alternative

"There is no direct research that looks at health benefits of organic foods in the sense that they reduce the risk of developing cancer or diabetes," Haar said. They can test foods and say certain ones are lower in pesticides and they can only extrapolate from there.

However, Heather Andre, the owner of Squeakers Vegetarian Marketand Caféindowntown BG, believes organic food aids people in making wiser diet choices and leads to an overall healthier life. She opened the store to give consumers the opportunity to shop at a place where all-natural products are abundant.

"The benefits of eating organic in my opinion, greatly outweigh the slightly higher prices," Andre said. "It's so important mainly because this type of food does not contain any synthetic pesticides or herbicides; it's just a lot

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Andrea Slivka BG News

WANTING PEACE: Lindsey Wilbarger, sophomore; participates in the Global Night Commute. Over 58,000 participated nationally

## Fighting for invisible children

Students walk, sleep outdoors to bring greater awareness

By Andrea Slivka

"I fear to sleep at home," a Ugandan boy tells filmmakers.

The boy is one of thousands of children who commute nightly to find shelter from the rebel army in Northern Uganda.

In Northwest Ohio and around the world, more than 58,000 people joined the nightly migration of the Ugandan children on Saturday to raise awareness for what some call the worst humanitarian crisis facing the

world today.

About 137 University students and Northwest Ohio residents participated in the Global Night Commute, held locally at St. Aloysius parish in Bowling

Beginning at a little after 7:30 p.m. Saturday, participants walked silently around campus from the Union oval to the church on South Enterprise Street. There, participants wrote letters to senators and President Bush, made art projects and slept outside in



SLEEPING OUTSIDE: Students gather at St. Aloysius parish parking lot where they slept outside in solidarity with Ugandan children.

the chuch's parking lot.

"Americans are closing their eyes to this war," Ben Pushka, senior, told participants at the beginning of the event. "By lying down, we are joining the Invisible Children in Uganda."

Not safe at home

The Global Night Commute was originally sparked by the documentary film, "Invisible Children," that was shown during the event Saturday night. The film, which was created by three recent University of California

graduates, documented the condition of children in Northern Uganda who are in danger of being abducted by the rebel army each night.

An estimated 30,000 children in Northern Uganda have been leaving their homes each night for three years to find shelter in urban areas and at the center government camps to avoid abduction by the rebel Lord's Resistance Army, according to Amnesty International's Web site.

Since 1986, an estimated CHILDREN, PAGE 5

## Library needs a makeover, but will it get it?

Despite needing repairs, fixing it doesn't seem to be on BG's priority list

By Dan Myers

and Bridget Tharp

After nearly 40 years, Jerome Library has not seen much change to fix its crumbling, leaky

And it took students' initiative to get the ball rolling on remodeling the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, which replaced a more than 40-year-old Union.

That remodeling took eight years of planning and construction as well as \$30 million - the culmination of a long, complex process needed for any Capital Planning project to be completed.

It's essentially the same process the library would go through if renovations are approved by

the Board of Trustees In 1994, the idea of a new Union took shape in the minds of student leaders, By 1995, then-President Olscamp appointed a committee to work out what the new building should have.

It wasn't until late 1996 that a feasibility study began with the approval of President Ribeau

and the Board of Trustees A feasibility study looks at all the ways a construction project can be completed and their costs, said Bob Waddle, assistant vice president at the University's Capital Planning department. It's conducted by an outside firm hired by the University

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### **NEW FILM POKES** FUN AT IDOL:

"American Dreamz" flops with overused humor; PAGE 15

## Dean of students to leave in June

Overland expresses mixed feelings about leaving Univ. for Minn

By Dan Myers

BGSU's dean of students recently accepted a position at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota as vice president of student life and development, according to an e-mail she sent to Undergraduate Student Government late last week

Wanda Overland, who has been both dean of students and vice president of student affairs for the last seven years,

In the e-mail, Overland said she's "delighted, excited and sad all at the same time' about leaving the University.

'I have grown as a person and professional and leave this university, as an alumni and staff member, a better person,' the e-mail states

Edward Whipple, vice president of student affairs, said yesterday he'll decide this week whether he'll ask someone to step into Overland's position during the interim, or begin a search immediately.

If a search is performed right away, Whipple said it would "take probably at least two

Overland, who got her doctor's degree from BGSU, has worked closely with USG as its

Bernard Little, vice president of USG this year and presidentelect for next fall, said Overland has been a great resource for USG because of her connections with the University staff and administration.

"She's a student advocate," Little said. "They're gonna be tough shoes to fill. Wanda fights for students.

Overland was selected in

**OVERLAND, PAGE 2** 



IMMIGRANT PROTESTS: Today, workers all over the country are protesting U.S. immigration policies through boycotts, rallies, church services, vigils, picnics, and human chains: PAGE 7

### TALKING WITH INSURGENTS:

Iraqi president Jalal Talabani met in an unknown location with seven armed groups. He's optimistic about the results and thinks they'll agree to put down their weapons; PAGE 19



FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com



Scattered High: 68"



Scattered High: 76' T-Storms Low: 55'



Partly High: 71' Cloudy Low: 48"



High: 65' Showers Low: 45°

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## Policy complicated, unfair

But Barbara Waddell, coordinator of the Academic Honesty Committee, said the majority of students who are accused don't request a hearing. Last semester there were no hearings, this semester there have been several, but Waddell said there is no pattern to the number of hear-

It is really just on a case-bycase basis," she said.

If the student goes through the hearing, the committee decides on the student's punishment based on the evidence presented during the hearing

Shumaker said students who do go through the hearing proare still not protected. In the AHP's list of punishments that could be issued and for what offense, there are no warnings

Warnings, Shumaker said, should be given out to students who are being accused for the first time or are being accused of a small offense. He said giving out warnings would teach students a lesson and stop them from doing it again, without tainting their record.

"I think there should be a positive learning outcome from all of this," Shumaker said.

But at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Mich., the Academic Honesty Policy does include warnings on the list of possible punishments. TheirdirectorofStudentJudicial Services, Jesús Hernandez, has learned by experience that by the time an accused student is called to a hearing the case is too serious for just a warning.

"The warning, although it is an option, it is seldom ever considered." Hernandez said.

### Hearings not a fair fight

The actual hearing held for a student accused of academic dishonesty is like a court hearing. The accused and the accuser present evidence on the case in front of the jury or the

Academic Honesty Committee. The whole Academic Honesty Committee includes 18 faculty members and 12 students. For each hearing, a minimum of

three faculty members and two students must be in attendance.

Shumaker said the ratio is unfair. He considers the faculty's majority on the committee a significant advantage in the hearing because they have a

The ball is always in the faculty's court," Shumaker said.

Faculty member Judy Adams sits on the academic affairs committee of Faculty Senate and was involved in revising the AHP in 2003. She pointed out the 3-2 ratio is the minimum and that more than two students are allowed in the hearing, it's just not required.

The hearing committee requirements are the same at EMU. Hernandez does not distinguish between the students and faculty on his committee. He said having a properly edu-cated committee is the most

important part of the equation.
"All of them could be students and it still wouldn't do any good if they were "I think there

not properly trained," Hernandez said. "The number of people on the board is irrelevant

But it doesn't end with the board members for Shumaker. In the hearing, students are allowed to bring a faculty member to act as their adviser through the hearing

process. However, the adviser is not allowed to speak for or assist the student during the hearing itself.

The AHP states "the students and instructor are responsible for presenting their own cases." Shumaker doesn't think it's logical to put a college student up against a college professor who could possibly have a Ph.D.

"It just won't be a fair fight," he said. "How can a student argue with a doctor?"

The policy on advisers is also the same at EMU. Hernandez said students are usually up to the challenge.

"Students tend to be more aggressive," he said.

Hard to understand

"I've tried to read it, but it's so confusing," Whipple said. If a student can't understand

what they are being accused of or how to fight it, they are at a disadvantage. Whipple would like to see the

AHP written so that students could understand it better. And to help students, he would like the AHP to be fused with the Code of Student Conduct so that everything is easily acces-

Shumaker agrees that stu-dents need to be more educated on the AHP for it to be effective. He wishes the policy was more widely distributed to students

and explained, too.
"We might as well be educated on what we can and cannot

do," Shumaker said. Waddell said education of the policy should start early Students should understand from the beginning what behavior is considered dishonest by each teacher.

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AARON SHUMAKER,

**USG PRESIDENT** 

number one word of advice is, when in doubt, just ask, Waddel said.

### So what?

Though Shumaker began this school year with intentions to have the policy changed, he wasn't able to.

"With all of the other issues that came up this year, it just got pushed to the back burner," he said.

Any change to the AHP would need to go through Faculty Senate to be approved and that process could take a very long time. The last time it was revised, the senate spent over five years working on revi-

Adams thinks time will tell how well the policy works and that it is too soon to tell whether the most recent revisions are working.
The ideal AHP may never be

"No policy, including this one, is perfect," Waddell said.



LOOKING UP: The library's facade can be seen through skylights above the grand stair case on the first floor of Jerome Library. The library needs \$15 million worth of renovations, according to a feasibility study.

Study to determine library's fate

LIBRARY, FROM PAGE 1

'When you're doing a feasibility study, you're trying to get your arms around how big the build-ing is," Waddle said, "[and] how extensive the renovation has to

The Union's feasibility study took six months to complete and drew up several designs the new building could take.

They each took a different approach — some were larger than others, some had just one floor. One plan had the Union's main entrance and bookstore where the current Union's food court is, in the center of the building's front, with the theater on the first floor about where the Falcon's Nest is in today's Union.

Meanwhile, the University worked on finding sources of revenue to fund the project.

Since the Union isn't considered an academic building, Ohio wouldn't give higher education monies to the University for its construction. BGSU had to find tuition money and private donations as primary ways to pay. The largest donation of \$3 million came from Robert and Ellen (Bowen) Thompson, the Union's namesakes

This differs from Jerome Library, which would be eligible for some state money as an academic structure but would likely need private donations and other funding sources.

In addition to searching for money, discussion takes place about where the project fits within the University's building priorities, said Edward Whipple, vice president of student affairs, in an e-mail interview last week.

The key questions we ask [are], 'How does this project fit with the institution mission, the University master plan, academic needs and program and service priorities?" Whipple said in the

### Project moves forward

Any time a feasibility study is completed, the Board reviews it and decides if it gets priority. If it does, one of the building plans is chosen and bidding starts to find a contractor.

While Ohio mandates that the University must accept a low bid, a contractor's history of quality is taken into consideration as well, Waddle said.

"The last thing you wanted was a firm with a bunch of OSHA violations for asbestos abatement," he said. Once an architect is hired,

the design of a building's details begins. While designing, Capital

Planning and the architects collaborate to decide how expensive a building's materials should be. Do we make it \$150 per square

foot?" Waddle said. "Or do you make it \$120 per square foot? The bidding and design process

may take a couple years. While the Union's feasibility study was completed in May 1997, destruction of the standing Union and subsequent construction of the new one didn't begin until November 1999. That time was spent review ing the study, fundraising, hiring an architect and designing the Union blueprints. The design

### **CAPITAL PLANNING PRIORITY LIST**

BGSU has made these projects a priority for construction:

- Sebo Athletic Center (under-
- way) ■ Wolfe Theater
- Health Center addition
- Saddlemire Student Services Replacement

alone took 12 months

Depending on the designs complexity, construction can last from as short as nine months to as long as 18. Waddle said.

While the average construction time for a project is 12 months, the Union's complexity resulted in it taking two years to build.

The Union was finally opened in January 2002, its square footage totaling 220,000. Jerome Library is nearly that big, at more than 180,000 square feet.

A feasibility study conducted in 2001 determined the library needed \$15 million in renovations, a sum that may have increased since then thanks to inflation and continued wear-and-tear.

But nothing was done in that time and a new feasibility study was started two years ago - a study that remains incomplete.

While the study is expected to be finished this summer, it remains to be seen whether it'll prompt the University to add Jerome to its priority list.

Editor's note: Read the final part of this series tomorrow when The BG News asks the question: Is a library central to campuses anymore?

## IN CASE YOU FORGOT!



All students currently enrolled for Spring 2006 should be registered for their classes for the Fall. Don't leave campus without registering for Fall 2006 through MyBGSU.

If you have trouble registering for a full schedule, consider alternative courses, use wait lists, and talk with your academic advisor as soon as possible.

If you are a First Year Student, and you haven't scheduled an appointment with your academic advisor about Fall semester classes, do it today!

Before signing on to MyBGSU to register, visit the Schedule of Classes for the most up-to-date information regarding Fall 2006 classes at:

http://webapps.bgsu.edu/classes/search.php.

Any questions about registering for classes on the web can be directed to the Registration Help Line at 419-372-7777.

## Woman discusses costs of freedom

Undocumented immigrant shares her story of deportation

By Linda P. Campbell

Just a few months before her high school graduation, a teenager desperate for a driver's license, she went to the Texas Department of Public Safety office and presented the Social Security card and ID that her father had secured for her when she started working at age 15.

That's when the a room to wait for the immigration officials.

Transferred to a holding

facility that she thinks was in Northeast Tarrant County in Texas, she waited, crying, the only woman along with about

She cried during the entire van ride to Laredo, where she and the men were made to walk across the border into Mexico.

On the other side, one of the men who'd been detained with her paid for dinner and hotel accommodations for the group. But she didn't sleep.

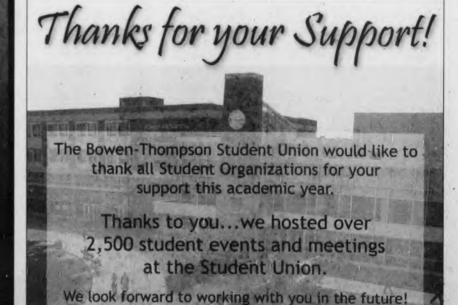
"I was so scared something was going to happen to me," she recalled, some four years later. Sitting in a downtown Fort Worth office, the soft-spoken 22-year-old woman agreed

to tell her story on condition that she not be identified.

The morning after being deported for being in the United States illegally, she took the first available bus to her grandmother's home in Mexico. She stayed there for about a week - until a U.S. citizen friend of her father retrieved her and brought her back to Fort Worth, using his American-born daughter's birth certificate.

It cost her family \$2,000. But it reunited her with her family and enabled her to graduate on time from a Fort

BORDER, PAGE 5



### FRATERNITY TRYS TO CENSOR CAMPUS PAPER

SALT LAKE CITY (U-WIRE) — An attempt by members of a University of Utah fraternity to censor The Daily Utah Chronicle by throwing stacks of papers into trash bins has resulted in a criminal investigation. Members of Pi Kappa Alpha are believed to be angry about allegations against the organization in a Nov. 10 letter to the editor.

# CAMPIS

## Battle of the sexes is all in the brain

Scientists are still a long way from figuring out what women and men really want, but they are getting a lot closer to under-standing what makes their brains so different.

That women and men think differently has little to do with whether they are handed dolls or trucks to play with as infants. After all, when infant monkeys are given a choice of human toys, females prefer dolls and males go after cars and trucks.

The differences, researchers are beginning to discover, appear to have a lot more to do with how powerful hormones wire the female and male brain during early development and later in life.

Among the newest findings: A previously unknown hormone appears to launch puberty's sexual and mental transformation; growth hormone is made in the brain's memory center at rates up to twice as high in females as in males; and the brain's hot button for emotions, the amygdala, is wired to different parts of the brain in women and men.

Scientists hope the findings may help explain such mysteries as why females are often more verbal, more socially empathetic, more nurturing and more susceptible to depression, while males tend to be more aggressive, more outdoorsy, more focused on things than people and more vulnerable to alcohol and drug addiction.

