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**CASEY LOFTHOUSE**, Junior, Mechanical Design

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WEATHER

**TODAY**  
T-Showers  
High: 71, Low: 47

**TOMORROW**  
Few Showers  
High: 53, Low: 40

## USG vote 'transcends' gender

The student government supports changes to University's anti-discrimination policy

By Kelly Day  
Senior Reporter

Transgendered students and faculty are one step closer to being recognized in the BGSU Anti-harassment and Anti-discrimination Policy with the addition of the Undergraduate Student Government to a growing list of supporters.

At last night's USG meeting, Joelle Ryan, a doctoral student and President of Transcendence, and Marlene Bomer, a community liaison, spoke to USG about discrimination they have experienced on campus and their quest to be recognized by the University in the discrimination policy. Transcendence is a campus

organization which supports and fights for rights and visibility for transgendered individuals.

The current BGSU discrimination policy says, "The Anti-harassment and Anti-discrimination Policy covers harassment and/or discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, race or color, marital status, ethnicity, religion or creed, ances-

try, national origin, disability, age and veteran's status. Other forms of harassment and/or discrimination, while harmful and unwanted, do not fall under the purview of this policy."

Last night's resolution stated, if passed, USG would be in support of Transcendence's efforts to add the words "gender," "gender identity" and "gender expression" to

the written policy.

Off-Campus Senator Mike Vecchio was opposed to the passage of the resolution, stating the added words would simply restate what is already in the policy.

"The fact of the matter is, it falls under the discrimination of sex," Vecchio said.

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## Act calls for universities to aid pregnant students

By Christy Johnson  
Reporter

The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Pregnant and Parenting Student Services Act of 2007 introduced on February 15th by Ohio Democrat Marcy Kaptur and North Carolina Republican Sue Myrick will encourage colleges and universities to provide pregnant students pre-natal and parenting resources on their respective campuses.

If the bill is passed, a pilot program would be established that would provide up to \$10 million in grants used to help institutions of higher education to create and operate pregnant and parenting student services offices.

At BGSU, the Health Center offers students pregnancy testing and contraceptives, but does not offer pre-natal care or parenting support.

And while the University does not offer pre-natal care or clinics, surrounding medical facilities offer a wide range of programs for mothers to be. Other pregnancy centers in Wood County, including the Wood County Health Department and the Wood County Hospital provide services for pregnant women.

The Wood County Health Department sees about 160 pregnant women a year from Wood County, and offers classes like and pre-natal care, according to Kathleen Ferrell, RNBSN and clinical supervisor for the Wood County Health Department.

The Wood County Hospital saw 551 births between 2005-2006, and have services available for expectant mothers including breast feeding, pre-natal education programs, childbirth prep sessions, infant CPR and more. The cost for these programs ranges from \$10 to \$35, said Catherine Harmed, director of marketing for Wood County Hospital.

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## COLLEGE PREGNANCY



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## Presenter examines homosexuality in history

By Dana Freeman  
Reporter

Jade Esteban Estrada told the truth about homosexuals in history last night with a voice fit for Broadway.

Skilled in dance, comedy, the ability to interact with an audience and a knack for accents, Estrada was a perfect candidate to help VISION kick off the start of Rainbow Dayz 2007 with his performance, "ICONS: The Lesbian and Gah History of the World, Vol. 3."

Estrada saw many friendly faces in the audience because last night was his third visit to Bowling Green, bringing with him an educational show. Audience members that were new to the show weren't sure what to expect.

Amber Eischen, freshman, attended the program to learn more about the history of homosexuals for a women's studies project.

"I don't know much about it, I'm here to learn," Eischen said.

Eischen was able to learn about historical gay and lesbian figures such as King James and Mary Cheney from the performance.



**SHAWNDA HESS** | THE BG NEWS  
**NICE HAIR:** Jade Esteban Estrada performs as Noimi from the Bible.

James Offenhartz, former activism chair of VISION, came to support VISION and to meet Estrada. Also not sure what to expect, Offenhartz sat in the front row of the audience with an open mind.

"What I'd ultimately like to see is something like the 'Vagina Monologues' but with homosexuals," Offenhartz said.

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## Nutrition month aims to keep students healthy

By Brittany Roderick  
Guest Reporter

An information campaign this month strives to illustrate the importance of eating healthier foods — something most students don't realize is easy or important.

March is National Nutrition Month, sponsored annually by the American Dietetic Association, aims to inform Americans how easy and inexpensive cooking is. Healthier cooking ensures optimal health, something all students need.

Diane Woggon, a dietitian at Woodhaven nursing home in Bowling Green, stresses the importance of preparing meals at home. This is healthier and will cut the costs of eating fast food. But, the biggest hurdle for most students is not having anything readily available to eat, so they buy junk food, she said. An easy fix is having fruits or vegetables already cut up.

"We can all be lazy. It's easier to grab junk food which is pre-packaged than to peel and cut an apple," Woggon said.

**Eating In Variety**  
Another key to a better, healthier diet is eating in variety, Woggon said. Adding veggies to

any dish is possible. A prime example is tossing in fresh veggies with Ramen Noodles, which is healthy and cost-effective. Think stir-fry, something with a lot of variety, she said.

Adam Barber, a resident of Campbell Hill, said he enjoys making dishes like stir-fry or pasta. He also enjoys eating macaroni and cheese or Ramen noodles with tuna as cheap supplements.

"I don't like junk food, but I wouldn't say all I eat is healthy. But I like to throw lots of stuff in when I cook," Barber said.

Assistant General Manager for dining services in Founders, Linda Duda, also recommends eating a variety of color. By eating red and green peppers, green leafy veggies and eggplant for example, makes it easier to garner nutrients from many sources, she said.

Woggon also noted that meat is a very necessary part of any diet. Rotisserie chickens are a good buy because they provide more than one meal. Learn to love leftovers, she said. With one purchase, it's possible to have chicken and rice, or noodles, or vegetables or even a cup of soup.

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## Professor shares art from around the world

By Molly McCabe  
Reporter

Bonnie Mitchell, an associate professor in digital arts, looked at contemporary performances and works of art crossing between creativity and technology.

She spoke in the Union yesterday on the "creative convergence of visual and performing arts with technology."

Mitchell has been teaching at the University for nine years, she is originally from Maine.

Mitchell spoke about her experiences and showcased artwork that was at the Special Interest on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques, also known as SIGGRAPH, Art Exhibition in Boston.

Mitchell has been volunteering for SIGGRAPH since 1990 and has worked her way up to being the art exhibit chair.

"This position as art exhibit chair is one of the top positions a digital artist can hold," Mitchell said.

The College of Arts and Sciences Forum has three events in the fall and three events in the spring, covering hard science, arts and

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## BLOTTER

### SUNDAY

12:18 A.M.

Complainant observed four subjects smoking marijuana on the north side of Saddlemere.

11:28 A.M.

North Grove Street resident reported finding her 14-year-old son smoking marijuana in her apartment.

4:12 P.M.

A complainant reported subjects playing soccer on the tennis courts.

5:49 P.M.

South Enterprise Street resident reported an unknown person kicked the driver's side mirror of her vehicle overnight, causing \$400 in damage. Her windshield was also struck, creating a crack that resulted in \$250 in damage.

6:42 P.M.