"Males and females look different, we act different, so of course our brains are different," said Rutgers University psychologist Tracey Shors, who is studying the effects of growth hormone on the brain. "Sex hormones along with stress and growth hormones change the brain's anatomy, and in that way you change behavior, your ability to think and learn.'

and Y sex chromosomes a person is born with. But scientists now believe that whether the brain and nervous system are wired as female or male depends a lot on the early influence of estrogen, the so-called female hormone, or testosterone, the male hormone.

The brain's sexual identity is first established when those hormones are briefly released before and shortly after birth, which may influence a child's preference for dolls or trucks.

"There's a peak of testosterone in males at birth that's very important for future sexual behavior," said Dr. Sophie Messager of Paradigm Therapeutics in Cambridge, England. "If you block that, the male rats behave like females for the rest of their life."

The sex hormones then lie dormant until they get turned on again in puberty to make the body

ready for reproduction.

That is where a recently discovered hormone called kisspeptin comes in. Created in the brain, it unleashes a cascade of hormones that race down to the gonads ovaries in females and testes in males

There they stimulate the production of estrogen or testosterone, starting the physical trans-formations of puberty. Messager proved in animals that blocking kisspeptin prevented those changes from happening.

But there is another target for this activity: the brain. The hormonal downrush kicked off by kisspeptin comes full circle when estrogen and testosterone travel back to the brain, imprinting neural circuits with female and male characteristics, Messager said.

Animal studies show that genetic females will behave like males if their estrogen is blocked and replaced by testosterone. Genetic males, in turn, act like females if their testosterone is knocked out.

## Suicide prevention involves changing taboo

"Anybody

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MARK HASKINS.

CLINICAL DIRECTOR

OF BEHAVIORAL

CONNECTIONS

Panelists discuss impact of suicide, ways to help those on the edge

Breaking the silence and changing the taboo nature of suicide can help raise awareness and teach others how to provide support to someone contemplating suicide.

Craig Vickio, director of the counseling center, led a panel discussion about the myths, warning signs and advice on how to help someone who is feeling suicidal on Friday in the Union theater.

How the big the problem of suicide is depends on how you look at it, according to Ellen Anderson, consultant for the Ohio Department of Mental Health.

"If you look at the actual data, we lose between 30,000 and 32,000 people each year in this country," Anderson said. "That's like watching one of those small jet liners that goes between Chicago and Toledo going down every day."

About 4,000 of those suicides are kids, but Anderson warns that the data on suicide has never been very accurate. One reason for this is that up until about ten years ago, some states wouldn't allow a death to be considered a suicide unless there was a note, which is left only about 10 percent of the time, according to Anderson.

Because of this, the data has been inaccurate in many states for a number of years.

A major clinical study done two or three years ago suggest-ed the number of suicides per year are as high as 60,000 which shows the inconsistencies in the data available, Anderson said.

The problem isn't just about the number of completed

suicides, but the number of attempts made every year. The number of attempted suicides, serious enough to make it to the hospital, are as high as 780,000 in the United States, according

Eric Dubow, professor of psychology, localized the issue by mentioning a 2003 study done in the Wood County school district, which has about 1,300 junior high and high school students

We found that 36 percent of these kids had indicated they had thought about suicide in the past year," Dubow said, adding "that turned out to be a strong predictor of actual attempting."

Catherine Kocarek, assistant director of the counseling center at BGSU, brought the issue of sui-

cides on college campuses. The American College Health Association conducts surveys on students every year on a number of issues, suicide being only one. In 2001 the study on 16,000 students from 28 campuses in America found that one out of 10 students seriously considered suicide, according to Kocarek.

'We're talking ten percent of college students, and this is consistent across the years. this was not an unusual year." Kocarek said. "Another very frightening statistic was that 1.5 percent had actually attempted in the past year.'

Kocarek said this information is not directly from Bowling Green, but when the percent of attempted suicides is connected with the size of the University student body, it would represent 300 students.

Knowing how to respond to someone who is suicidal is another important issue dis-cussed extensively by the panel The Wood County Suicide Prevention Coalition promotes guidelines from the Tri-County

Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services that outline how to respond to someone who is suicidal.

Mark . Haskins, clinical direc tor of Behavioral Connections, said he thinks this is an seriously..." excellent guideline for people who don't know how to help someone who is suicidal.

"Anybody who talks about suicide

should be taken seriously, you should listen to them and try to help and support them, Haskins said.

William Donnelly, clini-cal director of the Children's Resource Center said the number of youth suicides are also a major concern. They make up a smaller portion of the total number of suicides (eight or nine per 1000 completed suicides), but have a tremendous impact on the community.

Each one of those vital lives has a tremendous impact on the community in terms of loss. Loss of who that person could have been, loss for the family. Donnelly said.

Donnelly said that the same

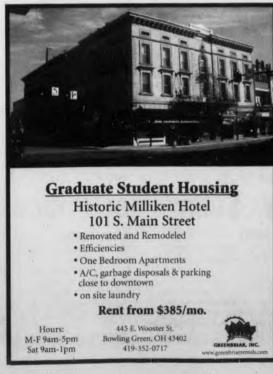
### HOW TO A HELP A FRIEND WHO'S HURT-ING OR SUICIDAL:

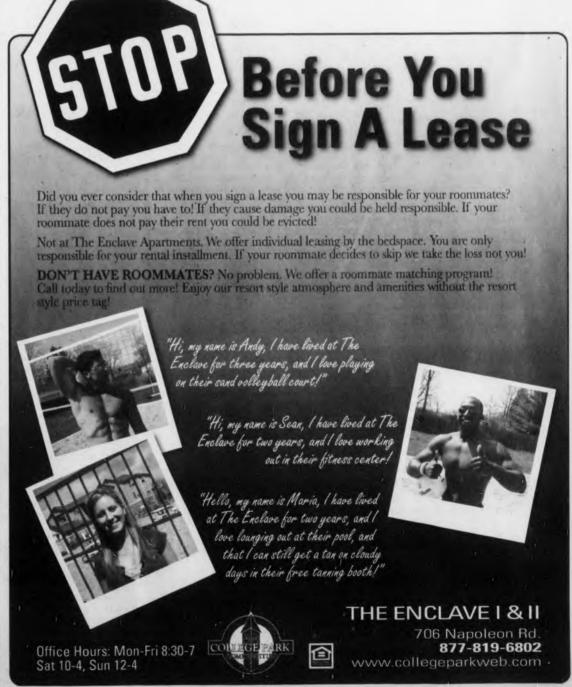
- 1. Pay attention and listen carefully, don't try to cheer them up or offer quick-fix solutions.
- 2. Accept what he or she is saying they feel, without being judgmental. Saying oh, you shouldn't feel this way!" won't help
- 3. Act calm because showing anxiousness, shock or agitation could just make your friend uncomfortable or feel ashamed, which could prevent him or her from talking to you further.
- 4. Assure your friend he or she is not alone and everyone feels hurt, depressed and hopeless sometimes and that you understand.
- 5. Seek help because your friend may need professional assistance. Help in Wood County is available 24 hours a day at The Link, a crisis ntervention line: (419) 352-

risk factors for suicide hold true with youth. While depression and substance abuse are leading risk factors in youth, other factors that represent risk behavior coincide with normal teenage behaviors.

Part of the problem with youth depression is that youth depression often looks different, and it presents irritability, difficulty, rapid mood swings and unfortunately, that looks a lot like and overlaps with a ot of their mental behaviors, Donnelly said.







### QUOTELNQUOTE

"We have concluded that FEMA is in shambles and beyond repair and that it should be abolished.'

Susan Collins, Republican senator from Maine

# OPINIO!

STAFF EDITORIAL

## Get up and start making a difference

heads away from things we don't like to see - we've been turning our heads away from Africa for decades now, and at some point it

Genocide and civil war in Africa was started by adults, but these adults have recruited children to do their dirty work. The story of these children is one that's just now.

Three American filmmakers are sharing the story of these "Invisible Children" through a documentary

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t is the end of an era.
After two years as White
House press secretary,
Scott McClellan has resigned.
McClellan noted that "it is sad

on some level." I'm not exactly

sure what that level is since the

only thing worse than a liar is a sweaty, overweight liar.

Of course, the replacement

of the doormat is only the first phase of Bush's house cleaning.

In the face of absurdly low poll

numbers, Karl Rove has been demoted from his position as

policy adviser to the president,

to be replaced by God himself.

Asked to remark on whether or

criticism over various admin-

istration scandals, God replied,

At this time I would rather not

tigations." Even Dick Cheney

has been demoted to head of

ter employed.

White House security where his

skills with a shotgun will be bet-

Before you cynics out there

claim the shake-up is little more

than a rearrangement of the deck chairs on the Titanic, here's

some big news that will change

House press secretary is...Fox

News' Tony Snow! Yes, the con-

servative radio show host who

the Republican agenda for years

will now be doing so in a more

has been positively spinning

your mind. The new White

comment on any ongoing inves-

not his appointment can deflect

Opinion Columnist

YOU DECIDE

Do you think students are more ignorant than others about world issues? Send an e-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site

that has garnered some attention just enough attention to catch the eye of several Bowling Green residents

Bowling Green was one of 136

cities in the United States and other countries to participate in the Global Night commute Saturday night.

In an effort to show solidarity, participants slept outside as many of the displaced children are forced to do on a nightly basis.

Events like this prove grassroots activism can be effective in elimi-

nating ignorance.
Planning for the event was largely student-driven — which proves students are willing to passionately fight for their beliefs. We

couldn't stop Clarence Thomas from being confirmed, it cer-tainly won't present a challenge

for O'Reilly. Finally, Secretary

of Education Sean Hannity will make sure America's school

children are learning the basics reading, writing, and of course, arithmetic to keep track

With luck, the White House shake-up may boost the pres-

ident's poll ratings as high as

the administration may well

fall short of its goal of produc-ing any real public support for the president. As Tony Snow

will soon find out, the problem

is not the messenger, but the message. At Saturday night's

White House Correspondents

Association dinner, the presi-

dent addressed the audience.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I feel

survived the White House

chipper tonight," Bush said. "I

shake-up." He got a laugh from

what he fails to realize is that the

the obsequious audience, but

disastrous opinion poll num-

bers he faces are not because

of Scott McClellan, or Karl Rove, or even Donald Rumsfeld. They

reflect the distrust engendered

by 5 1/2 years of disingenuous

explanations for failed policies

There is one other type of shake-

and a calamitous war in Iraq.

up that may get the country

back on track - I believe it's

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known as impeachment.

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34 percent! However, this latest effort to "refresh and re-energize"

of casualties in Iraq.

these on campus — they set an example for all of us.

These grassroots efforts aren't all

that labor-intensive.
The Invisible Children organiration is raising money by sell-ing bracelets made by Ugandan women. The profits fund educa-tion for Ugandan children, while the women earn liveable wages Another way others involved in the nation-wide campaign are spreading awareness is by hosting screenings where they show Children" and ask for donations.

Violence such as this is easy to turn away from, but these students have forced us to look at a problem we'd otherwise ignore.

If similar crimes against children ere systematically occurring in this country, we'd take action with-out a doubt. These African children deserve the same protection.

In addition to donating or get-ting involved in the effort to promote awareness about this documentary and the cause, students It's the job of our legislators to listen to their constituents and

they do keep track of constituent opinion.

If more students cared enough to get involved on this campus, think of the change that could happen just within the city. If it's not this cause, find

something else you're passion-ate about — become an activist. Instead of complaining about the world's injustices, do something about them.



House cleaning misses a few spots

Snow Job - even hopes to have

Rather than focus on the

favorites like the pink-faced Scott McClellan, let's look

at who's staying. Condi Rice

seems to be remaining in her

position as Secretary of State, though it has been rumored

that she is encouraged to con-

centrate more on secretarial work. Despite calls from a litany

of retired generals for Donald

Rumsfeld to resign, it appears he will continue as Secretary

wrong? Wait...last time I asked

that we found out about Abu

of Defense. Of course, what

more could he cause to go

Ghraib. Nevertheless, with

Rummy still in place, plans

for "Operation: Nuke Iran" can

they ordered a new "Mission

Accomplished" banner.

proceed on schedule. This week

My advice to the president:

staff your cabinet with nothing

but conservative pundits. We all

know you love to reward loyalty,

so why not appoint the people

who have never let you down? Rush Limbaugh would make

could provide such insight into the mind of an addict? While

Defense, I recommend sending

some have already suggested

Bill O'Reilly for Secretary of

him straight to the Supreme

Court where he can finally put

a stop to those "activist judges"

he's always crying about. If

a sexual harassment charge

a great Drug Czar. Who else

sad departures of White House

official capacity. Tony Snow
— secret service nickname:

a voice in policymaking.

## growing up?

What was your favorite TV show

PEOPLE

ON THE STREET



**NATHAN SOHNY** JUNIOR, ART HISTORY "Salute Your Shorts."



BRANDON NEHRKORN SOPHOMORE, ASIAN STUDIES "Smurfs."



**JESSI PERKINS** FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED "Full House."



TAISIN MOORMAN FRESHMAN, INT'L BUSINESS "Fresh Prince and Seinfeld."

## What happened to original TV shows?

month that "Saved by the Bell" was going to be on Adult Swim for two weeks I was ecstatic. It was a little trip down memory lane, back to my

But the adventures of Zack, A.C., Screech, Kelly, Jessie and Lisa did more than just take me back to when I was 7 years old. They made me remember what TV was like back in the good old days, when shows were easily enjoyable and fresh.

That, or I could just be stuck in the 1990s. Wouldn't surprise me if that was true.

I think it was sometime between commercial breaks that I realized "Damn, what hap-

pened to good TV?"

Now, this could just be the part of me stuck in the 1990s talking, but doesn't it seem like original ideas are reaching the network executives' minds. They're just copying someone else's ideas that are already out there.

In school, it's called plagiarism. In the world of the big four net-works — NBC, CBS, ABC, and it's called busine

CBS has "CSI", "CSI: Miami", "CSI: New York", "NCIS" — and coming soon — "CSI: Pocatello".

Fox and ABC are too busy stealing each other's ideas to even worry about new ideas. Whether it's "Trading Spouses"/ "Wife Swap," "Supernanny"/ "Nanny 911," or "Dancing With The Stars"/"Celebrity Figure Skating," the shows are identical in design. On top of that, Fox has "Family

Guy" and "American Dad," which are essentially the same show, but one has more of a political slant toward it. Yes, I know one was created while the other was cancelled, but now that "Family Guy" is back... do we really need a less funny version of it?

NBC has "My Name Is Earl," the most original thing on TV, but they've also got the American version of a British show and 63 different "Law and Order" spin-offs. On top of that, they've been trying to find the replacements for "Frasier" and 'Friends" ever since both shows went off the air.

Other times, the problem is shows are kept on too long by networks, seeking to milk them for every last penny. "ER" was great when it started, but now, it seems rather stale and repetitive compared to "Grey's Anatomy" and "House."

Fox's "That 70s Show" should have ended when Topher Grace



SZABELSKI Opinion Columnist

left the show. Instead, fans are stuck through one final abomination of a season that is neither funny or good in any way.

And reality TV? If I even began to explain to how each network rips off the other, it'd take up this entire page

That's not to say all television is bad. I've already mentioned NBC's "My Name Is Earl" and Fox's "House," but there are other good shows on the major networks, like ABC's "Lost," Fox's "24," CBS's "The Amazing Race," and NBC's "The Apprentice." These shows all feature a uniqueness that no other network has

been able to copy or has tried to.

The main problem with TV is that it is repetitive, and I'm tired of it. Television used to be our escape from Hollywood's copycat mentality, a mentality that has only worsened in recent years.

The suggestion to the major networks is simple: get original.

I don't like "Survivor" or "American Idol," but they're unique enough that no one else has copied it yet. Plus, they're getting huge ratings, which you think would speak loudly to the networks.

You can even make the American version of a foreign show funny. NBC's version of "The Office" has taken a writing direction that makes it different than anything else on TV. Having Steve Carrell on the show doesn't hurt either.

There's a second reason for why originality is key, though. Channels focusing on a single area of the market, such as ESPN, Comedy Central, CNN, Cartoon Network, the many different movie networks are fracturing audiences. This makes finding new ideas important for the major networks key in keeping their audiences from heading elsewhere

What the networks need to realize is that copying each other's shows will only get them so far. Without putting out new and original ideas, viewers will tune elsewhere to search for them, and they will eventually become relics of the past.

Network television coming up with new and creative ideas on a regular basis? That sounds like an original idea to me.

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CHILDREN, FROM PAGE 1

25,000 children have been abducted by the LRA led by Joseph Kony. These children are then forced to become soldiers or sex slaves for the rebel army.

According to those interviewed in the film, from the Ugandan children to a historian and an advocate for the children at Parliament, the abducted children are brainwashed by the LRA forced to either kill or be killed.

"Children from five to 12 are his primary victims because they're big enough to carry guns and small enough to sneak into schools to abduct more children," one of the filmmakers said in a voice-over.

A U.S. aid worker in Uganda said on the film that this age group is targeted by the army also because they are easiest to brainwash.

Jacob, a Ugandan boy, was interviewed at a bus stop where he was staying the night.

"I have nothing. I don't even have a blanket," he said, adding that he only eats about once a He and his brothers had been

abducted by the LRA. He and one brother Thomas, had escaped, but a third brother was killed. Jacob said if the children in the

LRA cried, they were killed for thinking of home. Another child who was abduct-

ed said she had been forced to become a soldier's second wife.

While she was with the army, she also saw first-hand how the LRA treated its child soldiers.

'Some children who are too weak to walk were just chopped up and left to die in the bush," she said.

The civil war has taken a toll on the mental health of the children as well.

'I still get bad dreams, and I wake up screaming. Even when I am not sleeping, I have bad dreams," a Ugandan child said on the video.

For Derek Smith, a junior at St. John's Jesuit high school, the film made the children's situation a reality for him.

"You can be told how bad it is 100 times, but it doesn't mean anything until you've actu-ally seen it," Smith said. Smith recently organized a screening of the film at St. John's high school in Toledo.

### Pavement for a pillow

For many Global Night Commute participants, seeing the film "I still get bad inspired them to want

dreams, and to take action to help the children. I wake up Emily Davis, BGSU screaming. alumna and h2o staff member, said she Even when decided to participate I am not in Saturday night's sleeping..."

event after seeing the "My heart breaks for the children that

don't have people to protect them," she said. "It's not just people walking around America in the middle of the night. It's going to affect change.

The non-profit organization, Invisible Children, Inc., which was founded by the filmmakers, organized the Global Night Commute because people wanted a way to make a difference.

The event in Bowling Green began with participants walking from the Union Oval along Ridge treet to Mercer and then to St.

Kefa Otiso, an associate professor of geography at the University,



IN A WAR ZONE: Children between the ages of 5 to 12 are targetefor abduction by the Lord's Resistance Army.in Northern Uganda.

gave a speech at 9 p.m. in St. Aloysius school's gym about the history of the humanitarian crisis. After the speech, Arny Wittmer,

University junior, took advantage of the opportunity to write a letter to lawmakers.

Wittmer said she wrote to Ohio Senator Mike Dewine asking him to not ignore the situation in

"U.S. is in a position of great power and needs to use that for good," she said of her letter.

Participants also had the opportunity to create artwork expressing how they feel about the situation. The artwork will be put into a book to represent the voices of those who are against what Ugandan children are experiencing every day, according to Carolyn Sams, public relations assistant for Invisible Children, Inc.

Haley Garnder, a Southview High School junior, drew a picture of herself and a Ugandan person connected by a cross to symbolize that they are still connected despite the distance between con-

Stephanie Benore, h2o member, hopes the Global Night Commute will cause each par-

ticipant to realize on a deeper level what the children experience and feel connected to the children.

Her own feeling of connection with the children inspired her to make the phone calls necessary to bring the first screening of the film to the University this past March.

'You can't have something so heavy on you and just leave it there. You have to do something

### Political change

A UGANDAN CHILD

Many participants, like Pavan Purswan, junior, said an important step to protecting the children is creating awareness among the average American citizens and

There's a horrible atrocity that's being committed and we tion," he said.

Erin Battistoni, campus minis-

### **WORLD PARTICIPANTS**

734: Columbus, Ohio 3,443: San Diego, California 1,055: New York City, NY 8: Lima, Peru

137- Rowling Green Ohio

SOURCE: invisiblechildren.com

Parish, said the empowering the Ugandan people will be impor-tant to helping end the humani-

"I would much rather put my money and effort into helping the average Ugandan people just coming in and telling the gov-ernment what to do," she said, adding that she believes education and listening to their needs both play an important role in

Invisible Children, Inc. is one organization working at the grassroots level.

The organization employs Ugandan women to make brace-lets for sale in the U.S., which has a two-fold benefit according to

The women receive a living wage from the organization, and all of the profits for bracelets help fund scholarships for Ugandan children.

Battistoni said she also thinks using money currently spent on Iraq for humanitarian aid in Uganda instead could also help solve the problem.

Some participants want to see U.S. lawmakers take a leading role in creating change.

Benore would like to see the U.S. use its power to pressure the Ugandan government to take the situation more seriously and seek negotiations with the LRA.

I realize I don't know everything, but I do know it is a probshe said.

Davis thinks possible solutions could be getting more troops to the region, trying to capture the leader of the LRA, setting up orphanages, improving education and increasing the number of medical doctors.

Whether or not the Global Night Commute will be repeated, depends on how effective Saturday night's event is, Sams

"Hopefully the war will end, ter at St. Thomas More University and we won't have to," she said.

## Demonstrators work for change | Living without proper ID is hard

BORDER, FROM PAGE 2

That terrifying back-and-forth between Texas and Mexico wasn't her first experience in border crossing.

Her father had come to Fort Worth in 1982, before she was born, to work as a baker. Later, he returned to Guanajuato for several years but then decided to move his family north when she was 8 and had a 3-year-old

They left with just a few belongings, in a group that included an uncle and a man from a neighboring town who was known for helping people slip into the United States.

He took a bag of food, and we started walking," she recounted.

She had no choice - or any idea what was happening, she said, except that her mother said they would be able to live with her father.

But she knew enough to be scared. It seemed like they walked for three days. They got dirty drinking water from a canal. A black bug bit her on the leg, and her mother tried to suck out the toxin; she still has a scar. They hid under the

trees when they heard helicop-

ters flying overhead.
"I was just scared that we were doing something wrong," she said.

Once they settled in Fort Worth, she tried to do things right as much as possible. She started third grade at a

Fort Worth elementary school, speaking no English. With the help of a "really patient" teacher and tutoring at a Methodist church, she became comfort-able with English by the fifth grade. In high school, she made A's and B's and was inducted into the National Honor Society. She played volleyball

until she had to get a job. But without legal documentation, she couldn't go on the senior class trip to Cancun. She couldn't take driver's ed and get a license like her friends. Being undocumented wasn't just inconvenient — it was humiliating.

"I was embarrassed, and it hurt me every time I would talk about it," she said.

She asked her parents "so many times ... how come they didn't get papers for us," she said. But her father's answers weren't satisfactory.

"I think from my point of view, that was selfish because he didn't think about our

What her father did get her was a fake Social Security number and ID card, from a friend of his who she believes provided them to others, including her parents.

She used the documents to get her current job as a resaurant hostess and waitress She's also used the Social Security number for years to file income tax returns, she said. The IRS never has kicked back her paperwork, never has sent a warning letter, never has otherwise gone after her. Instead, it sends her refunds.

She worried that officials at Tarrant County College would ask for proper credentials when she enrolled to study toward a business degree, but they didn't. (Two lawyer friends who befriended her more than a decade ago and believe in her potential pay her college tuition.)

Driving, she said, is "scary" because she has no license But she has to get to work

## Ohio primaries set stage for fall

Candidates for state offices promise to improve taxes, sewers

TOLEDO - Contested races fill the ballots in four Ohio House of Representatives districts and one Ohio Senate district in tomorrow's primary election, but one uncontested candidate in each district will sail through to the November election.

In Ohio's 6th House District, former North Baltimore Village Councilman Jeffery P. Bretz and political newcomer James L. Neu, Jr., of Perrysburg Township will be on the ballot for the Democratic nomination. The winner will face unopposed State Rep. Bob Latta (R., Bowling Green) for the chance to serve the Wood County district.

Mr. Bretz, 49, said his interest was piqued by such issues as Ohio's ongoing challenge to fund education fairly and to attract and retain good-paying jobs. Mr. Neu, 26, a Daimler Chrysler employee, wants to fight for education funding reform and ways to promote retention and expansion of good jobs in Ohio.

In House District 74, which represents all of Fulton and Williams and much of Defiance counties.

the Republican primary winner will battle with Democrat Ben McCullough, 19, of Montpelier in November.

Republicans running for the seat include full-time candidates Marcus U. Bowling, 31, of Wauseon, who is the former editor of the Fulton County Expositor, and Jim J. Volkert, 47 of Hicksville, who is a long-time Republican campaign worker for state races. Also running in the primary are Republicans Bruce W. Goodwin, 56, of Defiance, who is an administrator at Four County Career Center, and David W. Swanson, 57, of Bryan, who is president and CEO of the Daavlin Company of Bryan. For the 75th District House

seat, Tony Burkley, a three-term Paulding County commissioner, is going up against Lynn Wachtmann, a state senator from Napoleon for the Republican nomination tomorrow. Mr. Burkley said he wants to

bring a local perspective to the Statehouse. Mr. Wachtmann said he hopes to continue promoting improved medical care in rural areas and fighting higher taxes

The primary winner will take on Angie B. Bryne, an uncontested Democrat from Van Wert, to serve the district that covers Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert

In House District 76, which includes Hancock, Hardin and part of Auglaize counties, the winner of the Republican nomination will face Democrat John F. Kostyo of Findlay in November.

Those vying for the nomi-nation are Cliff Hite, a teacher and former football coach, and Jeremy D. Swartz, an emergency medical technician.

Mr. Hite, 51, said he would work to reduce Ohio's income tax rate and to eliminate estate taxes. Mr. Swartz, 29, said he would propose a plan to help Ohioans with health care costs and a plan for alternative energy to help lower the state's dependency on foreign

As for Ohio Senate District 1, Steve Buehrer and James Hoops, two Republican state House members who are prevented by term limits from seeking re-election, want to move up to the state

Mr. Buehrer, the House District 74 member, says he wants to continue working on improving highways and sewer and water ervice to attract new business. Mr. Hoops, the House District 75 member, said he will continue to work on reforming the tax system, particularly the new business tax. The winner will face unopposed



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On March 2, 2006 your Wood County Democratic Committee sponsored an open public meeting at Bowling Green High School at which candidates for all state, local and judicial offices in this year's Democratic Primary appeared. Nearly 200 committee members and public listened to presentations by the candidates and asked questions of the candidates. After the presentations and Q & A from the candidates for each office, the Committee voted to whether to endorse and whom to reduce The reguldates listed shows were endorsed. dorse. The candidates listed above were endorsed.

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## Organic foods help environment

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Andre believes that when college students eat organic foods, it helps them to make smarter eating decisions when they are older. She also stressed that, though her market promotes a strict vegan/ vegetarian diet, eating organic doesn't necessarily mean giving

"I personally don't suggest that anyone eats animal products, but organic dairy products and meats are available at other stores if you are not willing to become a vegetarian or vegan but still view an organic lifestyle as important," Andre said.

When Haar buys organic, she is not as concerned with the health considerations as she is with the environmental aspects. She always tries to buy products such as organic milk because she wants to support small farmers as

opposed to larger factory farms.
"When I'm buying produce, I think about where it is coming

from," she said. "Thus, it would be better environmentally for me to buy conventionally grown apples from Oak Harbor, Ohio rather then organic apples from Washington State."

Despite the high prices, at least 35 percent of U.S. consum-ers regularly buy organic foods, the Star Tribune reported. Like Sestan, people are growing more aware of organic products and becoming more educated about their possible benefits, according to Monica Gordon, a public relations representative for Kroger

"It seems that every year, there is more of a demand for people looking for organic items in our stores," Gordon said. "We continue to add products into our mix as they become available; it's really about accessibility, being able to get organic produce in mass quantities as more farmers become organic growers.

A study conducted by Whole Foods Market, the country's largest natural-food chain, showed that more consumers would buy As the popularity of organic items continues to rise, Gordon speculates that the prices will soon decrease. However, she explained, much of that is a decision on the side of the growers, as more efficient growing techniques are dis-

covered. "I think a lot of organic shoppers fully understand that there is a difference in the structure of what an organic piece of fruit or vegetable would cost as opposed to the conventional-type item, in terms of quantities that are available," Gordon said. The sale of organic food contin-

ues to increase as more consumers try them The Whole Foods study found that nearly two-thirds of Americans had tried organic foods and beverages. That's up 54 percent in 2003 and 2004, according to the Star Tribune.

'I honestly don't know if eating organic-type goods keeps me healthier," Sestan said. "But I do know that mentally it makes me feel better about what I am eating, so that's enough for me.

### Dean to leave **BG** is second one this week

**OVERLAND, FROM PAGE 1** 

2004 to participate in Harvard University's highly selective Higher Education Institute for Management and Leadership in Education program, and served as the 2005 president of theOhioAssociationofStudent Personnel Administrators

Overland is the second dean in a week to announce her departure from BGSU. Last week, it became known that Lorraine Haricombe, dean of libraries, accepted a posi-tion as dean of libraries at the University of Kansas

Haricombe leaves BGSU in mid-July.

"I think it reflects very well on Bowling Green," Whipple said of the deans' departures. "It shows Bowling Green prepares people to take on great-er responsibilities."

## **FINALS**



CRAMMING: Jozina Shirima, a senior majoring in studies for her Bio 449 final in the Union last night. She's among thousands of students preparing for this week's exams.

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### BUSH SEEKS TO REDUCE OIL DEPENDENCY

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's new chief of staff said yesterday that the White House plan to address high gasoline prices will have only a modest impact and the ultimate goal must to be reducing dependence on foreign oil. "This is a very large problem," Josh Bolten said on "Fox News Sunday."

# NATIO

# Immigrants protest for rights Boycotts, rallies and vigils show impact of U.S. immigrant population Powell questions Rice, prewar plans

NEW YORK - Now that immigrants have grabbed the nation's attention, what next?

Today has been set aside for immigrants to boycott work, school and shopping to show how much they matter to their communities. But with some growing tired of street protests, and others afraid they'll be deported or fired for walking out, people are planning to support the effort in myriad ways

Some will work but buy nothing today. Others will protest at lunch breaks or at rallies after work. There will be church services, candlelight vigils, picnics and human chains.

The range of activities shows both how powerful the immigrants' rights movement has become in a matter of weeks, and that organizers don't yet have a clear focus on its next step.
"It's highly unpredictable

what's going to happen," Harley Shaiken, director of the Center for Latin American studies at the University of California, Berkeley. "What unites everyone that's going to do something on May 1 is they are making visible their strong feelings."

Thanks to the success of previous rallies plus media attention, planning for today's events, collectively called Un Dia Sin Inmigrantes — A Day Without Immigrants — is widespread.