People reported shooting a pellet gun on East Napoleon Road. When police arrived, a woman admitted to shooting the gun and she was told not to use it within city limits.

8:05 P.M.

Jefferson Drive resident called to report \$40 cash taken from his home. It was later discovered that the juvenile had taken the money from his parents.

8:36 P.M.

Seventh Street resident reported two people shooting with an air soft rifle and an air soft shotgun with a laser. Officers found the guns at a Sixth Street apartment. The residents were told that they can't shoot the guns in Bowling Green.

10:36 P.M.

Staff member at Wood County Hospital on West Wooster Street reported a man came to the emergency room; he was intoxicated and refused to wait for treatment.

### MONDAY

3:32 A.M.

Man reported looking into windows at an East Napoleon Road apartment complex. Police were unable to locate him upon arrival.

4:18 A.M.

Unknown people reported to have knocked over garbage cans from the 300 to the 500 block of Conneaut Avenue.

## USG

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Vecchio said it is up to court rulings and education efforts to create awareness about the issue.

But At-Large Senator Johnnie Lewis said the new policy would put potential transgendered student and faculty at ease when considering BGSU.

"Individuals coming into the University look at this policy," Lewis said.

USG President Bernard Little said the most important issue is that USG constituents were asking for their support.

"They don't feel welcome by this policy and adding this would make them feel welcome," he said.

Joelle Ryan said being a transgendered individual on campus can be difficult at times. One of the primary inconveniences is the lack of gender neutral bathrooms. Ryan said some buildings on campus have the single stall that is gender neutral, but other buildings, including the Union, are still without them.

Ryan said whether she uses the men's or women's restroom, she gets funny looks and typi-

cally people will not use the facility when she is in the bathroom. Ryan said she is often yelled at in a discriminatory manner when walking down the street.

Though she has not been discriminated against in her department, Ryan said she is just lucky to teach in the American Culture Studies department, which tends to be more accepting than other departments on campus.

After debating the issue, USG ruled in favor of the resolution, with an 11-6 and 1 abstention vote.

Ryan and Bomer will now set out to gain support from other organizations on campus for their cause.

To date, the Human Resource Council, Equal Opportunity Compliance Committee, Office of Equity and Diversity and the LGBT task force are behind Transcendence's efforts. Ryan and Bomer hope to add the Graduate Student Senate and Faculty Senate to the list later this week.

"Once we get this real consensus we're hoping that will send a message to the Board of Trustees," Ryan said.

For more information about Transcendence, visit their Web site, [www.transbg.com](http://www.transbg.com).

## ARTS

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humanities topics, said Mary Hitt, administrative secretary for arts and sciences.

"We wanted to take the opportunity to showcase someone from the BGSU faculty," said Sarah Dias, executive assistant to the dean of arts and sciences.

Mitchell's presentation showed a small portion of what kind of digital art is out there.

In 2006, Mitchell chaired the SIGGRAPH Art Exhibition in Boston and the GRAPHITE Digital Art Exhibition in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She shared with the audience what the 20,000 attendees from 80 different countries experienced during the exhibition.

The works included algorithmic art, digital imaging, motion paintings, interactive electronic installation art, audio installations, network and screen-based art, rapid prototype and interactive sculptures, robotic art, elec-

tronic fiber art, digital animations and electronically mediated performances. There were over 200 works from 18 various countries.

Close to 230 companies exhibited their newest technologies for artists to test out.

Mitchell showed clips of what she referred to as a "diverse array of art works." Innovative technologies and aesthetic art were also shown in the presentation.

Artists used the senses, human reaction and body movement to create artwork.

Mitchell also discussed the 2006 GRAPHITE Art Show in Malaysia, which was held at the University College of Creative Technologies. She shared with the audience that Malaysia is not a third world country like many people believe. Malaysia is a very technology savvy country, which was made evident in the digital art show.

Next up for Mitchell is the 2007 Digital Art Show in Perth, Australia, where she will be the chair of the event.

## BIRTH

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Ferrel added that while there are sufficient pregnancy programs in Wood County, transportation to these facilities may be an issue, since there is a lack of public transportation in the Bowling Green area.

A pregnancy and parenting center on campus would elevate the need for transportation for students.

Mary Krueger, director of the

women's center, said that there is an adequate amount of pregnancy resources in the Bowling Green area, but where she sees a need is in parenting services.

"I've worked with students who have kids and are trying to get through school, and its just really hard," Krueger said.

Krueger explained that pregnancy only lasts 9 months, and while care is important during those 9 months, once an expectant mother decides to keep her child is when a life changing decision is made, and they (both the

father and the mother) may need assistance.

A parenting center on the University could help these students who are juggling schoolwork and parenting.

"I think that whether or not students see pregnant students on campus doesn't mean they're not around," said Leyna McCord, sophomore. "If someone is pregnant and chooses to stay in school, they should get all the support that they need, and a center on campus could [provide] those specific needs."

## NUTRITION

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### On-campus Food Choices

While it may be harder for students who live on campus to eat in a variety, there are some options. For example, Woggon said students often forget about their parents. But, sophomore Beth Ferback knows the secrets of utilizing parents. When her parents want to make sure she is eating enough, Ferback said she takes food home with her.

While Ferback lives on campus, she often eats at the Sun Dial. But running out of money on her food plan doesn't worry her; it's the food choices that do.

"I look at whatever the specialty meal is and if I don't like

it I just settle for a sandwich I guess," she said.

It is difficult for on-campus students to cook on their own, Duda said.

Using a mini fridge and a microwave may seem limiting, but there are some options beyond most frozen meals. Not many students know that vegetables like broccoli, green beans and carrots cook well in the microwave with just a small amount of water in the dish. Besides vegetables, tofu and nuts can be mixed in with many dishes, she said.

Duda also stresses the importance of a well-balanced breakfast, adding that breakfast on campus tends to be cheaper than any other meal.

"Eat breakfast like a king,

lunch like a queen and dinner like a pauper. Breakfast is the most important, but you still do need three meals a day," she said. "But having your stomach full of junk before bed isn't good."

Ferback said she can't wait to live off campus — planning on splitting the cost of groceries with her roommate next year. Woggon said sharing food is a good idea. Especially with fruits and vegetables that may go bad, splitting the cost will ensure that they are eaten and not wasted.

Another way to reduce eating costs is to have group meals with each person contributing one portion of the meal, Woggon said. This way each person spends a smaller amount of money but will be able to eat a whole meal.



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DRESS UP: Jade Esteban Estrada Cheney.

## JADE

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Estrada only lingered on stage long enough to change in and out of his six different costumes portraying historical figures. Otherwise, he was moving through the audience captivating each member.

Offenhardt got more than he bargained for when Estrada sat on his lap and serenaded him for a brief moment during the show.

Estrada ended his show singing the very same song he began with, and the theme for the whole show.

"It takes someone from history to unveil some of the mystery," he sang.



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THE KING: Jade Esteban Estrada performs as King James in Olscamp.