Officials in Los Angeles braced



SPEAK UP: Roberto Reveles, president of Somos America, discusses plans for today's demonstrations. A planned 25-mile human chain in Phoenix to symbolize Latino unity was canceled in favor of smaller protests.

for huge crowds: Assistant Police Chief George Gascon said as many as 500,000 people could

In smaller cities such as Allentown, Pa., Omaha, Neb., and Knoxville, Tenn., immigrants and

their allies have been going doorto-door with fliers, making posters and sharpening speeches. In New Mexico, restaurants cooked meals this weekend that they'll donate food for today's picnics in Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

In Pomona, Calif., about 30 miles east of Los Angeles, doz-ens of men who frequent a day labor center voted unanimously

**IMMIGRANTS, PAGE 10** 

Former State Dept. official says Bush didn't follow advice

By Libby Quaid
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Just back from Baghdad and eager to discuss promising develop-ments, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice found her-self knocked off message yesterday, forced to defend prewar planning and troop levels against an unlikely critic — Colin Powell, her predecessor at the State Department.

For the Bush administration, it was a rare instance of in-house dissenter going public.

On Rice's mind was the political breakthrough that

had brought her and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to Iraq last week and cleared the way for formation of a national unity government.

Yet Powell sideswiped her by revisiting the question of whether the U.S. had a large enough force to oust Saddam Hussein and then secure the peace.

said advised Bush before the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003 to send more troops to Iraq, but that the administration did not follow his recommendation.

Rice, Bush's national security adviser during the run-up to the war, neither confirmed nor denied Powell's assertion. But she spent a good part of her appearances on three Sunday talk shows reaching into the past to defend the White House, which is trying to highlight the positive to a public increasingly skeptical in this election year of the president's conduct of the war and concerned about the large U.S. military presence.

"I don't remember specifi-cally what Secretary Powell may be referring to, but I'm quite certain that there were lots of discussions about how best to fulfill the mission that we went into Iraq," Rice said.

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Andre believes that when college students eat organic foods, it helps them to make smarter eat ing decisions when they are older. She also stressed that, though her market promotes a strict vegan/ vegetarian diet, eating organic doesn't necessarily mean giving up meat.

"I personally don't suggest that anyone eats animal products, but organic dairy products and meats are available at other stores if you are not willing to become a vegetarian or vegan but still view an organic lifestyle as important, Andre said.

When Haar buys organic, she is not as concerned with the health considerations as she is with the environmental aspects. She always tries to buy products such as organic milk because she wants to support small farmers as opposed to larger factory farms.

When I'm buying produce, I think about where it is coming

from," she said. "Thus, it would be better environmentally for me to buy conventionally grown apples from Oak Harbor, Ohio rather then organic apples from Washington State.

Despite the high prices, at least 35 percent of U.S. consumers regularly buy organic foods, the Star Tribune reported. Like Sestan, people are growing more aware of organic products and becoming more educated about their possible benefits, according to Monica Gordon, a public relations representative for Kroger

"It seems that every year, there is more of a demand for people looking for organic items in our Gordon said. "We continue to add products into our mix as they become available; it's really about accessibility, being able to get organic produce in mass quantities as more farmers become organic growers

A study conducted by Whole Foods Market, the country's largest natural-food chain, showed that more consumers would buy organic if it was not as expensive. As the popularity of organic items continues to rise, Gordon speculates that the prices will soon decrease. However, she explained, much of that is a decision on the side of the growers, as more efficient growing techniques are dis-

"I think a lot of organic shoppers fully understand that there is a difference in the structure of what an organic piece of fruit or vegetable would cost as opposed to the conventional-type item, in terms of quantities that are available," Gordon said.

The sale of organic food continues to increase as more consumers try them The Whole Foods study found that nearly two-thirds of Americans had tried organic foods and beverages. That's up 54 percent in 2003 and 2004, according to the Star Tribune.

I honestly don't know if eating organic-type goods keeps me healthier," Sestan said. "But I do know that mentally it makes me feel better about what I am eating, so that's enough for me.

### Dean to leave **BG** is second one this week

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2004 to participate in Harvard University's highly selective Higher Education Institute for Management and Leadership in Education program, and served as the 2005 president of theOhioAssociationofStudent Personnel Administrators

Overland is the second dean in a week to announce her departure from BGSU. Last week, it became known that Lorraine Haricombe, dean of libraries, accepted a position as dean of libraries at the University of Kansas.

Haricombe leaves BGSU in

mid-July.
"I think it reflects very well on Bowling Green," Whipple said of the deans' departures. "It shows Bowling Green prepares people to take on greater responsibilities.

## **FINALS**



CRAMMING: Jozina Shirima, a senior majoring in studies for her Bio 449 final in the Union last night. She's among thousands of students preparing for this week's exams

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### BUSH SEEKS TO REDUCE OIL DEPENDENCY

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's new chief of staff said yesterday that the White House plan to address high gasoline prices will have only a modest impact and the ultimate goal must to be reducing dependence on foreign oil. "This is a very large problem," Josh Bolten said on "Fox News Sunday."

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# Immigrants protest for rights Boycotts, rallies and vigils show impact of U.S. immigrant population Powell questions Rice, prewar plans

NEW YORK - Now that immigrants have grabbed the nation's attention, what next?

Today has been set aside for immigrants to boycott work, school and shopping to show how much they matter to their communities. But with some growing tired of street protests, and others afraid they'll be deported or fired for walking out, people are planning to support the effort in myriad ways

Some will work but buy nothing today. Others will protest at lunch breaks or at rallies after work. There will be church services, candlelight vigils, picnics and human chains.

The range of activities shows both how powerful the immigrants' rights movement has become in a matter of weeks, and that organizers don't yet have a clear focus on its next step.

"It's highly unpredictable what's going to happen," said Harley Shaiken, director of the Center for Latin American studies at the University of California, Berkeley. "What unites everyone that's going to do something on May 1 is they are making visible their strong feelings."

Thanks to the success of previous rallies plus media atten-tion, planning for today's events, collectively called Un Dia Sin Inmigrantes — A Day Without Immigrants — is widespread.

Officials in Los Angeles braced



SPEAK UP: Roberto Reveles, president of Somos America, discusses plans for today's demonstrations. A planned 25-mile human chain in Phoenix to symbolize Latino unity was canceled in favor of smaller protests

for huge crowds: Assistant Police Chief George Gascon said as many as 500,000 people could

In smaller cities such as Allentown, Pa., Omaha, Neb., and Knoxville, Tenn., immigrants and their allies have been going doorto-door with fliers, making post-ers and sharpening speeches. In New Mexico, restaurants cooked meals this weekend that they'll donate food for today's picnics in Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

In Pomona, Calif., about 30 miles east of Los Angeles, doz-ens of men who frequent a day labor center voted unanimously

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Former State Dept. official says Bush didn't follow advice

By Libby Quaid THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Just back from Baghdad and eager to discuss promising develop-ments, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice found her-self knocked off message yesterday, forced to defend prewar planning and troop levels against an unlikely critic -Colin Powell, her predecessor at the State Department.

For the Bush administration, it was a rare instance of in-house dissenter going public.

On Rice's mind was the political breakthrough that had brought her and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to Iraq last

week and cleared the way for formation of a national unity government.

Yet Powell side-swiped her by revisiting the question of whether the U.S. had a large enough force to oust Saddam Hussein and then secure the peace.

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## Military spouses face job dilemmas

WASHINGTON - When her husband's Air Force job took him to Colorado, Vydia Torres became a cashier just so she could join him even though her resume included stints as Puerto Rico's housing secretary and the head of a nonprofit group.

"I did not have the network. I did not know the labor mar-Torres says of her move in 1993. Military spouses face similar career dilemmas, she said. because they relocate so much.

Today, Torres heads a Colorado Springs, Colo., program — also in place in a half-dozen communities nationwide — that helps military spouses with job training, placement, tuition and child care

Despite its popularity, the initiative is in jeopardy because government officials do not intend to renew its federal grant.

"We've been turning people away," said Leland Lewis, who manages the program in the Norfolk, Va., area. "There's a letdown" when potential applicants learn they no longer can sign up, he said.

Mason Bishop, the

Labor Department's deputy assistant secretary for employment and training, said Friday the department has told program administrators the grant money no longer will be available because it comes from a pool of money meant for emergencies.

Bishop said his agency sends billions of dollars annually to states to help workers find jobs and learn new skills. He said some of this money could pay for the program for military spouses. "I absolutely believe these projects can continue on indefinitely, Bishop said.

The program grew from effort in the late 1990s to provide job training for people in the military. Since 2001, the department estimates it has spent about \$90

million for military spouses through the National Emergency Grant program, Bishop said.

These grants, he said, are intended to assist with one-time events such as plant closings or natural disasters, "We have to be prudent in administration of these monies," Bishop said.

Stephanie Youngblood recently went through the program in Tennessee, where administrators will not accept new applicants.

"The program as a whole is awesome, is really great," said Youngblood, who recently got a job as an assistant special edu-cation teacher. "It's terrible that spouses are going to lose out

Youngblood's husband, Army Sgt. 1st Class John Youngblood, is stationed at Fort Campbell

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prepared for the possibility that, you know, they might not come back, and we might, you know. have to survive on own income, with our own skills." Youngblood said.

Mary Sabillo, who helps run the program in San Diego, says the initiative is viewed "almost like a GL bill for spouses.

Sabillo says the program has served as a retention tool for the military.

"If the spouses could gain employment and provide more dollars into the family income. it was more likely the military spouse would stay in the military," Sabillo said. Susan Kamas, who helps

administer the program near Fort Hood, Texas, says Labor Department officials told her have different group "they priorities for their money."

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## Relatives cram in for a lengthy stay

used to our own space," said Stella Chase Reese, who's been living at her sister-in-law's with her husband, teenage son, and other relatives.

Nine people in a three-bedroom house is spacious compared to the 16 crammed into the Baton Rouge home where the Reeses lived immediately after the storm. They returned to New Orleans when the school reopened where her husband, Wayne Reese, teach-

es and coaches football. Stella Reese and her family thought they'd stay with her sister-in-law for a couple of weeks, but as three different rental deals fell through, the time together has stretched into months.

'Everyone we know lost their homes, with the exception of my sister-in-law, and she had a full house. She welcomed us. We didn't have any place to go, Stella Reese said, dabbing tears with a tissue

The sister-in-law, Florida Reese Wyatt, said she never gave a second thought to opening the home she once shared

only with her daughter. Among the relatives she took in was her 79-year-old mother.

"I know they would have done the same for me. The bottom line is this is what family really does, said Wyatt, surrounded by family members who filled the two sofas and chairs in her living room.

The Reese clan compares schedules each day, making sure everyone can get a shower before work or school, beginning as early as 5 a.m. Stella Reese or Wyatt cooks dinner. Someone else does the dishes. Jerry Reese. Wyatt's brother, joined the clan when he took a

break from his work as a contractor in Iraq. His New Orleans home was wiped out by floodwaters "It's all good. It's no problem,"

Reese said, grinning. The singing toaster beats some of the noises that woke him in Iraq, he said.

Henry, clinic director of the nonprofit Youth Service Bureau, said living together after some-thing as devastating as Katrina can be therapeutic. The security



STUCK INSIDE: Stella Chase Reese, left, wipes a tear as she talks about her experiences in the aftermath of Katrina. Reese has been living at her sister-in-law's three-bedroom house with 8 other family members.

of close personal relationships and recognition that everyone is struggling together can help lessen the trauma of lost homes and dreams

It's helped lawyer Wayne McGaw, who's sharing a home with his wife, two adult daugh ters, a niece and her husband after the extended family lost three homes to flooding. Another relative with a flooded house lives next door.

"All of us have been up and down, not on the same pace. But there are people to help you with the bounds" of the emotions, said McGaw.

The family has used the cozy living arrangement to expand traditions and to comfort one another. A big family meal had long been a Sunday tradition because McGaw loves to cook, but they now sit down as a family to a full meal even on weeknights.

They might reminisce about the old neighborhood, debate movies, or tease the youngest family member, a second-year law student, about schoolwork.

They've managed since mov ing into a friend's vacant home in November to set up a routine for cooking and grocery shopping and a schedule for walking two dogs, who'd barely met before Katrina forced them into the same household. A cat is sequestered upstairs.

The family has furniture from their flooded households crammed in with what the homeowners left. Crates and racks for clothes, nearly all acquired to replace destroyed wardrobes, sit stacked wherever they'll fit. No one knows when each will settle into their own digs

From the beginning, "We were all aware or conscious of stepping on each other's toes, setting that precedent of everyone chipping in," said Traci Foster, McGaw's niece.

They split household chores like dishes and grocery shopping and divide the rent and utility costs. The McGaws pick up the cost of groceries, while Foster and her husband cover other expenses around the house.

Still, the all-for-one, one-for-all attitude has limits. After a while, the need for privacy and space starts to wear on people accustomed to living on their own, said Judy Barnes-Cochran, a New Orleans psychotherapist.

"Most of the world lives the way we're describing — or worse — but we're Americans, We want space. We want freedom. We want autonomy," she said.

A lot of patients in group ses-

sions are willing to vent their trustrations with strangers, talking about too-cozy living arrange-ments that they don't discuss with family members. Henry said.

He recalled one woman who had taken in her mother, who had lost her home. The daughter felt guilty because, after a time, she wanted her mother to move out. That left the mother feeling rejected and upset. After talking about it in counseling, the mother began looking for a new place

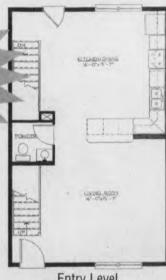
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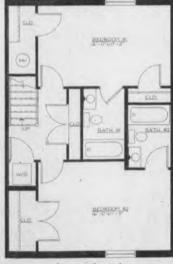


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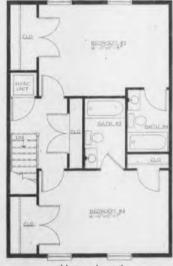
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## Cameras could appear in court

WASHINGTON - As far as opinions go, Justice David Souter has made it clear what he thinks of TV cameras in Supreme Court hearings.

"I think the case is so strong," Souter told a House subcommittee in 1996, "that I can tell you the day you see a camera come into our courtroom it's going to

roll over my dead body."

But now a bill sponsored by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee he leads would force the Supreme Court to let cameras into its hallowed halls, one of the few public spaces in Washington, along with other federal courts, where cameras are banned.

That prospect miffed two other justices, Anthony Kennedy and Clarence Thomas, who told a House subcommittee early this month that if Congress authorized the use of cameras at the court, it would mar the Supreme Court's decorum, endanger the justices' personal security and raise constitutional questions over the proper role of each branch of government.

Supporters of cameras in the Supreme Court, including Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), say that opening the court to cam-eras would teach the nation an important civics lesson.

"Unfortunately, a lot of peo-ple think this is all about Judge Judy, and that is not how justice is handed down in America, Durbin said, referring to the television judge, "This is an institution, one of the most important in our government, a government that prides itself on being open and accessible. Eliminating the mystery of these

proceedings will help people understand what justice really means.

Laurence Tribe, a Harvard law professor who supports cameras at the high court, agreed, noting that only the "privileged few" get

to witness the justices in court. "Unfortunately, only the most naive idealist believes that the general public reads the court's opinions," said Tribe, whose first argument before the Supreme Court in 1980 established that the Constitution guarantees the public's right to attend criminal trials.

The move to allow cameras comes after Chief Justice John Roberts Jr. said in his confirma-tion hearings that he would be willing to consider televising Supreme Court sessions.

Last year, when the courts

refused to step in to order that Terri Schiavo be kept alive, lawmakers demanded more accountability from the courts. When Specter introduced his camera measure in September. he complained that the Supreme Court has become a "virtual super legislature."

The same week, Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) and Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, proposed separate measures to install a watchdog over the nation's courts, that would "provide for the detection and prevention of inap-propriate conduct in the federal

Judge Boyce Martin of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals based in Cincinnati said, "Televising proceedings is one of the more important new innovations that's gonna help the judiciary be appreciated more by the public as a whole."