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9:30 a.m.  
**Jazz Fest: Improvisation Clinic**  
Event is free and open to the public  
1012 Moore Musical Arts Center

1-4 p.m.  
**Student Union Programs: Wax Hands**  
Union Mezzanine Lobby

7-9 p.m.  
**Sex Q&A**  
Conklin Conference Room

8 p.m.  
**Nine Planets and Counting**  
Multi-media event  
112 Physical Science Bldg.  
Planetarium

9 p.m.  
**College Democrats Informational Meeting**  
215 Olscamp

9-10:15 p.m.  
**Vision (GLBT+) Weekly Meeting**  
107 Hanna Hall

9-10 p.m.  
**When Heavy Metal Meets Art**  
Discussion of sculpture and what it has to offer BG, sponsored by the KCD Resident Advisor Staff  
Kreischer Arts Village

**Fake degrees: latest trend**

By Steve Rock  
MCT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Need a college degree to get ahead? Don't want to attend classes to get it? Well, hop on the Internet and buy a fake transcript and diploma. Phony diplomas are proliferating on the Web, leading to fears of academic fraud and a constant legal battle by universities to protect their good names. Officials at Kansas State University, for example, recently instructed their trademark-licensing agent to send a cease-and-desist letter to a Web site that offered a fake Kansas State University diploma and transcript for \$249.99. On any given day, the same thing could be happening at many other universities.

**Dollar donations buys vaccines**

By Christie Kerner  
Reporter

**"I am excited because we have over 100,000 pins..."**

Amber Daniels | President

Saving the lives of children suffering from measles in developing countries will be possible for any student on campus starting today.

The Measles Initiative sponsored by the University's Red Cross Club and African People's Association will run from 11 to 3 p.m. through Friday at the Union tables.

Students will be collecting \$1 donations for four hours each day in hopes to buy vaccines to protect children from measles. The children are often subjected to poor living conditions and have weaker immune systems, which is why measles is so deadly to them, according to Measles Initiative Web site.

The initiative is a national project supported by the American Red Cross, United Nations Foundation, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund.

Ember Ngur, a member of both clubs and an intern for the American Red Cross in Wood County, wanted to represent what the Red Cross does.

"When most people think of the Red Cross they think of blood drive, but I wanted to encompass what exactly the Red Cross does not only locally but internationally as well," Ngur said.

Each year, measles kills nearly 454,000 in countries such as Africa, Asia and Korea and of these people 410,000 deaths are

children under the age of five.

"A \$1 donation will grant one child a vaccine against the disease, vitamin A to boost the immune system, and a de-worming medication known as mendendazole," Ngur said.

Although the disease is one of the largest killers of children in developing countries it is also one of the most preventable.

"There are more than 20,000 students in BGSU and if each person donated \$1 imagine how many lives that would save," Komlan Koutoglo, president of the African People's Association, said.

Any student who donates will also receive a pin.

Amber Daniels, president of the Red Cross Club, explained her goal for the initiative.

"I am excited because we have over 100,000 pins and it would be awesome to hand all of them out," she said.

The students continue to have high hopes for the initiative and that it will impact and save the lives of many.

"I just hope that people begin to think beyond themselves and where they are at and just be giving because the world is becoming a smaller place and whether you think it affects you or not it does," Ngur said.



LAUREN SHINDOLLAR | THE BG NEWS

**MIXING IT UP:** Brian Self, bartending manager at Cucina Di Betto, teaches a Mixology class to a group of students. This class is the first of a three part series.



JOSE LUIS VILLEGAS | AP PHOTO

**STUDY WINE:** Jose Lovaglio of Argentina, Karishma Grover of India and Jonas Mueller of Germany (left-right) are International students studying winemaking at University of California Davis in Davis, California.

**Students study wine in California**

By Mike Dunne  
MCT

In 1935, not long after the repeal of Prohibition, the University of California's department of viticulture and enology moved to Davis from Berkeley, where it had been established in 1880. Ever since, students have been pausing in Davis en route to careers as grape growers, winemakers, lab technicians, cellar workers.

Most are American, but each year about 10 percent of the department's students are from outside the United States — South Africa, Argentina, Israel, Mexico, Italy, Korea, India and France are some of the count.

They pay a premium — this year, \$27,007 in student fees for undergraduates compared with \$8,323 for Californians — but few other centers of wine education and research have the stature of UC Davis.

"My studies at Davis [showed me] the pros and cons in winemaking technology," says Christian Moueix, one of the world's more accomplished winemakers. Moueix owns both Chateau Petrus in Bordeaux and Dominus Estate in

Napa Valley. He was a graduate student at UC Davis in the late 1960s.

Unlike Moueix, most international students at UC Davis don't end up in California, but return home to use their Davis education to compete against their former classmates in an increasingly globaleconomy. Nonetheless, this seems not to bother any of the students, regardless of where they are from.

"I have never encountered a [negative] attitude from any of my fellow students," says Jose Lovaglio, a senior from Argentina. "On the contrary, a lot of the American students have asked me about internships abroad to learn our ways of making wine."

Lovaglio is one of three international students who talked about how they got to UC Davis, what they are learning and where they eventual-

ly hope to apply their lessons. The others are Karishma Grover from India and Jonas Mueller from Germany.

**JOSE LOVAGLIO**  
Age: 22

Home: Mendoza, Argentina  
Year: Senior

Even if he'd wanted to, Jose Lovaglio couldn't have escaped the smells of fermenting grape juice as he grew up.

His home was in his family's Argentine winery.

"The upper floor, connected by a staircase that doesn't even have a door, is our house. From our living room we could watch people working at the tanks," Lovaglio recalls between classes at UC Davis.

Over the past four years, he's learned the science behind those smells, but their pull remains personal and strong.

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| Seniors                      | <b>March 27</b> |
| Juniors                      | <b>April 3</b>  |
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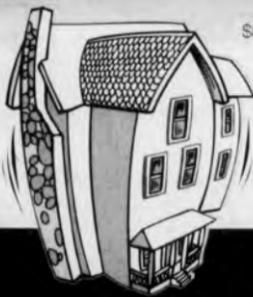
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**809 North Grove St.**  
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# Officials identify contributing factors to Noe scandal

Governor proposes restructuring the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation after auditors release report

By John McCarthy  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — A state audit has confirmed the key elements of a scandal that tore through the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation over the past two years, including abuse of power by its chief financial officer, and a lack of proper oversight and internal checks and balances.

State auditors also found during the routine review of operations for 2005 and 2006 that some key financial documents had been destroyed. State Auditor Mary Taylor is asking the bureau to review the situation.

The audit was released yesterday by Taylor, a Republican

whose party was toppled from power amid the scandal at the bureau over lost investments.

Though such findings would normally serve as an important red flag to state investigators, most were already known due to months of news reports, investigations and legal proceedings surrounding the bureau investment scandal, which began with rare coin dealer Tom Noe, imprisoned for stealing from a \$50-million rare-coin investment by the workers' comp bureau.

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Taylor said.

Gov. Ted Strickland, a Democrat elected Nov. 7, has promised to restructure the agency, including the creation of an independent board to oversee investments.

The audit found:

— Former chief financial officer Terrence Gasper entered into inappropriate relationships with financial managers by accepting cash and other benefits in exchange for business with the bureau, which provides benefits to injured workers. Gasper pleaded guilty in June to accepting bribes in exchange for doling out agency business, and awaits action as he cooperates with authorities.

— Bureau private equity investments were not properly monitored by management, allowing external investment managers to make improper investments. The review found the ability to accurately track investment activity and determine its value was seriously compromised.