## **Boycott effectiveness divides workers**

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to close today, said Mike Nava, the center's director.

'If anyone even comes around looking for work that day," Nava said, "the men want him suspended.'

Some insist that a boycott is the next key step — beyond marches — to show the nation just how much economic power undocumented workers hold. The marches are a tool, but are being overused," said Mahonrry Hidalgo, head of the immigration committee of New Jersey's Latino Leadership Alliance. Like civil rights boy-cotts of decades past, he said, "this could finally be the spark

for our people to advance."
In NewJersey, Rhode Islandand Pennsylvania, people boycotting work will march to the offices of elected officials to urge them to support pro-immigrant leg-islation. In California, although a spokeswoman for Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said a boycott would "hurt everyone," Democratic state senators passed a resolution supporting walkouts.

Still, there's a big divide over the boycott's merits.

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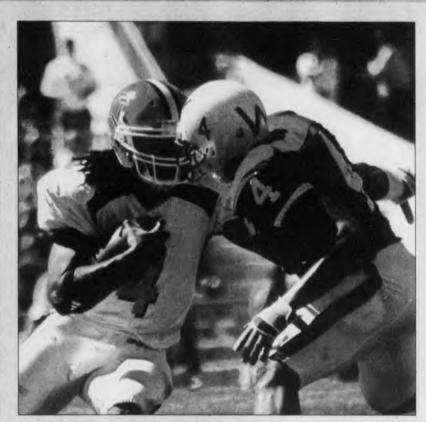
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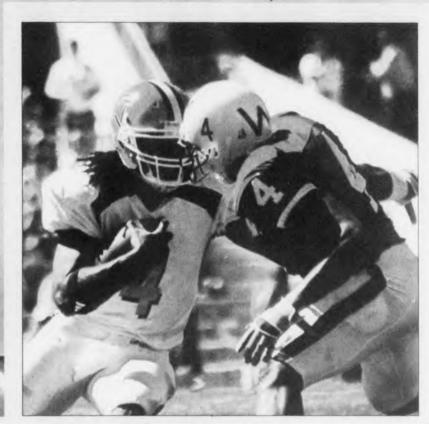
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WASHINGTON — Hold on, LeBron. Gilbert Arenas and the Washington Wizards

aren't quite ready to pack it

With LeBron James sud-

## **BGSU** ends season with loss to Buffalo

BGSU's tennis team's season came to an end Friday at the Conference Mid-American tournament in Oxford, Ohio. The Falcons (14-10) lost in the quarterfinals to the Buffalo

The Bulls started off the contest by taking the first point with victories at first and sec-ond doubles. UB's Andreea Novaceanu and Tina Jacob edged BG's Jenna Nussbaum and Heidi Romer 8-6 at No. 1 doubles. At second doubles UB's Miglena Nenova and Kristen Ortman powered past Ashley and Kelsey Jakupcin 8-3.

In the match's most critical game, UB's Natalie Dean bested Romer 7-6, 6-4. It gave the Bulls their fourth win in the best of seven match.

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Menoff kept the Falcons within striking distance with wins at No. 4 and No. 6 singles. But in the end it was not enough to overcome the Bulls arsenal.

Meister ended her Falcon career in style with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over UB's Ortman. Menoff defeated Jacob 6-3, 6-3 in her first match in the MAC tournament.

Although the Falcons came up short on their team goal of making the MAC championship game, the team can take many positives away from this

Earlier in the season, the Falcons set a school-record by winning 11 straight matches. Three players were honored as MAC Players of the Week, and No. 1 singles player Ashley Jakupcin was selected to the

## **Browns look at QB**

Savage said trade for Harrington was worth making inquiry

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — Busy working the phones during the NFL draft, the Cleveland Browns made a couple interesting long-distance calls to Detroit to see what the Lions wanted for quarterback

Joey Harrington. General manager Phil Savage said Sunday that he spoke with Lions GM Matt Millen about Harrington, a former No. 3 overall pick in 2002 who wants out of Detroit and has reached a preliminary two-year deal with the Miami Dolphins.

"I wanted to check in and just see what they were looking for. and also the potential of him being a fallback option here as a quarterback," Savage said. "I thought it was at least worth making a call."

interest Savage's Harrington no matter how exploratory or casual - points to two possibilities in Cleveland. One is that the Browns are not yet sold on Charlie Frye, who started five games as a rook-ie, as their starter next season. Another is that 33-year-old Trent Dilfer, who signed a four-year free agent contract before last season, would like to move

Savage downplayed both scenarios. He said Harrington, who was 18-37 as a starter with the Lions under three coaches, would be an option for Cleveland as a backup rather than a starter. And while Dilfer has not asked to be traded, Savage said he didn't know whether the veteran was

I can't answer that," Savage

the club's opinion of him as potential starter has not diminished. The second-year GM said Cleveland's inquiry about

Harrington was nothing more "That situation is dead as far as I'm concerned," he said.

Maybe so. But it's curious that the Browns would be asking about Harrington if everything was settled at QB. Dilfer had offseason knee surgery and is not ready to participate in the club's conditioning program.

ESPN.com reported that the Lions told Harrington's agent, David Dunn, that they were going to try to trade him to the Browns for draft picks but that Harrington told Detroit he didn't want to come to Cleveland.

A message seeking comment was left with Dunn.

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### denly, stunningly, quiet after a tremendous first half last night, Arenas recovered from an awful start to lead Washington's comeback for a 106-96 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers, tying the first-round series at two

games apiece. Arenas scored 20 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter, making his first five shots of the period. He capped that spurt with a 3-pointer that put Washington ahead 96-87 with under 3 1/2 minutes

Then he held his shooting pose and nodded.

As dominant as James was early, setting franchise playoff records for points in a quarter (18) and half (25), he was nowhere to be found at times in the second half. He took only three shots in the third quarter, missing all of them, and wound up with

Arenas, meanwhile, made up for his 1-for-9, six-point first half in a big way down

He got going a bit with eight points in the third quarter, as Washington whittled a 13point. Arenas was fouled on a drive to the basket with fourtenths of a second left in that period, and with chants of "M-V-P! M-V-P!" ringing off the rafters, he made both free throws to tie the game at 72 heading to the fourth.

That figured to setup Bron-Bron vs. Gil, Part II, after their down-the-stretch duel in Game 3. In that one Friday, James hit the go-ahead shot with 5.7 seconds left to finish off his 41-point performance,

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## Texas rolls past Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) — Michael Young and Phil Nevin each drove in two runs during Texas' six-run seventh inning as the Rangers rallied to beat the Cleveland Indians

8-4 last night. After Young's single tied the score, Mark Teixeira doubled home the go-ahead run against Jason Davis (1-1), who came on with two on and none out and

failed to protect a 4-2 lead. Vicente Padilla (3-1) allowed four runs and six hits in six innings. C.J. Wilson worked a scoreless seventh, Antonio Alfonseca got out of bases-loaded jam in the eighth and Joaquin Benoit pitched the ninth.

Kevin Mench had two singles, extending his career-high hitting streak to 14 games for Texas. Mench, whose home-run streak was stopped at seven games Saturday, failed to drive in a run for the first time in 10 games. The Rangers' record is 11 in a row by

Larry Parrish in 1987. Gary Matthews Jr. hit a solo homer in the ninth, his second

of the season, for the Rangers' final run.

Victor Martinez had a careerhigh three doubles, extending his streak of reaching base safely to 40 games since Sept. 17.

The Indians lost their second straight but still completed April with a winning record (13-12) for the first time since Eric Wedge took over as manager in 2003.

Jake Cleveland starter Westbrook entered the seventh with a 4-1 lead but yielded three straight singles, the last by Brad Wilkerson driving in a run to

Daviscameonandgottwoquick outs before walking Matthews to load the bases. Young followed with a two-run single to tie it and Teixeira doubled to right-center, scoring Matthews for a 5-4 lead. Nevin then doubled home two more runs before Scott Sauerbeck came on to record the final out.

Padilla walked two and struck

Westbrook also gave up six hits and four runs in six innings. He struck out seven and walked two. Grady Sizemore tripled and scored on Travis Hafner's twoout single in the first, and Jhonny Peralta's RBI single in the third gave Cleveland a 2-0 lead.

Martinez opened the fourth with a ground-rule double. Padilla eventually loaded the bases by hitting Ben Broussard on the right knee with a pitch and walking Ramon Vazquez, but gave up only one run \_ on a fielder's choice grounder by Blake that made it

Hank Blalock singled to open the Texas fifth and later scored on a grounder to make it 3-1.

Martinez opened the sixth with a double and scored on Broussard's line single to right to restore Cleveland's three-run

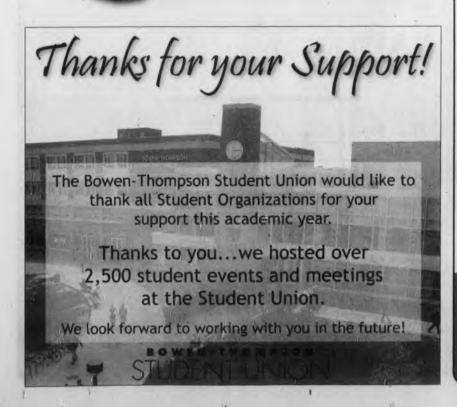
Notes: Broussard left in the sev enth with a bruise on the right knee. ... Texas 2B Mark DeRosa singled in his first at-bat in the third. He had been on the dis-abled list since April 15 with a

## LEVELED



SLAPPED: Jeanine Baca connects with a pitch yesterday against Toledo. The Falcons won 6-5 after Ashley Zirkle hit a grand slam in the sixth. Gina Rango won the game with a homer in the eighth.

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## Great rounds come late for BG

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overall it was a good tourney."

As their finish shows, even with all of the great individual rounds, and also two great team scores in rounds three and four



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Stop by the Office at 1045 N.Main St. or check website www.meccabg.com for complete listing of 317 and 315, the Falcons had areas of the game where they could've done better. According to Schroeder, while her driver was deadly accurate -she only missed a handful of fairways the entire weekend - the other clubs in her bag left something to

be desired. "I could've improved my iron play," Schroeder said. "I didn't hit enough greens.

Ironically, Hrusovsky's problems were the exact opposite of Schroeder's

"I didn't hit my driver well the whole weekend," Hrusovsky said.

Although the team took steps in the right direction, there were still things everybody could've improved on in terms of lowering scores, according to coach Stephanie Young.

"We didn't make birdies like we thought we would," Young said. The other teams seemed to put it all together at the same time

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In the case of the MAC tournament, the team finishes don't tell the whole story. While finishing in last place, BG golfers put up some great individual rounds. In the end, there were plenty of positives.

"It wasn't the finish we would've liked, but we improved every day," Young said. "One day or the other, everybody had a career MAC round. There were three milestones reached. Confidence

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## Jacobs will compete with other MAC QBs

terbacks in Pittsburgh who are MAC alumni.

"They have three MAC quar-terbacks there now," Jacobs said. 'MAC quarterbacks fit well there with Ben Roethlisberger and Charlie Batch and now me

Batch, entering his ninth season, played at Eastern Michigan, and Roethlisberger was a 2004 pick out of Miami (Ohio).

The Steelers likely drafted Jacobs as the best available player since Roethlisberger is the team's future at the position.

"I'm a competitor, and I'm going to compete for the job," Jacobs said. "Ben |Roethlisberger| is a great quarterback. If I have to sit for a while I will, and if my time comes it will come.

Omar is the latest of many MAC quarterbacks taken in the draft. The skill level of the conference is much less of a question than it used to be.

"Just look at the success that they've had. |Chad| Pennington was in the playoffs. Look at Ben's success and Byron [Leftwich] has done well in Jacksonville. Charlie [Frye] started up in Cleveland and had some success. In my [meeting] room, it's not a prob-lem," Whipple said.

Some people criticized Jacobs' decision to leave school early, saving he could have improved his value by staying another year. "He's a Pittsburgh Steeler now. OTHER MAC PLAYERS DRAFTED:

**ROUND 2:** 

No. 20 (52 overall) Green Bay — Greg Jennings, Western Michigan, WR, 5-11, 197

■ No. 29 (61 overall) Denver-Tony Scheffler, Western Michigan, TE, 6-5, 254 pounds

**ROUND 4:** 

■ No. 33 (130 overall) Denver Domenik Hixon, Akron, WR, 6-2.194

ROUND 5:

■ No. 4 (137 overall) Tennessee Terna Nande, Miami, OLB, 6foot, 232 pounds

I wouldn't say he's made a mistake," Whipple said. "That's water over the dam. That's the past. I don't ever worry about that."

None of Jacobs' teammates at BGSU were taken in the draft, but Charles Sharon (Jacksonville), PJ Pope (Chicago) and Steve Sanders (Cleveland) were all picked up as free agents

"They should, I hope they do; they helped me to get where I'm at," Jacobs said before the three were signed.

## Tourney a go after two-year break

Belrose said the athletic director at her high school, where she played volleyball, had MS.

Kyle Reitz, an alumnus, played on the club team and in the tournament while he was a student.

'We're all friends," Reitz said as he punched away an incoming ball, protecting both reporter and interviewee. "They scare me on a personal level, but not on a playing level."

Despite the lower-than-average turnout, the tournament was a success for even being

Partin said rain had canceled play the past two years.

"It rained, so we went to our

rain date, and it was still rain-ing on the rain date," he said, so we just decided to forget all this outdoor business, just going to play inside at the field house, we know that it'll be good."

The tournament has even drawn some big names on campus in the past

"Jordan Sigalet came out last year, he played in it with his brother (former BGSU hockey player, Jonathan Sigalet), Partin said.

Sigalet, a former goaltender for the Falcons hockey team now with the NHL's Boston Bruins, along with Jonathan announced he had MS in late 2004.

"They did pretty well, actu-



SPIKE: Senior Brian White slams one down at the co-od volley ball tournament at the Field House on Saturday.

## QB situation may be an uncertainty

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Savage believes Harrington is headed to the Dolphins, who need a backup for new starter Daunte Culpepper. There's even a chance that Harrington could begin next season as Miami's No. 1 QB if Culpepper isn't ready following a knee injury.

Browns coach Romeo Crennel also tried to contact Harrington.

"We left each other phone messages," he said. As always, Crennel wouldn't about his quarterback dilemma.

"I haven't decided who my starter is going to be yet," he said. "I might name a starter before training camp. Whenever it is, I feel both of the guys can go in the game and play. When we go on the field we'll see who's

The Harrington hubbub pro-vided a puzzling backdrop as the Browns followed up a strong first day in the draft by making seven more selections, choosing

players whose initial impact will mostly come on special teams.

Cleveland used its fourth round picks on Miami linebacker Leon Williams and Indiana offensive guard Isaac Sowells, who broke down crying when the Browns reached him on the phone at his home in Louisville,

In the fifth round, the Browns took Washington State running back Jerome Harrison and Georgia cornerback DeMario Minter. In round six, Colorado

Stanford nose guard Babatunde Oshinowo, who goes by "Baba," became Browns

With their final pick, the club selected Virginia Tech safety Justin Hamilton, a former running back with the Hokies

"All in all, I think we had a very successful draft because it's very solid all the way through," Savage said. "For us, all of our picks made sense and they seem to give us an opportunity to make us better.'

## James, Cavs cold in second half

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and Arenas - who scored half of his 34 in the fourth quarter missed an open 3-pointer that would have won it.

But while James opened the fourth with a 3-pointer, his sixth of the game, Arenas answered right away from beyond the arc. Antawn Jamison tacked on another 3 for Washington, giving the hosts their first lead since early in the second quarter, and Arenas added a long jumper to make it 80-76.