— Rate-setting policies for employers seeking injured workers' insurance were inadequate and lacked oversight. An override policy at the bureau that allowed staff members to change the rates of employers at the behest of some lawmakers is under investigation.

— Communication was lacking between the bureau's legal

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and financial staffs, allowing omissions in financial reporting requirements.

Taylor made a series of recommendations for addressing ongoing financial issues at the bureau, including better information sharing and most rigorous monitoring of investment managers. She is conducting a special audit of the

override system.

"There is an ongoing discussion on this issue. Stay tuned," she said.

Since the scandal broke in April 2005, first reported by The Blade, the agency has begun to rebound, Taylor said.

"They are taking steps to improve the management structure," she said.

## Livestock doctors may be a dying breed

SOUTH LEBANON, Ohio (AP) — Ohio's dwindling number of veterinarians who specialize in treating livestock say for them, a passion for farm life and the resourcefulness needed to treat their bulky patients is worth the trade-off of missing a regular schedule in an office.

The state's only veterinary school is alarmed that the spirit seems to be disappearing among graduates.

Just six of 106 graduates last year who responded to a survey by the Ohio State University veterinary school said they would go into private practice to treat only or predominantly livestock grown for food, such as cattle and hogs.

"People wanting to go to vet schools nowadays grew up in a city," said Bimbo Welker, director of OSU's Large-Animal Services in Marysville. "Some are not really that keen on living in the country."

The pattern is part of a nationwide shortage of large-animal vets that the industry last year said could threaten the nation's food safety. While demand is expected to increase amid concerns over foot-and-mouth and other diseases at large livestock operations, about 4 percent of openings are expected to go unfilled by 2016, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

In the OSU survey, 11 percent said they'd treat large animals in mixed practices, and another 13 percent said they'd be horse specialists, while 46 percent wanted practices with all or mostly small pets. The respondents were among 134 graduates overall.

A task force on the shortage said the school must do more to recruit and retain students inter-



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**CARING FOR ANIMALS:** Dr. Lavinia Hultgren, a large animal veterinarian, examines an ewe with an abscess on its jaw at Dragonwood Farm, as farm manager Steve Schnellein looks on, near South Lebanon, Ohio, on March 16.

ested in the field, and help them find jobs. The task force also suggested reserving vet school spots to admit a select number of animal science undergraduates after their sophomore years.

The school's required rotation at the Marysville large-animal practice often comes too late in schooling for students to realize they want to pursue the vocation, Welker said.

Lavinia Hultgren owns Little Miami Veterinary Service near South Lebanon, where about 15 percent of her practice is food livestock and large exotic animals such as alpacas. As Warren County's farm fields give way to shopping centers, she said she's the last vet serving livestock in the county.

"She's a dying breed as far as veterinarians. Most of them just want to do dogs and cats," said Rick Krauser, whose farm is near Springboro, after Hultgren performed an ultrasound on

an alpaca and did bloodwork on two others.

Hultgren said she enjoys working outdoors with farmers and coming up with on-the-spot solutions — such as fashioning a splint for a calf's broken leg out of scrap wood and torn sheeps.

But, she acknowledges the life isn't for everyone, especially for mothers. She relies on a close family network to care for her three children during nighttime emergency calls.

Those calls are something a large-animal vet can't afford to ignore. "If you're not available and someone else is, you can lose a client," said Michelle Michalak, a vet who works mainly at hog farms across Ohio.

Losing a pet owner as a client might not cost that much revenue, but a dairy farm can spend \$25,000 a year on veterinary care. "You really want to keep your clients happy," Michalak said.

## Court decision doesn't stop a church's plans for funeral protest

By Carrie Spencer Ghose  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Members of a Kansas church that pickets the funerals of dead soldiers say they would continue with plans for a protest yesterday in north-east Ohio despite a decision by a federal court upholding the state's law limiting where they may stand.

The mother of the targeted soldier, Army Sgt. Robert Carr, was unfazed.

"He's getting his hero's welcome home. We're going to bury him in a hero's way," Christine Wortman of Warren told The Associated Press on Saturday. "It's Robbie's day, not theirs."

On Friday, U.S. District Court Judge Donald Nugent in Cleveland upheld a state law that prohibits protesters from being within 300 feet of a cemetery, funeral home, or place of worship either one hour before or after a burial service.

However, Nugent struck down a portion of the 2006 law that extended the 300-foot buffer zone along funeral procession routes, saying it was unconstitutionally broad.

At least 27 states have enacted laws restricting funeral picketing, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The laws are aimed at

Westboro Baptist Church, a small fundamentalist congregation in Topeka, Kan., whose members picket burials of U.S. troops killed in combat, arguing that the deaths are God's punishment for homosexuals.

The Ohio chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union sued along with a church member, saying the state cannot pass a law restricting freedom of speech.

Church members will confer with their attorney before deciding whether to appeal, said member Elizabeth Phelps, a member and daughter of founder Fred Phelps.

At least the ruling clarifies the law and how to enforce it, Phelps said Saturday.

"Renegade law enforcement types, they don't get their brain around it and they over-enforce," she said.

The church had sued on principal but most of its protests are outside the buffer zone anyway because they want to be near heavy traffic to get their message to the most people, she said. The ruling won't change anything about yesterday's planned protest in Warren by about seven members, she said.

While the protesters are usually outside the buffer zone, Phelps said, relatives and friends of the soldiers often angrily rush up to them.

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### Cincinnati Financial emerges as Butler's top employer

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Cincinnati Financial, adding employees by 1.5 percent to 2 percent a year, is at 2,920 employees.

AK Steel's employment numbers dropped from 3,100 employees in 2005 to a current employee count of 2,550. Its union workforce declined to some 1,700 members, down about 800 from when a lockout that ended this month began March 1, 2006.

AK Steel spokesman Alan McCoy said the number of hourly employees probably will fluctuate over the next two years as the company readjusts at its Middletown Works. The Middletown-based company plans to move its corporate headquarters to West Chester, a northern Cincinnati suburb also in Butler County, this August.

Cincinnati Financial, based in this Butler County city, expects to add another 70 employees after a new building is completed in 2008, said Greg Ziegler, vice president, director of personnel and community relations.

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# Officials identify contributing factors to Noe scandal

Governor proposes restructuring the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation after auditors release report

By John McCarthy  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — A state audit has confirmed the key elements of a scandal that tore through the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation over the past two years, including abuse of power by its chief financial officer, and a lack of proper oversight and internal checks and balances.

State auditors also found during the routine review of operations for 2005 and 2006 that some key financial documents had been destroyed. State Auditor Mary Taylor is asking the bureau to review the situation.

The audit was released yesterday by Taylor, a Republican

whose party was toppled from power amid the scandal at the bureau over lost investments.

Though such findings would normally serve as an important red flag to state investigators, most were already known due to months of news reports, investigations and legal proceedings surrounding the bureau investment scandal, which began with rare coin dealer Tom Noe, imprisoned for stealing from a \$50 million rare-coin investment by the workers' comp bureau.

"What we're learning is all of the things that created the environment that allowed the Tom Noe thing to happen — a lack of internal controls, a lack of oversight of management,"

Taylor said.