Just as in Washington's Game victory. Arenas got plenty of help from his top two side kicks, Jamison and Caron Butler. Jamison had 22 points and 10 rebounds, and Butler added 21 points - 14 in the second half - and some tough defense on

In the fourth quarter, as Washington was padding its lead, it wasn't James who was taking Cleveland's shots. But the likes of Donyell Marshall,

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Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Damon Jones who were getting plenty of touches

Flip Murray scored 19, and the only other Cavalier in double figures was Ilgauskas with 13.

James wound up with six rebounds and five assists, but he also had seven turnovers, including four on offensive fouls. After one in the fourth quarter, he put his palms up and mouthed, "What did I do?" His coach, Mike Brown, crumpled a paper cup and threw it to the ground.

## **Bengals grab McNeal in 6th**

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MVP as he quarterbacked Penn State to the league title. He was chosen by San Francisco with the third pick of the fourth round and designated as a running back, one of the positions he played (along with wide receiver) before becoming a full-time QB in his final year in Happy Valley

Three picks later, the New York Jets took Smith, a quar-terback at Missouri who was projected as a wide receiver. Then in the fifth round, Hagans, Virginia's QB, was taken by St. Louis two picks before Bloom, the Olympic moguls skier, went to Philadelphia. Bloom was chosen by the Eagles despite missing two years at Colorado after being ruled ineligible by the NCAA for accepting endorse-

ments for his skiing career. McNeal went in the sixth round to Cincinnati.

Before the draft, Robinson called it "a misconception" that he wanted to be a QB in the NFL. But Smith made no secret of his desire to stay there.

Who can blame him after his performance in leading Missouri to a 38-31 comeback win over South Carolina in the Independence Bowl? In that game, he passed for 282 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 150 yards and three scores.

He said the right things after the Jets chose him, although he acknowledged: "I'm a quarterback at heart.

"I'm coming as a team play-er and athlete," he added. "Hopefully I get to play running back or quarterback as well as

other positions. ... The lets have honored me with the selection by picking me and saying I can help the team out."

Smith almost was a Ram. But coach Scott Linehan said he got the impression after talking to Smith that he still wanted to be a QB. So Linehan used a fifthround pick on Hagans and will have him return kicks.

Bloom also will begin his career returning kicks

"I went into this thing think-ing I would not get drafted and do it through free agency," Bloom said. "I tried to lower the expectation when things were out of my control like they were today. All I can do now is show up in Philadelphia and bring my work ethic and work as hard

McNeal, the Texas A&M quarterback, was identified as a wide receiver by the Bengals.

As usual, the second day of the draft was also for leftovers - players who dropped for one reason or another after being expected to go much higher.

Guard Max Jean-Gilles of

Georgia and defensive tackle Gabe Watson of Michigan, both once thought of as possible late first-rounders, dropped because of fluctuating weight. Both are listed at around 340 pounds, but have been much higher. Jean-Gilles went to the Eagles with the second pick of the fourth round and Watson went to Arizona eight picks later.

Elvis Dumervil of Louisville, who led the nation in sacks with 20, lasted until the fourth round for the opposite reason. At 5- free agency foot-11 and 258 pounds, he was considered small for a defensive end. He was chosen by

Denver with the 29th choice in the fourth round, about a round lower than expected. "A lot of teams had questions

about my height and I didn't work out well at the combine, Dumervil acknowledged. "I'm just happy I dropped to Denver. Oakland used the fourth pick

of the fourth round on Darnell Bing, the Southern Cal safety who also had been projected as a potential first- or second-

round pick. But the honor of dropping the farthest belonged to Rodrique Wright, a defensive tackle from Texas who in some early projec-tions was actually in the first round. He was considered a total underachiever and ended up being taken in the seventh No. 226 overall, by Miami.

Atlanta made a hometown pick in the seventh round, choosing Georgia quarterback D. J. Shockley, a scrambler just like Falcons starter Michael

But Vick's brother Marcus was not chosen. He came out of Virginia Tech early after missing the 2004 season with off-field problems and got into trouble again last season by stomping on Dumervil in the Gator Bowl. Vick was kicked off the Virginia Tech team and entered the draft.

The first kicker taken came in the fourth round when New England took Stephen Gostkowski from Memphis in hopes of replacing Adam Vinatieri, lost to Indianapolis in

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# Taking away tangible music

Collectors cringe at idea of having music be solely electronic

By Glenn Lovell
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Is it better to surround yourself with a shrine-like wall of CDs and DVDs, or free up that bookcase and home-entertainment center with a virtual "collection" that exists digitally — on iPod or computer hard drive?

The debate heated up again when Apple rolled out its new iPod Hi-Fi speaker system, which can connect to a TV and other audio sources.

With the new docking device, Apple CEO Steve Jobs assured early adopters, your "music is not on CDs in your cabinet. It's on your iPod."

The idea of not having a tangible music collection — be it CD, cassette or vinyl album — has rattled some ardent collectors. They argue that without something to touch and discuss, you forfeit something fundamental.

"We're a culture of pack rats, and very much into owning in physical ways," said Sean Wargo of the Consumer Electronics Association in Arlington, Va. "We prefer to interact with our machines the way we interact with each other—by sight and touch. It makes us feel more secure."

But the convenience of downloading music has changed all that, Wargo adds. For many consumers, speed and portability now trumps that sense of well-being that comes from holding a prized CD or album.

How you squirrel away that new album by Mariah Carey or Death Cab for Cutie — on bedroom shelf or hard drive — says a lot about your personality and could affect your emotional wellbeing, say psychologists. The collector who can reach out and touch his collection may be happier in the long run.

"All that computer collecting takes its toll — you're forfeiting face-to-face interaction with peo-

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ple who share your passion," says I. David Marcus, a San Jose, Calif., psychologist who specializes in online behavior. "And that means you don't learn how to read social cues as well."

Or, enjoy that warm-and-fuzzy rush some call nostalgia.

"The MP3 and iPod guys are more into accessibility, having the medium in hand," says Brian Hartsell, 50, who runs San Jose's Analog Room, which sells turntables and LPs. "The people who come into my store are into sound quality and nostalgia. Listening to the Beatles and the Kinks reminds them of their youth."

Indeed, those who collect CDs and vinyl LPs are less into convenience than sound quality. CDs and LPs when ripped and compressed (by 50 to 60 percent) for audio files lose important data and, consequently, fidelity. So, if you're a purist with a large classical music collection, audiophiles say you'll be disappointed by MP3-quality music.

"The need to collect hasn't gone away — it's just changed from the tactile to the virtual," says Marcus, who collected comic books and baseball cards as a kid. "Now, instead of CDs, people are collecting downloads and playlists."

And the very definition of "permanency" has changed.

"As a culture, we romanticize objects, give them meaning and value," observes Sylvain Boies, a psychologist who treats online addictions. "These new collectors just do it differently: There's no fear of "What happens if I lose it?" If you lose it, you download another."

Retailers who specialize in cases

Retailers who specialize in cases and racks for collections are preparing for a change in the marketplace.

"Our sense is that people with iPods haven't gotten rid of their other collections — they've just added a collection," said Bette Kahn, spokeswoman for Crate & Barrel. "Our spring line has lots of media-storage boxes for CDs and DVDs."

Marcel Manzardo, the Los Gatos,

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## Coastal landscapes inspire artist's work

By Jacqueline Ha

Robert Cardinal, a long time resident of New England, has expanded his attention from isolated barns, cottages and lighthouses to boats.

The rural and coastal landscapes on view at Hammond Harkins Galleries reflect such interests.

"Northern Light: New Paintings by Robert Cardinal" marks his first solo show in the Midwest and presents a large and varied selection of recent

The native of Canada trained in Paris and New York.

In his most recent work, he likes the juxtaposition of a solitary boat caught between sky

and ocean.

Sometimes, as in End of Day, the sail is still up; elsewhere, as in Low Tide, Pamet Harbor and Pamet Harbor, Truro, only the hull is reflected in the ocean.

His handling of light and color, whatever the subject, makes his works unusual: He paints by the vibrant hues of sunrise and the bold shadow of sunset.

Because of his lighting, the simplest scenes take on a feeling of isolation or even mystery. Some scenes have a remarkable sense of stillness, reminiscent of the work of Edward Hopper.

Cardinal's buildings can exude personality. A feeling of expectation is found in Beach Point Cottages and Route 7, Vermont 2.

In painting the same scene from different angles, Cardinal achieves a variety of views and moods. Highland Light, Dusk is unexpectedly animated, almost free-spirited. Highland Light, Sunset, barely recognizable as the same subject, enjoys the bold rays of a setting sun. Highland Light, Near Dark becomes mysterious, even

Uncomplicated compositions that often border on the abstract, combined with the iridescent quality of painted surfaces, give the landscapes and seascapes charm and sometimes, even magic.

## New parody doesn't make it past judges

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (U-WIRE) — "American Dreamz" is like the "bad auditions" show of "American Idol" — manufactured tastelessness, punctuated by a handful of furny moments.

"Dreamz," directed by Paul Weitz, does its best to ridicule the ratings juggernaut, and it does a decent job. Hugh Grant does a great imitation of Simon Cowell, for one thing. But it's just unnecessary. "American Idol" has been parodied so many times, there's not much left to lampoon.

Speaking of recycled unfunniness, how about mocking our president's lack of communication skills? "Dreamz" sets its sights on that tired gag, too. In fact, "Dreamz" manages to combine these two story lines. After an hour of boring exposition, the president of the United States (played by Dennis Quaid) decides to boost his sagging popularity by acting as a guest judge on the most popular talent show on television, "American Dreamz."

If the scriptwriters decided to stick solely to that premise, this movie would fall under only the "kind of dumb" category. But no, they had to create the most sickening scenario I've seen in a while.

As in real life, this movie's United States is at war in Iraq, and we are shown a Middle East terrorist training camp. One

particular terrorist-in-training, Omer, is a sweet fellow who likes a good show tune and is eventually sent by his superiors to live in California to be a sleeper cell agent, unbeknownst to the Arab-American cousins with whom he is sent to live.

Omer's more of an entertainer than a Jihadist, though, and quickly settles into American life. When he manages to land a contestant spot on "American Dreamz," he's thrilled — until his superiors tell him his mission is to make it to the finals and blow himself (and the president) up at the grand finale.

In a much darker comedy, that story line may have worked.

The things we fear most can be the funniest when satirized the right way. It's possible the real purpose of the movie was to address our determination to distract ourselves with pop culture instead of political engagement; however, the movie makes no serious attempt to explore those questions.

There are genuinely funny moments in this movie, but it takes an hour to get to them.

That would have been the key to "American Dreamz"'s success: Yes, take the potshots at pop culture, but take it a step further and really explore why America would rather vote for an idol than a president.

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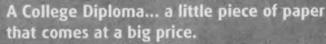




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## Columbus festival returns with 11 films

By Frank Gabrenya
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH (KRT)

Major film festivals achieve variety through sheer num-bers. Small festivals must pick titles carefully. The folks who programmed the second Deep Focus Film Festival — to take place Thursday through next Sunday at the Arena Grand theater in Columbus — think they have blended an intriguing range of themes and styles in 11 features.

'I'm pleased with the lineup," said Mark Pfeiffer, who helped festival organizer Melissa Starker select the bill.

"There's a lot of diversity, several kinds of films. People think everything at a festival French action movie| District B13 is enjoyable and entertaining. It's so cranked up and over-the-top that it's fun.

Deep Focus was created to draw little-seen independent films to Columbus. Half the films in the 2005 lineup returned later for theatrical runs; one of them, Murderball, was nominated for an Oscar.

One difference between the first two years is that the 2006 slate contains only two documentaries (American Blackout and loudOUIETloud: A Film About the Pixies).

Four were screened last

Documentarieshavebecome

because of their affordable budgets.

This year, Pfeiffer said, "We couldn't get the ones we want-

The latest lineup samples farefrom throughout the world, with features from Canada, France, Hungary and Spain as well as a British-French-South African venture (Wah-Wah).

Starker, who was gratified with the reception to the first festival, hopes to get more moviegoers to take a chance on films they might not usu-

'It doesn't take much," she said, "to acquire a taste for independent films."

## MP3s take away romance

**COLLECTING, FROM PAGE 15** 

Calif., designer of the DiscSox storage sleeve, which takes up less space than the convenjewel box, acknowledges that when it comes to collecting "it's a whole new ballgame" and more young people are going the download route. Manzardo himHis clients, he says, collect the old-fashioned way, and, even if they do download, want a back-

The need to collect may even be stronger now, psychologists surmise, because we're all so anxious about the world situation and have so much more information to process.

But instead of sitting alone and staring at a display screen, we should be sharing our collections with friends.

"Something has been lost," Marcus says. "You don't invite people to your house and show them your online playlist."

## Director moves from TV to the big screen in M:I III

Shortly after producer and star Tom Cruise approached J.J. Abrams to direct "Mission: Impossible III," Abrams had visions of Ashton Kutcher.

"I was in apoplectic shock when Tom first talked to me, Abrams said in a recent tele phone conversation. "I kept expecting Ashton to suddenly appear out of nowhere and 'You've been punk'd.' Why would Tom trust me with a movie like this?'

It's not as outrageous as the director seems to think. Although "Mission: Impossible III" is Abrams' first film, he's a small-screen artistic titan, creating and often directing "Lost," "Alias" and "Felicity."

"It becomes a full circle, actually," says the 39-year-old Abrams. "I loved all the 'Mission: Impossible' television shows. Just crazy about them. 'Alias' showed the influence of my love for the TV series, and it was 'Alias' that influenced Tom. He asked me to do the movie before 'Lost'

Despite his television renown. Abrams answers questions with appealing modesty. For example, he had not seen any footage of 'Capote" when he cast Philip Seymour Hoffman as "Mission III's" supremely nasty villain.

'I'm glad I hadn't seen any of 'Capote,'" he said. "It was such a flawless performance, I would have been too intimidated to expect him to take my direction.

And he makes you believe he means it. He sounds like a team player, and he sought to return on screen teamwork to the "Mission: Impossible"

"I loved the way the series itself embraced teamwork," Abrams said. "That had a huge impact on the series, seeing this group of incredibly sophisticated spies working together. I don't mean to talk against the first two movies, but the first "M:I" killed off the team early. And the second "M:I" really had no team at all."

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to "have humor and humanity. You know more about |Cruise's character| Ethan Hunt as an individual person.

"I wanted a personal story, but I didn't want the movie to take itself too seri-ously," he said. Three of my

all-time favorite movies are 'North by Northwest,' 'Raiders the Lost Ark' and 'The Philadelphia Story.' Part of the fun of 'North by Northwest' is that it tells you that it's OK if you don't always understand what's going on. Just have fun watching it. 'Raiders' has that

Well, that accounts for "Raiders" and "Northwest." But "The Philadelphia Story?"

The 1940 classic is a silk-

their privileges. No explosions, no special effects and not even one action scene.

"It just flows beautifully," he said. "It's based on a very popular play of that era, but it never looks stage-bound. Hove the people in it. It's probably my all-time favorite.

Mission: Impossible III's" spectacular action sequences are among the most convincing seen on screen. Cruise, as is his wont, did his own stunts.

'At times I thought I was incredibly stupid to let Tom do his own stunts," Abrams said. "But he committed him-

self completely, both physically and emotionally, to the film. And in directing the big action set pieces, I was like the kid in the candy store who then has his first visit to an amusements park. I wanted to taste everything and try everything, and I was

J.J. ADAMS, DIRECTOR having a great time." The film's many locales include Shanghai, Berlin and Rome. In Rome, cast and crew shot outside the Vatican but were not allowed inside. A palace near Naples doubled for the Vatican's interior.

Advance buzz on "Mission: Impossible III" pegs it as superior to the first two entries, with Abrams emerging as a hot property. He said he would possibly produce two new films and maybe direct one of and-satin depiction of the them. He wasn't at liberty to privileged classes enjoying name them.