Gov. Ted Strickland, a Democrat elected Nov. 7, has promised to restructure the agency, including the creation of an independent board to oversee investments.

The audit found:

— Former chief financial officer Terrence Gasper entered into inappropriate relationships with financial managers by accepting cash and other benefits in exchange for business with the bureau, which provides benefits to injured workers. Gasper pleaded guilty in June to accepting bribes in exchange for doling out agency business, and awaits action as he cooperates with authorities.

— Bureau private equity investments were not properly monitored by management, allowing external investment managers to make improper investments. The review found the ability to accurately track investment activity and determine its value was seriously compromised.

— Rate-setting policies for employers seeking injured workers' insurance were inadequate and lacked oversight. An override policy at the bureau that allowed staff members to change the rates of employers at the behest of some lawmakers is under investigation.

— Communication was lacking between the bureau's legal

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Mary Taylor | State Auditor

and financial staffs, allowing omissions in financial reporting requirements.

Taylor made a series of recommendations for addressing ongoing financial issues at the bureau, including better information sharing and most rigorous monitoring of investment managers. She is conducting a special audit of the

override system.

"There is an ongoing discussion on this issue. Stay tuned," she said.

Since the scandal broke in April 2005, first reported by The Blade, the agency has begun to rebound, Taylor said.

"They are taking steps to improve the management structure," she said.

## Livestock doctors may be a dying breed

SOUTH LEBANON, Ohio (AP) — Ohio's dwindling number of veterinarians who specialize in treating livestock say for them, a passion for farm life and the resourcefulness needed to treat their bulky patients is worth the trade-off of missing a regular schedule in an office.

The state's only veterinary school is alarmed that the spirit seems to be disappearing among graduates.

Just six of 106 graduates last year who responded to a survey by the Ohio State University veterinary school said they would go into private practice to treat only or predominantly livestock grown for food, such as cattle and hogs.

"People wanting to go to vet schools nowadays grew up in a city," said Birnbo Welker, director of OSU's Large-Animal Services in Marysville. "Some are not really that keen on living in the country."

The pattern is part of a nationwide shortage of large-animal vets that the industry last year said could threaten the nation's food safety. While demand is expected to increase amid concerns over foot-and-mouth and other diseases at large livestock operations, about 4 percent of openings are expected to go unfilled by 2016, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

In the OSU survey, 11 percent said they'd treat large animals in mixed practices, and another 13 percent said they'd be horse specialists, while 46 percent wanted practices with all or mostly small pets. The respondents were among 134 graduates overall.

A task force on the shortage said the school must do more to recruit and retain students inter-



LISA POWELL | AP PHOTO

**CARING FOR ANIMALS:** Dr. Lavinia Hultgren, a large animal veterinarian, examines an ewe with an abscess on its jaw at Dragonwood Farm, as farm manager Steve Schriellein looks on, near South Lebanon, Ohio, on March 16.

ested in the field, and help them find jobs. The task force also suggested reserving vet school spots to admit a select number of animal science undergraduates after their sophomore years.

The school's required rotation at the Marysville large-animal practice often comes too late in schooling for students to realize they want to pursue the vocation, Welker said.

Lavinia Hultgren owns Little Miami Veterinary Service near South Lebanon, where about 15 percent of her practice is food livestock and large exotic animals such as alpacas. As Warren County's farm fields give way to shopping centers, she said she's the last vet serving livestock in the county.

"She's a dying breed as far as veterinarians. Most of them just want to do dogs and cats," said Rick Krauser, whose farm is near Springboro, after Hultgren performed an ultrasound on

an alpaca and did bloodwork on two others.

Hultgren said she enjoys working outdoors with farmers and coming up with on-the-spot solutions — such as fashioning a splint for a calf's broken leg out of scrap wood and torn sheeps.

But, she acknowledges the life isn't for everyone, especially for mothers. She relies on a close family network to care for her three children during nighttime emergency calls.

Those calls are something a large-animal vet can't afford to ignore. "If you're not available and someone else is, you can lose a client," said Michelle Michalak, a vet who works mainly at hog farms across Ohio.

Losing a pet owner as a client might not cost that much revenue, but a dairy farm can spend \$25,000 a year on veterinary care.

"You really want to keep your clients happy," Michalak said.

## Court decision doesn't stop a church's plans for funeral protest

By Carrie Spencer Ghose  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Members of a Kansas church that pickets the funerals of dead soldiers say they would continue with plans for a protest yesterday in northeast Ohio despite a decision by a federal court upholding the state's law limiting where they may stand.

The mother of the targeted soldier, Army Sgt. Robert Carr, was unfazed.

"He's getting his hero's welcome home. We're going to bury him in a hero's way," Christine Wortman of Warren told The Associated Press on Saturday. "It's Robbie's day, not theirs."

On Friday, U.S. District Court Judge Donald Nugent in Cleveland upheld a state law that prohibits protesters from being within 300 feet of a cemetery, funeral home, or place of worship either one hour before or after a burial service.

However, Nugent struck down a portion of the 2006 law that extended the 300-foot buffer zone along funeral procession routes, saying it was unconstitutionally broad.

At least 27 states have enacted laws restricting funeral picketing, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The laws are aimed at

Westboro Baptist Church, a small fundamentalist congregation in Topeka, Kan., whose members picket burials of U.S. troops killed in combat, arguing that the deaths are God's punishment for homosexuals.

The Ohio chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union sued along with a church member, saying the state cannot pass a law restricting freedom of speech.

Church members will confer with their attorney before deciding whether to appeal, said member Elizabeth Phelps, a member and daughter of founder Fred Phelps.

At least the ruling clarifies the law and how to enforce it, Phelps said Saturday.

"Renegade law enforcement types, they don't get their brain around it and they over-enforce," she said.

The church had sued on principal but most of its protests are outside the buffer zone anyway because they want to be near heavy traffic to get their message to the most people, she said. The ruling won't change anything about yesterday's planned protest in Warren by about seven members, she said.

While the protesters are usually outside the buffer zone, Phelps said, relatives and friends of the soldiers often angrily rush up to them.

## STATE BRIEFS

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### Cincinnati Financial emerges as Butler's top employer

FAIRFIELD, Ohio (AP) — An insurance company has overtaken AK Steel Holding Corp., which just ended a yearlong employee lockout, as the leading private employer in Butler County.

Cincinnati Financial, adding employees by 1.5 percent to 2 percent a year, is at 2,920 employees.

AK Steel's employment numbers dropped from 3,100 employees in 2005 to a current employee count of 2,550. Its union workforce declined to some 1,700 members, down about 800 from when a lockout that ended this month began March 1, 2006.

AK Steel spokesman Alan McCoy said the number of hourly employees probably will fluctuate over the next two years as the company readjusts at its Middletown Works. The Middletown-based company plans to move its corporate headquarters to West Chester, a northern Cincinnati suburb also in Butler County, this August.

Cincinnati Financial, based in this Butler County city, expects to add another 70 employees after a new building is completed in 2008, said Greg Ziegler, vice president, director of personnel and community relations.

Middletown Regional Hospital ranked third with 1,700 employees.

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# Attorney General questioned for his role in firing prosecutors

By Lara Jakes Jordan  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican support for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales eroded Sunday as three key senators sharply questioned his honesty over last fall's firings of eight federal prosecutors. Additionally, two Democrats joined the list of lawmakers calling for Gonzales' ouster.

Several Republicans also urged President Bush to allow sworn testimony from his top aides about their role in dismissing the U.S. attorneys — a standoff threatening to result in Capitol Hill subpoenas of White House officials.

The embattled attorney general was facing the toughest test of his two-year tenure at the Justice Department with the release of documents suggesting he was more involved with the firings

than he indicated earlier.

Democrats have accused the Justice Department and the White House of purging the prosecutors for political reasons. The Bush administration maintains the firings were not improper because U.S. attorneys are political appointees.

Stopping short of demanding Gonzales' resignation, Sen. Arlen Specter cited a Nov. 27 calendar entry placing the attorney general at a Justice Department meeting to discuss the dismissals. Those documents "appear to contradict" Gonzales' earlier statements that he never participated in such conversations, said Specter, top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee that oversees the Justice Department.

"We have to have an attorney general who is candid, truthful. And if we find out he has not been candid and truthful, that's a very compelling reason for him not to

stay on," said Specter, R-Pa.

Specter said he would wait until Gonzales' scheduled April 17 testimony to the committee before deciding whether he could continue to support the attorney general. He called it a "make or break" appearance.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said Gonzales has been "wounded" by the firings. "He has said some things that just don't add up," said Graham, who also is on the Senate Judiciary panel. And Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., said the Justice Department has continually changed its story about the dismissals.

"You cannot have the nation's chief law enforcement officer with a cloud hanging over his credibility," Hagel said.

At the same time, Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein of California and Bill Nelson of Florida said Gonzales should step down.



DISCUSSING THE ISSUES: U.S. Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales, left, talks during a roundtable discussion regarding Project Safe Childhood, on March 22, in St. Louis, as U.S. Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway looks on.

## Some Jewish seminaries will allow gay students

By Rachel Zoll  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The seminary considered the flagship institution of Conservative Judaism said yesterday it will start accepting gay and lesbian applicants, after scholars who guide the movement lifted the ban on gay ordination.

Arnold Eisen, incoming chancellor for the Jewish Theological Seminary, said the decision was made after extensive discussion with faculty and students, a survey on views of the issue within the movement and a meeting of

the school's trustees.

"The larger issue has been how we can remain true to our tradition in general and to halakah [Jewish law] in particular while staying fully responsive to and immersed in our society and culture," Eisen said in a statement distributed to the school community and its supporters.

The Conservative branch holds the middle ground in American Judaism, adhering to tradition while allowing some change for modern circumstances.

The larger and more liberal Reform Jewish move-

ment, as well as the smaller Reconstructionist wing, allow gays to become rabbis; the Orthodox branch bars gays and women from ordination.

In December, the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards voted to allow the seminaries to decide on their own whether to admit openly gay students. However, their decision also left leeway for synagogues to reject gay and lesbian clergy if the congregations believe that same-sex relationships violate Scripture.

Earlier this month, a smaller Conservative seminary in Los

Angeles, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the University of Judaism, announced that it has accepted its first openly gay and lesbian applicants.

The New York seminary has extended the application deadline for the fall semester until June 30, so students can take advantage of the new policy.

Eytan Hammerman of Keshet, an advocacy group for full inclusion of gays at the seminary, said he knew of at least one gay student who had submitted an application, which was put on hold while the issue was reviewed.

## Testing agencies overwhelmed

By Megan Reichgott  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — To motivate juniors on last April's assessment exams, Springfield High School offered coveted lockers, parking spaces near the door and free prom tickets as incentives for good scores.

But the incentives at the central Illinois school went unclaimed until earlier this month, when Illinois finally published its 2006 test scores — more than four months after they were due.

Critics pounced on Harcourt Assessment Inc., which lost most of its \$44.5 million state contract over delays — caused by everything from shipping problems to missing test pages and scoring errors — that made Illinois the last state in the nation to release scores used to judge schools under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

But experts say the problems are more widespread and are likely to get worse. A handful of companies create, print and score most of the tests in the U.S. and they're struggling with a workload that has exploded since President Bush signed the education reform package in 2002.

"The testing industry in the U.S. is buckling under the weight of NCLB demands," said Thomas Toch, co-director of Education Sector, a Washington-based think tank.

When Education Sector surveyed 23 states in 2006, it found that 35 percent of testing offices in those states had experienced "significant" errors with scoring and 20 percent didn't get results "in a timely fashion."

Illinois saw more problems this month, when students took achievement tests that contained as many as 13 errors, officials said.

Illinois isn't the only state that's experienced difficulties.

— Oregon's Education Department complained that a computerized test was plagued by system problems. Test company Vantage Learning later terminated its contract with the state, claiming it was owed money, and the state sued the company for breach of contract. Now, thousands of students who haven't completed online exams will take them in May the old-fashioned way, using paper and pencil.

— Connecticut last year fined Harcourt \$80,000 after a processing error caused wrong scores for

**"The testing industry in the U.S. is buckling under the weight of NCLB demands."**

Thomas Toch | Co-Director

355 students in 2005. While that's a fraction of the state's 41,000 kids who took the test, state officials had to notify 51, or nearly a third, of all districts that some of their students got the wrong scores. The problem came a year after the state canceled its contract with another company, CTB/McGraw-Hill, after scoring problems caused a five-month delay in reporting scores.

— The Texas Education Agency passed 4,160 10th-graders who initially failed the math section of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills in 2003 after officials discovered a test question had more than one correct answer.

— Pearson Educational Measurement apologized last year after it reported more than 900,000 Michigan results weeks late. In 2003, previous vendor Measurement Inc. delivered 3,400 MEAP scores months late and nearly 1,000 results went missing.

— Alabama education officials said a testing company mistakenly failed some schools while passing others that should have failed, due to scoring problems on the 2005 assessment test.

The number of students tested has risen sharply since the No Child Left Behind Act took effect. Illinois, for example, used to test only third, fifth and eighth graders but now tests students in third through eighth grades.

To meet NCLB requirements, states administered 45 million reading and math exams during spring 2006. At the end of the 2007-2008 school year, they will give about 56 million tests because they must add a science exam at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

What's more, each state has its own test, and many want them customized, said Michael Hansen, chief executive officer of Harcourt Assessment, which no longer administers Illinois' tests but still is involved in developing and grading them.

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## Clinton leads in the money race

By Jim Kuhnhenn  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton raises nearly \$3 million in a single event and husband Bill pleads for more. John McCain publicly frets about falling financially behind.

With the first quarter of fundraising ending Saturday, the presidential campaigns are working overtime to make sure they don't get tagged as losers in the money race.

"Money in the off year has never been more important than in this presidential cycle," said Michael Toner, a former Federal Election Commission chairman.

In a message to supporters last week, Bill Clinton stressed the importance of posting high fundraising totals in the first quarter.

"The [financial] report her campaign files will set the tone for the rest of the year, and it is absolutely critical to her success," he wrote, just days after he headlined a \$2.7 million Washington fundraiser for her.

Official campaign totals place her fundraising for just last week at \$6 million, but that number could underestimate sums raised in New York and California. And by all accounts, the Democratic front-runner will lead all candidates in first-quarter fundraising. Some rival camps, eager to boost expectations for the New York senator, suggest her overall contributions could reach up to \$40 million.