## 'Threequels' make money, fall flat with moviegoers

Though each of these titles is enough to make the most hardy moviegoer clutch her popcorn and shriek, "enough, already!," all but one are the real deal. The first two will open next year; the third went straight to video. The fourth, thank heaven, is currently just an Internet rumor. (In case Sharon Stone is paying attention: No. Back away slowly from that idea, and nobody gets hurt.)

But these are just a few titles in the crowded history of the threequel; a sequel to a sequel, as it were. This year is full of them. Some are high-profile Tom Cruise stars in "Mission: Impossible III" (opening May 5), with Philip Seymour Hoffman, Keri Russell, Ving Rhames and undoubtedly a number of different forms of transportation. "X-Men: The Last Stand" (May 26), the third in the "X-Men" franchise, follows closely behind.

Later this season, watch for "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" (minus, apparently, anyone from the original cast), and for Tim Allen popping up yet again with "The Santa Clause 3" in time for the holidays. Though each of these will arrive in town preceded by a massive publicity blitz, all the fuss seems unnecessary. Who doesn't recognize these titles already, and already have an opinion of what their quality

This is, of course, why three quels (and, for that matter, sequels) get

proven moneymakers. And it's always easier to reheat the leftovers than to cook up a new meal from scratch. Sometimes those leftovers can stretch to a third night, and inexplicably get more popular in the process. The horror film "Saw II" outgrossed (in every sense of the word) the original 'Saw," and so we can look forward to "Saw III" this Halloween.

But with all this microwaving, flavor can get lost. We all know what happened to "The Godfather, Part III." "Batman Forever," "The Matrix: Revolutions,

Quick quiz:

Which of the

a real movie:

A. "Ocean's

B. "Shrek the

C. "Dr. Dolittle 3"

Thirteen"

D. "Basic

Instinct 3"

following is not

"Spy Kids 3," "Terminator 3" just fill in your least favorite threequel here. Some are sort of OK: "Austin Powers in Goldmember, Jurassic Park III. Naked Gun 33-1/3": The Final Insult": some are instantly forgettable. "Star Wars"? Sorry, I've forgotten it.)

The ones that work best tend to be part of an already existing universe, rather than newly dredgedup content: "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King." Some argue that these book-based films aren't sequels at all. I would argue back that the world is full of more amusing things to argue about, such as why the makers of "Final Destination 3" don't seem to understand the

But I've got high hopes for a few upcoming threequels. Though "X-Men: The Last Stand" brings a new director into the mix (Brett Ratner, whose output has been uneven at best), the terrific original cast should be watch able in any case, particularly Hugh Jackman's mutant dream boat Wolverine, Famke Janssen's whip-smart Dr. Jean Grey (yes, she's apparently back), and Anna Paquin's lonely Rogue.

"Mission: Impossible III," despite Cruise's undeniable over-

exposure, arrives with decent buzz and a director with pop-culture creed (J.J. Abrams, most recently known for work on TV's "Lost" and Next summer, I'll be first in line to see Sam Raimi's "Spider-Man 3," with new baddie Thomas Haden Church, and am not adverse to seeing Matt Damon and Joan Allen mix it up a little more in "The Bourne Ultimatum."

As long as audiences keep buying tickets; threequels and their successors will continue to fill the multiplexes. (Decades from now, watch for "Ocean's Thirty-two," in which an entire busload of petty thieves help a mysteriously youthful George Clooney rob a senior center.)

Here's hoping this summer's crop survives reheating, with some freshness intact.

## Video Web sites offer TV shows, music videos at the click of a mouse

Videos are huge again, but you're probably not watching them

Instead, even with 200-plus channels available on big-screen TVs, a whole lot of us are watching video clips on our computer screens. Thanks to digital camcorders, digital cameras (which can shoot snippets of video), high-speed Internet access and easy-to-use video editing software, anyone can make a mini-movie and put it online instantly.

But all the video Web sites popping up — led by YouTube, which gets 35 million-plus hits a day offer more than America's funniest (and stupidest and squirreliest) home videos. Miss "Weekend Update" on

"Saturday Night Live"? It's online. Craving to see the original Freddie Prinze in his '70s sitcom? It's online, too. Want to see the movie trailer for "The Da Vinci Code"? Ditto.

The sudden popularity of online "videos" — a catch-all online "videos" — a catch-all term that includes full-length TV shows - isn't lost on the broadcast TV networks: ABC recently announced that, starting in May, fans of "Desperate Housewives "Lost" and "Commander in Chief" can watch new episodes of those shows on abc.com for free (but there'll be ads).

Actually, almost anything video mercials, music videos (including classics from the early days MTV), scenes from current movies, parodies of movie trailers, maybe even your old band playing somewhere 10 years ago.

And once you've downloaded

a video, you can usually e-mail it to a pal (clips that are all over the Internet are dubbed "viral videos") or plop it on your blog or

MySpace page. But where do you look? A lot of sites offer similar clips, but some have exclusive content. Here's a sampler (and believe us, this is just the tip of the video iceberg).

Note: Adult content will pop up on some sites. On YouTube, for instance, users can flag objection-

### How to be a video star

To see how easy (or difficult) it is to put a video online, we tried it at YouTube. Our clip: home video of Mr. Pink, a feline star already appearing on KansasCity.com. Bottom line, it really is simple. Here's what you do:

■ If you're not already a You'Tube member, you have to join. But not much personal info is required.

■ Give your clip a title (ours was 'Bathtime for Kitty"), describe it, enter tags (search keywords
— we did "cat" and "bath"), click
the appropriate "channels" (Pets

& Animals in this case).

Upload the file from your computer. You're then asked whether you want public or private "broadcast" (private is viewable only by those you choose).

■ You're warned twice not to upload copyrighted material, such as TV shows or music videos, although some YouTube users obviously ignore this.

After a couple of minutes, you'll get a message saying the upload was successful, and the clip will be available for viewing in a few more minutes.

Searching for videos

Video sites have become so ubiquitous, there are now sites specializing in video-clip searches. The Wall Street Journal's Mossberg Solution column likes three in particular: AOL Video Search, Yahoo Video Search and Blinkx TV. Each site searches the entire Internet. By comparison, searches on YouTube and Google Video return results only from those sites. We had "The Rain," that mid-

'80s tune by Oran "Juice" Jones (I saw you — and him — walking in the rain...), stuck in our head and wondered if we could find the video. Here's how the

■ AOL Video (aol.com/video): Found it right there among AOL's

Yahoo Video (video.search.

yahoo.com ): Not there.

Blinkx TV (blinkx.tv): Nope.

■ YouTube (youtube.com): No

■ Google Video (video.google. com): No, although there was a clip of a guy singing along to the song on a Webcam.

. By the way, if you're looking for clips from TV or radio, try TVEyes (tveyes.com).

### Wild and wacky stuff

Some of the odder things you'll see on video-sharing sites:

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# Ney stands firm about innocence Statute of limitations Inquiries into the conduct of Mr. Abramoff and his associates." Ohio election gets pricey donations

## bring charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Ohio congressman caught up in a lob-bying scandal reasserted his innocence as a legal deadline passed.

Thestatute of limitations expired Thursday for federal prosecutors in Miami to bring charges against Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, involving his dealings with lobbyist Jack Abramoff and a Fort Lauderdale casino cruise line.

But the Justice Department is continuing a broader investigation and has indicated that any charges would be filed in Washington.

From day one, Congressman Ney has been clear and consistent regarding two important points," his spokesman, Brian Walsh, said in a statement. "First, he has never done anything illegal, improper or unethical.

Two, he would cooperate in any way possible with the Department of Justice's investigation into the illegal activities of Jack Abramoff.

Walsh added: "Congressman Ney remains eager to refute the baseless and unfair allegations reported in the media and he will continue to cooperate with inquiries into the conduct of Mr. Abramoff and his associates." Ney's lawyer, Mark Tuohey, said

Saturday "there is no crime here' regarding the Florida cruise line investigation.

He said Ney refused a request from prosecutors to extend for an additional six months the deadline that would have provided the government extra time to seek charges on the matter.

Ney had already granted one six-month extension of the statute of limitations. During that time, Tuohey said, he presented information to the U.S. attorney's office in south Florida arguing that Ney is innocent of wrongdoing in the cruise line matter.

The Justice Department could take the position that, even though the deadline has passed in the cruise line investigation, it could be included in a broader conspiracy indictment against Nev.

When Abramoff pleaded guilty to fraud charges in January, he told federal prosecutors Nev took thousands of dollars in gifts, travel and campaign donations from him and associates in exchange for official acts.

Some of Ney's alleged ties to Abramoff involved his chairmanship of the House Administration



FINDING TRUTH: This photo, taken Jan. 13, 2006, depicts Rep. Bob Ney, who was threatened with charges of dealings with Jack Abramoff.

Committee, such as the lucrative contract he gave to an Abramoff client in 2003 to improve wireless telephone reception in House

buildings.

Ney stepped down temporarily as chairman in January.

By Julie Carr Smyth THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio - California businessman Robin P. Arkley II has a horse in tomorrow's primary race in faraway Ohio. So does Penna Dexter in Plano, Texas, a regional representative for Concerned Women for America.

developers Howard and Betty Lou Schwartz, who also list a retirement address in Florida, have given \$40,000 split equally between a Democrat and a Republican running for Ohio governor

Out-of-staters have poured almost \$2 million into Ohio's 2006 race so far, more than an entire gubernatorial election costs in many states. Democrat Howard Dean's 1998 victory in Vermont, for instance, came in a race where the candidates raised \$775,880 combined.

The non-Ohio contributions are helping push up the price of the election to what may ultimately be a record-breaker for the state.

around the country, the two Democrats and two Republicans have raised a combined \$12.2 million even before the primary — over half the \$20.5 million spent in the state-record 1996 contest in which Gov. Bob Taft beat then-Attorney General Lee Fisher.

Perhaps most significant in Ohio, though, is not the amount of the contributions but their geographic diversity — particularly those going to Republican Secretary of State Ken Blackwell. Blackwell's campaign finance reports list donations from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Arkley, a \$10,000 donor in Eureka, Calif., and Dexter, who gave \$50, evidence the breadth.

Blackwell's was the one major campaign to which the Schwartzes didn't donate. Affiliated with Livingston, N.J.based Millenium Homes, the couple gave \$10,000 each to Attorney General Jim Petro,

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## Immigration demonstrators plan to dress up, protest U.S. policies

When workers at the Tiffin office of U.S. Rep. Paul Gillmor peer out their windows tomorrow, they may see musicians serenading them and even space aliens.

It will be part of an attentiongrabbing demonstration staged by farm workers and their supporters. And it will be among the rallies, marches and other events held around Ohio and the nation to push reform of U.S. immigra-

Members of the Farm Labor

Organizing Committee plan the Tiffin demonstration to protest Gillmor's vote on a recent immigration bill.

Baldemar Velasquez, president of the Toledo-based farm workers' union, has given his 20-member staff the day off to attend the march. He said they will all dress in white as a sign of solidarity.

Velasquez said some of the marchers will dress as space aliens and that he is looking for some musicians to serenade Gillmor to try to woo him.

"We admit we're aliens, but

we are here in peace," Velasquez

Gillmor said he supports the right to demonstrate, but defended his vote on the legislation, which he said was to strengthen border security.

"Nobody wants to stop immigration; the goal is to stop illegal immigration," Gillmor said Friday.

The Rev. Jayne Ruiz, coordinator of Hispanic Ministries for the Presbyterian Church in 11 western Ohio counties, is organizing a march at the Federal Building in Dayton and then a rally at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

"What we're trying to say is the immigration system is deeply broken," Ruiz said. "A lot of people think immigrants just walk in this country and get everything. That's an illusion.

The Ohio events are part of a nationwide protest billed as "A Day Without Immigrants.

In December, the U.S. House approved legislation that would make it a felony to be in the United States illegally. It

would impose new penalties on employers who hire illegal immigrants, require churches to check the legal status of the people they help, and erect fences along onethird of the U.S.-Mexican border.

In Cleveland, demonstrators plan to rally downtown at Public Square and then march to the

Federal Building. Organizer Don Bryant said

many illegal immigrants are key to America's economy and help keep costs down in certain industries. He said the debate has frightened many of them, who worry that their families will be torn apart because their American-born children cannot be deported if the parents are

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## Churches divide over Blackwell, Ohio primary

Religious leaders debate participation in political affairs

By Tim Jones
THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE (KRT)

LANCASTER, Ohio - A new and unofficial verse to the 19th Century hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers" is being sung in Ohio, where religious lead ers are marching as to political war — against each other — in advance of tomorrow's primary

The schism that has divided the state's diverse religious community involves complaints filed with the Internal Revenue Service against churches, a conservative Republican candidate for gover nor and a growing list of reli-gious-based non-profit groups formed to mobilize potentially millions of Ohio churchgoers in this election year

The confrontation has generated larger questions about the tisan politics. It has also changed the tone of political discourse, suggesting the ministerial robes

are coming off.
"A lot of ministers won't get involved in politics because they have a neurotic need to be loved by everyone," said Rev. Russell Johnson, pastor of Fairfield Christian Church and an ardent participant in politics.

Johnson's church in Lancaster, with a membership of about 5,000, is one of two evangelical churches that have been accused by a group of pastors of violating federal tax laws by supporting the gubernatorial candidacy of Republican Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell. About 50 pastors and religious leaders said the churches - through supportive statements and e-mails - have violated their tax-exempt status by promoting Blackwell's cam-

paign.
No doubt about it, said Rev.

Christ minister in Columbus.

"Blackwell is their champion and they want him elected," Williams said. Blackwell's main rival for the nomination is state Atty, Gen. Jim Petro.

Johnson dismissed the complaint filed with the IRS as "liberal ministers throwing mud" and said some of the clerics who signed the complaint "can hold church in a phone booth and still have room to dance."

evangelical Conservative Christian churches, like Johnson's, have dominated the religious component of political debate for years, and their relationship with the Republican Party is strong. In Ohio, their voice and votes contributed to President Bush's 2004 re-election and the overwhelming approval of a state constitutional ban on gay marriage

In recent months, rebuttals are coming from coalitions of Ohio pastors, priests and rabbis, who argue the public debate should not be confined to sexual and culture issues but should be expanded to poverty, social justice, war and the environment.

"There are voices missing from the public square ... We have been quiet too long and we haven't been heard," said Rev. Tim Ahrens, a United Church of Christ minister and founder of We Believe Ohio. "They [conservatives] think they are doing the work they have been called upon to do by God, and therein lies the problem."

Religious involvementinpoliticsisnotnew.William Jennings Bryan, Father Charles Coughlin and Jerry Falwell are all part of the history of religion and politics, as are pastors and for-mer presidential candidates Pat

Sharpton. And many Democratic candidates have found that Sunday stops to black churches are almost required visits in elections.

Evangelical con-

"They think servatives, for their they are part, have been doing the effective in organizing around issues work they of sexual orientahave been tion and abortion. Johnson, who helps called upon organize so-called to do by "patriot pastors," God." sees himself as a

leader in the cul-TIM AHRENS, ture wars against liberals, the media REVEREND and Hollywood. Johnsonisalsothe founder of the Ohio Restoration Project, a non-profit organization whose goals include regis

election-special newspaper to 1,700 evangelical churches earlier this month, urging members to vote on May 2 and warning of efforts by secularists to "muzzle

conservative Christians.' In a Feb. 24 speech in Cleveland, IRS Commissioner Mark Everson said nearly threequarters of 82 investigations by the IRS of church and charitable activity in 2004 uncovered prohibited political activity, includ-ing examples of the urging of members to vote for a particular candidate and religious leaders using the pulpit to endorse or oppose a candidate.

Everson said there is a need for tightened regulation regard-ing political intervention by churches and charities.