Campaigning in California, former Sen. John Edwards said neither he nor any other candidate could match Clinton's fundraising juggernaut, but, "I will have enough money to be heard."

Only Clinton's campaign knows the extent of her fundraising. Her main Democratic challengers simply want to stay within reach.

"If the press reports that Hillary has raised a lot of money, people are going to yawn and change the channel — big deal," said Wade Byrd, a North Carolina lawyer and fundraiser for Edwards. "But if we can stay in the game, now that's news and we're going to stay in the game."



CARLOS ANTONIO RIOS | AP PHOTO

**FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:** Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney meets with supporters and fund-raisers yesterday, in Houston.

Sen. Barack Obama is expected to come in behind Clinton, perhaps at about \$20 million, helped in part by a significant online donor base. Obama also has attracted big name contributors, including billionaire investor Warren Buffett. Edwards is likely to fall in third place.

"I know how hard I am working to raise money and I know how hard people are working to help me raise money," Clinton said in an interview yesterday with The Associated Press in Iowa. "... The amount of time we have to spend really undermines the political debate and dialogue. We should be out talking to people."

The big numbers will get a boost because several candidates also have been raising money for the general election campaign, in case they choose to bypass the public financing system. The Federal Election Commission last month said presidential candidates could raise money now for the gen-

eral election campaign and could later return it if they choose to accept money from the taxpayer-financed presidential election fund.

That is bound to artificially increase the amount of money raised this quarter. One Clinton fundraiser estimated that 25 percent of the contributions at one of her fundraisers was for the general election.

Among Republicans, the picture is less predictable. McCain, the early front-runner, has indicated in recent days that his fundraising totals are falling short of his goals.

"I haven't done a good enough job," he said at a news conference yesterday in Dallas. "We're ramping it up on the fundraising."

In New Hampshire Saturday, he said he would "pay a price for it because we got off to a late start." In the midst of a campaign tour, he said: "I enjoy this kind of politics more than I enjoy raising money."

## Reagan's former budget director is charged with fraud

By Larry Neumeister  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Stockman, the former budget director in the Reagan White House, was charged yesterday with overseeing a sweeping fraud at a troubled auto parts supplier that he led before the company sought bankruptcy protection.

Stockman, 60, was one of four former top Collins & Aikman Corp. executives named in the federal indictment that was unsealed yesterday. Four other former company employees, including a one-time treasurer, have already pleaded guilty in the case, prosecutors said.

At a news conference, U.S. Attorney Michael Garcia said Stockman and his co-defendants "resorted to lies, tricks and fraud" from 2001 to 2005 to hide the truth about his failing company from investors and creditors. The company was forced to enter bankruptcy proceedings in May 2005 — one of several collapses to rock the auto parts industry in recent years.

After he was freed on \$1 million bail, Stockman walked out of the courthouse smiling.

"I have done absolutely nothing wrong, except to help save this company from a very dire

**"All of my actions were motivated by an effort to save the company."**

David Stockman | Budget Director

circumstance," he told reporters. "All of my actions were motivated by an effort to save the company."

Stockman's attorney, Elkan Abramowitz, said the evidence would show there was no looting or phony transactions, only disputes over accounting transactions. "We think this is not a crime," Abramowitz said.

Collins & Aikman, based in Southfield, Mich., cooperated in the investigation and was rewarded with a deal that calls for the company not to be prosecuted if it continues to help the government.

Stockman rose to prominence as Reagan's budget director from 1981 to 1985. He created controversy early in his tenure when he told an interviewer that he thought Reaganomics was a "Trojan horse" for the rich, and predicted huge budget deficits. He later famously described how he was taken to the White House "woodshed" for his comments.

## NATION BRIEFS

BG NEWS WIRE SOURCES

### Military: Errors Made in Tillman's Death

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nine high-ranking Army officers, including four generals, made critical errors in reporting the friendly fire death of Army Ranger Pat Tillman in Afghanistan, but there was no criminal wrongdoing in the shooting of the former NFL player, the military concluded yesterday. Defense officials and a pair of reports released yesterday on the 2004 incident, however, did not rule out criminal action by those who provided misleading information as the military was investigating the killing. However, they said, they believed there was no orchestrated cover-up.

### Death counts keep rising in Iraqi War

(AP) — As of yesterday, at least 3,241 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 2,613 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The AP count is six higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Monday at 10 a.m. EDT.

The British military has reported 134 deaths: Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 19; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, six; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia, three; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Romania, one death each.

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# Iran under pressure

## China, Russia show signs of frustration

By Vladimir Isachenkov  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The presidents of Russia and China yesterday called on Iran to fulfill the U.N. Security Council's demands over its disputed nuclear program — a sign of impatience from Iran's two closest allies over its continued defiance.

The joint call from Vladimir Putin and Hu Jintao came a day after Iran announced it was partially suspending cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency in response to the latest Security Council sanctions — a decision the United States said was a "step in the wrong direction."

Iran insisted it was not aiming to escalate the standoff with its partial suspension, which truncates the time period in which it will notify the U.N. about new nuclear projects.

"Iran is not after adventurism. It does not want to violate international measures," said Kazern Jalali, the spokesman of parliament's committee on foreign policy and national security.

In their joint statement, Putin and Hu said their coun-

**"Iran is not after adventurism. It does not want to violate international measures."**

Kazern Jalali | Spokesperson on parliament's committee

tries — permanent, veto-wielding Security Council members — were ready to "search for a comprehensive, long-term and mutually acceptable solution to the Iranian nuclear problem." They also emphasized that the increasingly tense dispute should be resolved "exclusively through peaceful means."

Russia and China have significant trade ties with Iran and have used their veto power to push for less stringent sanctions against their ally. That stance has often put them at odds with the other veto powers, the United States, Britain and France, which favor a tougher approach to the nuclear dispute.

But the two joined the rest of the Security Council on Saturday in voting to impose the new sanctions — the second in three months against Iran for its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment. The sanctions included the banning of Iranian

arms exports and the freezing of assets of 28 people and organizations involved in Iran's nuclear and missile programs.

Iran rejected the sanctions and later announced a partial suspension of cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency. Its hard line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said the latest U.N. sanctions would not halt the country's uranium enrichment "even for a second."

Javier Solana, the European Union's foreign policy chief, yesterday renewed an offer from six world powers to negotiate differences with Iran over its nuclear ambitions in a phone call with the country's top atomic negotiator, but the two sides came no closer to bridging differences, said Cristina Gallach, Solana's spokeswoman.

Ali Larijani, Iran's senior nuclear envoy accepted "an invitation for future contacts" with Solana, she told The Associated Press.



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**STRANGE:** Two of three small crocodiles discovered by border guards strapped to a Palestinian woman are displayed by officials. A woman was caught with three crocodiles strapped to her waist at the Gaza-Egypt border crossing after guards noticed she looked "strangely fat."

# Woman caught with crocs

By Diaa Hadid  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A woman with three crocodiles strapped to her waist was stopped at the Gaza-Egypt border crossing after guards noticed that she looked "strangely fat," officials said yesterday.

The woman's shape raised suspicions at the Rafah terminal in southern Gaza, and a body search by a female border guard turned up the animals, each about 20 inches

long, concealed underneath her loose robe, according to Maria Telleria, spokeswoman for the European observers who run the crossing.