The IRS has acknowledged receiving complaints about Fairfield Christian Church and the World Harvest Church in Columbus but has made no fur-

## Rallies come to Columbus

sent back to Latin American countries, many in political turmoil.

"I view them as refugees," he

In Columbus, rallies will be held at Ohio State University and a restaurant on the city's west side. The Ohio Hispanic Coalition will show a movie titled "A Day Without a Mexican."

The six-county Youngstown Catholic Diocese has asked for church bells to be rung at noon tomorrow to mark the feast of St. Joseph the Worker and honor all workers, especially migrants and immigrants

"Throughout the history of the United States, immigrants and migrants to our land continue to work hard and contribute much to our economy," said diocese leader Monsignor Robert Siffren.

Siffren asked churches to include in their weekend Masses

ers implement a just immigration policy

The Youngstown estimates its 239,000 members include 15,000 "newcomers" from Mexico and central America.

The Cincinnati Coalition for a Comprehensive Immigration Reform plans a rally outside the Cincinnati office of Rep. Steve Chabot, R-Ohio. The group consists of immigrant groups, faith-based organizations, labor unions, college student clubs, community organizations and others

Many organizers said they are not encouraging immigrants to walk off the job to demonstrate their economic impact.
"We have a lot of sympathetic

employers," Velasquez said. Other employers would not be

so sympathetic to a walkout.

"I actually had a company call me and say 'if people walk out I'm firing them," Ruiz said.

### **EVENTS PLANNED TOMORROW AROUND OHIO TO PUSH IMMI-GRATION REFORM:**

- COLUMBUS: Rally at Ohio State University to raise awareness of Latino students and staff
- CLEVELAND: Rally downtown at Public Square and march to the Federal Building.
- CINCINNATI: Rally at office of Rep. Steve Chabot, R-Ohio, at Carew Tower downtown.
- DAYTON: A march at the Federal Building and a rally at Westminster Presbyterian Church, both downtown.
- TIFFIN: Rally at office of Rep. Paul Gillmor, R-Ohio. Demonstrators assemble at Rotary Park and then march to Gillmor's office at 96 S. Washington St.

## **Out-of-state funds help Rep.**

tering voters and participating in the political process. Johnson

distributed 500,000 copies of an

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a Republican, and the same \$20,000 sum to Democrat U.S. Rep. Ted Strickland. A telephone message seeking comment from the couple was not returned.

John Stemberger, president and general counsel for the Florida Family Policy Council, said Blackwell's name is wellknown among Christian "values voters" across the country who oppose abortion and gay marriage.

"Our organization doesn't endorse candidates, but I'll tell you I was going to cut Blackwell a check from my own personal account," said Stemberger, a member of the Arlington Group, group of politically influen tial conservatives that holds closed monthly meetings whose attendees are asked not to disclose specifics of their discussions. Blackwell has counted group and a presenter at their

"Frankly, I think that race is the most important in the country this time around, period. I think Ken Blackwell has the potential to be a national leader in the Republican Party. He could potentially be president of the United States someday, and the first black president at that."

Nearly a quarter of the \$3.8 million Blackwell has reported raising before tomorrow's primary has come from out-of-staters

more than any other candidate.

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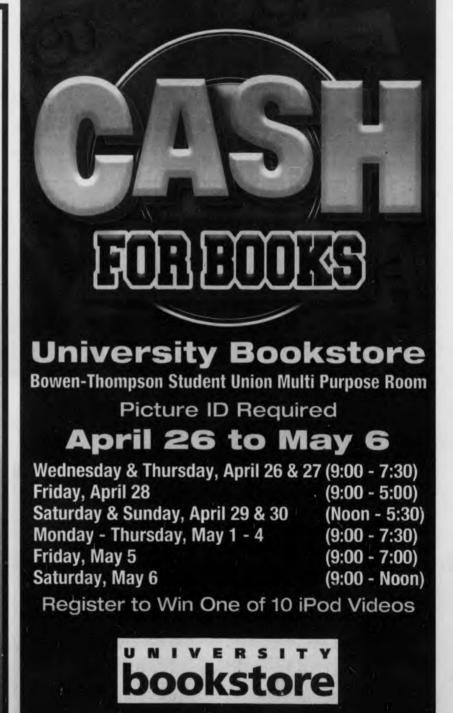
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## Chinese Catholics ordain new bishop

China tries to repair ties with the Vatican despite debate over authority

By Alexa Olesen THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BEIJING - China's state-sanctioned Roman Catholic Church ordained a new bishop yesterday, rejecting the Vatican's request to delay the appointment and threatening efforts to restore official ties between the sides after five decades.

China's Foreign Ministry defended the official church's right to ordain bishops without Vatican input and called the Holy See's criticism of such appointments "groundless."

The ordination could damage recent efforts to restore Sino-Vatican ties, cut in 1951 after the Communist Party took control in China. One of the stumbling long been a dispute over who has the authority to appoint bishops.

"The recent ordination of bishops at some diocese have been unanimously well-received by

church members and priests," the Foreign Ministry said in a faxed statement. "The criticism toward the Chinese side by the Vatican is groundless."

China's church the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association held a ceremony for the new bishop, Ma Yinglin, in the city of Kunming in southwestern Yunnan province.

Hong Kong Cable TV showed Ma wearing his new bishop's hat

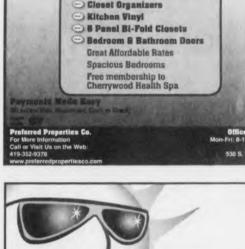
church with a Chinese-style sloping roof with yellow tiles. Security was tight, with police checking the invited audience at the entrance.

Outsidethechurch, ethnic minorities from Yunnan performed, with dancing women on one side of the sidewalk twirling and clapping their hands as men on the other side banjo-like played instruments.

"We are extremely happy to participate in Father Ma Yinglin's ordination,"

an unidentified dancing woman wearing an ornate headdress decorated with silver balls told the TV station. "He's been a big

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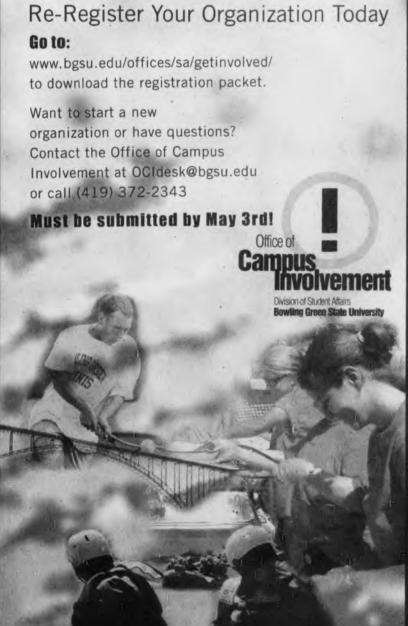
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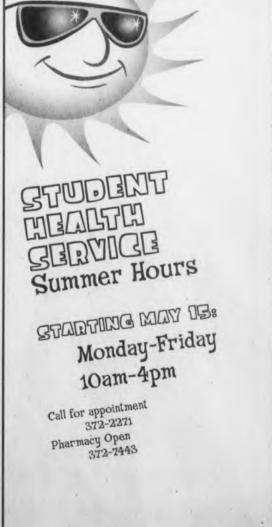
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## Churches divide over Blackwell, Ohio primary

Religious leaders debate participation in political affairs

By Tim Jones
THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE IRRTI

LANCASTER, Ohio - A new and unofficial verse to the 19th Century hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers" is being sung in Ohio, where religious leaders are marching as to political war - against each other - in advance of tomorrow's primary.

The schism that has divided the state's diverse religious community involves complaints filed with the Internal Revenue Service against churches, a conservative Republican candidate for gover-nor and a growing list of religious-based non-profit groups formed to mobilize potentially millions of Ohio churchgoers in this election year

The confrontation has generated larger questions about the

intersection of religion and partisan politics. It has also changed the tone of political discourse, suggesting the ministerial robes

are coming off.
"A lot of ministers won't get involved in politics because they have a neurotic need to be loved by everyone," said Rev. Russell Johnson, pastor of Fairfield Christian Church and an ardent participant in politics.

Johnson's church in Lancaster, with a membership of about 5,000, is one of two evangelical churches that have been accused by a group of pastors of violating federal tax laws by supporting the gubernatorial candidacy of Republican Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell. About 50 pas tors and religious leaders said the churches - through supportive statements and e-mails violated their tax-exempt status by promoting Blackwell's cam-

No doubt about it, said Rev.

Christ minister in Columbus.
"Blackwell is their champion,

and they want him elected, Williams said. Blackwell's main rival for the nomination is state Atty. Gen. Jim Petro.

Johnson dismissed the com-plaint filed with the IRS as "liberal ministers throwing mud' and said some of the clerics who signed the complaint "can hold church in a phone booth and still have room to dance.'

evangelical Conservative Christian churches, like Johnson's, have dominated the religious component of political debate for years, and their relationship with the Republican Party is strong. In Ohio, their voice and votes contributed to President Bush's 2004 re-election and the overwhelming approval of a state constitutional ban on gay marriage.

In recent months, rebuttals are coming from coalitions of Ohio pastors, priests and rabbis, who not be confined to sexual and culture issues but should be expanded to poverty, social justice, war and the environment.
"There are voices

missing from the public square . We have been quiet too long and we haven't been heard," said Rev. Tim Ahrens, a United Church of Christ minister and founder of We Believe Ohio. "They |conservatives| think they are doing the work they have been called upon to do by God, and therein lies the problem."

Religious involvementinpoliticsisnotnew.William Jennings Bryan, Father Charles Coughlin and Jerry Falwell are all part of the history of religion and politics, as are pastors and for-mer presidential candidates Pat Sharpton. And many Democratic candidates have found that Sunday stops to black churches are almost required visits

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in elections. Evangelical conservatives, for their part, have been effective in organizing around issues of sexual orientation and abortion. Johnson, who helps organize so-called patriot pastors, sees himself as a leader in the culture wars against liberals, the media and Hollywood.

Johnsonisalsothe founder of the Ohio Restoration Project, a non-profit organization whose goals include regis tering voters and participating in the political process. Johnson distributed 500,000 copies of an

election-special newspaper to 1,700 evangelical churches earlier this month, urging members to vote on May 2 and warning of efforts by secularists to "muzzle conservative Christians.

In a Feb. 24 speech in Cleveland, IRS Commissioner Mark Everson said nearly threequarters of 82 investigations by the IRS of church and charitable activity in 2004 uncovered prohibited political activity, including examples of the urging of members to vote for a particular candidate and religious leaders using the pulpit to endorse or oppose a candidate.

Everson said there is a need for tightened regulation regarding political intervention by

churches and charities.

The IRS has acknowledged receiving complaints about Fairfield Christian Church and the World Harvest Church in Columbus but has made no fur-

## Rallies come to Columbus

sent back to Latin American countries, many in political turmoil.

'I view them as refugees," he said.

In Columbus, rallies will be held at Ohio State University and a restaurant on the city's west side. The Ohio Hispanic Coalition will show a movie titled "A Day Without a Mexican."

The six-county Youngstown Catholic Diocese has asked for church bells to be rung at noon tomorrow to mark the feast of St. Joseph the Worker and honor all workers, especially migrants and immigrants.

Throughout the history of the United States, immigrants and migrants to our land continue to work hard and contribute much to our economy," said diocese leader Monsignor Robert Siffren. Siffren asked churches to

include in their weekend Masses

a prayer that government leaders implement a just immigration policy

The Youngstown diocese estimates its 239,000 members include 15.000 "newcomers" from Mexico and central America.

The Cincinnati Coalition for a Comprehensive Immigration Reform plans a rally outside the Cincinnati office of Rep. Steve Chabot, R-Ohio. The group consists of immigrant groups, faith-based organizations, labor unions, college student clubs, community organizations and others.

Many organizers said they are not encouraging immigrants to walk off the job to demonstrate their economic impact.

"We have a lot of sympathetic employers," Velasquez said. Other employers would not be

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John Stemberger, president and general counsel for the Florida Family Policy Council, said Blackwell's name is wellknown among Christian "values voters" across the coun-try who oppose abortion and gay marriage.

"Our organization doesn't endorse candidates, but I'll tell you I was going to cut Blackwell a check from my own personal account," said Stemberger, a member of the Arlington Group, a group of politically influential conservatives that holds closed monthly meetings whose attendees are asked not to disclose specifics of their discussions. Blackwell has counted group and a presenter at their

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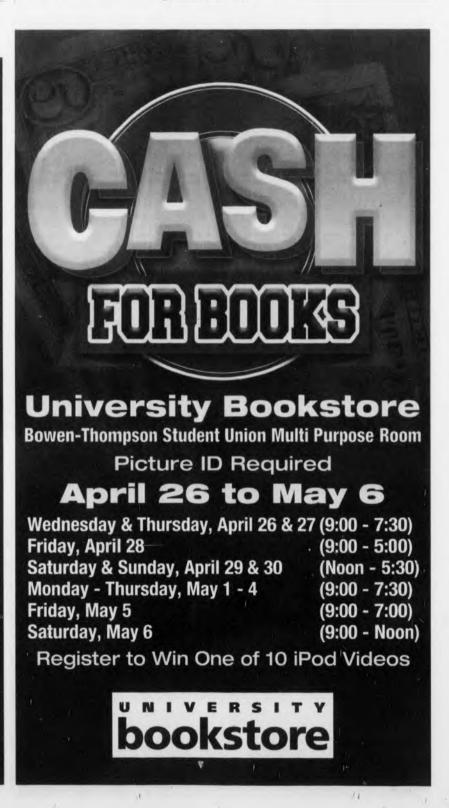
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Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala and the legislators urged negotiations with the rebels, who played a key role in protests that forced the king to give up power last week and appear headed for a role in the political mainstream.

## Chinese Catholics ordain new bishop

China tries to repair ties with the Vatican despite debate over authority

By Alexa Olesen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING - China's state-sanc tioned Roman Catholic Church ordained a new bishop yesterday. rejecting the Vatican's request to delay the appointment and threatening efforts to restore official ties between the sides after five decades.

China's Foreign Ministry defended the official church's right to ordain bishops without Vatican input and called the Holy See's criticism of such appointments groundless."

The ordination could damage recent efforts to restore Sino-Vatican ties, cut in 1951 after the Communist Party took control in China. One of the stumbling blocks in improving relations has

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the authority to appoint bishops.

The recent ordination of bishops at some diocese have been unanimously well-received by

church members and priests," the Foreign Ministry said in a faxed statement. "The criticism toward the Chinese side by the Vatican is groundless." China's church -

the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association held a ceremony for the new bishop, Ma Yinglin, in the city of Kunming in southwestern Yunnan province.

Hong Kong Cable TV showed Ma wearing his new bishop's hat and carrying an omate gold staff as he waved to the faithful.

Before the ceremony, the TV report showed a long line of cler-

church with a Chinese-style sloping roof with yellow tiles. Security was tight, with police checking the invited audience at the entrance.

Outsidethechurch, ethnic minorities from Yunnan performed, with dancing women on one side of the sidewalk twirling and clapping their hands as men on the other side played banjo-like instruments.

"We are extremely happy to participate in Father Ma Yinglin's ordination,

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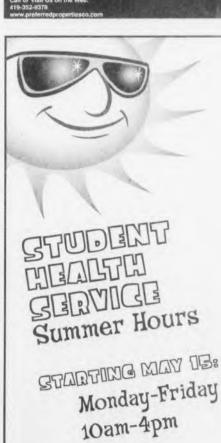
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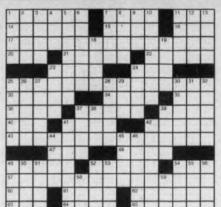
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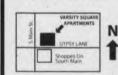
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