"The woman looked strangely fat. Even though she was veiled and covered, even with so many clothes on there was something strange," Telleria said.

The incident, which took place on Thursday, sparked panic at the crossing.

"The policewoman screamed and ran out of the room, and then women began scream-

**"The woman looked strangely fat. Even though she was veiled and covered..."**

Maria Telleria | Spokeswoman

ing and panicking when they heard," Telleria said. But when the hysteria died down, she said, "everybody was admiring a woman who is able to tie crocodiles to her body."

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## WORLD BRIEF

### Iran interrogates British sailors

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran said yesterday it was interrogating 15 detained British sailors and marines to determine whether they intentionally entered Iranian waters — an indication the country might be seeking a way out of the confrontation with Britain. Britain denies its personnel had left Iraqi territory when they were captured and detained by Iran — a contention backed by Iraq's foreign minister, who called on Iran to release the group.

## Apology offered to women, ignores slavery

By Hiroko Tabuchi  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's nationalist prime minister yesterday offered his clearest apology yet to women who suffered in the country's World War II military brothels, but he did not bow to international pressure to acknowledge that Tokyo forced thousands into sexual slavery.

Shinzo Abe's apology came three weeks after he set off a furor by saying there is no evidence showing the women were coerced, backtracking from a previous government admission that the Japanese military forced women to work at brothels for its troops.

"I express my sympathy toward the 'comfort women' and apologize for the situation they found themselves in," Abe told a parliamentary committee, using the euphemism for sex slaves that is used by Japanese politicians. "I apologize here and now as prime minister."

Historians say as many as 200,000 Asian women, mostly from Korea and China, worked in Japan's military-run brothels. Victims say they were forced to work at the brothels by the Japanese military and were held

against their will.

But, right-wing Japanese politicians, who make up the bulk of Abe's support base, have in recent weeks renewed efforts pushing for an official rollback on the landmark apology for sex slavery offered by a senior government official in 1993.

Conservative governing party lawmakers contend the women were professional prostitutes and were paid for their services. They also maintain Japanese military authorities were not directly responsible for establishing or running brothels.

Abe's earlier denial of coercion drew intense criticism from China and South Korea, which accuse Japan of failing to fully atone for wartime invasions and atrocities. Neither had any immediate reaction to the apology.

The issue has stirred debate in the United States, where a House committee is considering a nonbinding resolution calling on Japan to fully acknowledge wrongdoing during the war and to make an unambiguous apology.

State Department spokesman Tom Casey called Abe's apology a step forward, but urged Japan to deal more resolutely with the issue.

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# Teen allegedly kills girl over 'zitface' comment

By Natalia Parra  
The Associated Press

ACAPULCO, Mexico — A 14-year-old boy was detained after allegedly killing a 4-year-old girl because her father made fun of his acne, Mexican prosecutors said yesterday.

Yurani Yuliec Garcia Orbanes was killed on March 16 in the Pacific resort town of Zihuatanejo, where the victim and her father lived just a few yards from the boy's house.

Authorities said the boy, who was detained Saturday, told police the girl's father had called him "graniento," or "zit-face."

"He acknowledged having taken the girl's life out of resentment he felt toward the girl's father ... because he made

**"He acknowledged hitting the girl twice with his hands and putting his foot on her neck until she died of asphyxiation."**

Loyo Malabar | Prosecutor

fun of the problem he has with acne," said Guerrero state prosecutor Loyo Malabar.

"He acknowledged hitting the girl twice with his hands and putting his foot on her neck until she died of asphyxiation," the prosecutor told reporters.

Loyo Malabar said that the boy wrapped the body in plastic bags and hid it in his house for two days before dumping it outside her grandparents' home, where it was discovered

the next day.

The victim's father denied that he made fun of the boy, and said he had only recommended an ointment he could use to reduce his acne problem.

Neighbors said the boy had long shown signs of disturbed behavior.

The boy was remanded to a center for juvenile offenders. Under Mexican law, he cannot face trial and can be held only until he turns 18.

# Australian accused of terrorism

By Michael Melia  
The Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — An Australian who allegedly trained with al-Qaida and fought for the Taliban in Afghanistan said in a courtroom yesterday that he needed more lawyers to defend himself against a charge that he provided material support for terrorism.

David Hicks, wearing a khaki prison jumpsuit, was being arraigned yesterday — the first suspect to face prosecution under revised military tribunals established after the U.S. Supreme Court last year found the Pentagon's system for trying Guantanamo detainees was unconstitutional.

Before the hearing, the Muslim convert shaved his beard but kept the long hair he uses to block the constant light in his cell at the isolated prison.

The 31-year-old former kangaroo skinner and outback cowboy said he was satisfied with his defense team but would ask later for more defense lawyers.

He is accused of attending al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan and briefly fighting alongside the Taliban following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. He was



BRENNAN LINSLEY | AP PHOTO

ON WATCH: A U.S. trooper looks out from a guard tower overlooking the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base, Cuba, Dec. 7, 2006.

**"I'm hoping to have more lawyers and paralegals to get equality with the prosecution."**

David Hicks | Suspect

tam among the first prisoners taken to the isolated military prison in January 2002 and has been awaiting trial since.

"I'm hoping to have more lawyers and paralegals to get equality with the prosecution," Hicks

told the military court's presiding officer, Marine Corps Col. Ralph Kohlmann.

Earlier, Hicks was considering a plea deal, said Australian attorney David McLeod, who met with his client a day before the hearing.

# Legislation could protect former government members in Iraq

By Steven R. Hunt  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister and president will introduce legislation as early as today to let former members of Saddam Hussein's ruling party — including those in the feared security and paramilitary forces — resume jobs in the government, Iraqi officials said yesterday.

Long demanded by the U.S. to appease Iraq's once-dominant Sunni Arab minority, the measure would set a three-month challenge period after which ex-Baath party loyalists would be immune from legal punishment for their actions during Saddam's reign.

The draft law, which excludes former regime members already charged with or sought for crimes, also would grant state pensions to many Baathists, even if they were denied posts in the government or military.

The reconciliation measure is seen as an effort to short-circuit expected criticism of Iraq's government at an Arab League summit this week. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is said to fear rising support among U.S.-allied Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan for an Iraqi national unity government led by former

**"We present the draft Law of Accountability and Justice to parliament to build an Iraq that is accessible to all Iraqis ..."**

Nouri al-Maliki and Jalal Talabani | Prime Minister and President

Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a favorite of Washington.

The legislation is being sent to parliament under the names of al-Maliki, a Shiite, and President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd. Shiites and Kurds make up nearly 80 percent of Iraq's population and both groups were severely oppressed by Saddam's largely Sunni regime.

"We present the draft Law of Accountability and Justice to parliament to build an Iraq that is accessible to all Iraqis determined to build a new, democratic Iraq that is far from sectarianism, racism, tyranny, discrimination, exclusion and disenfranchisement," al-Maliki and Talabani said in a joint statement released late yesterday.

The statement said the measure had been put to al-Maliki's Cabinet for approval but did not give details of the draft law or say when it would go to the legislature.

Iraqi officials, however, said the measure could reach the floor of the legislature as early as today. The officials agreed to discuss the draft only if not quoted by name because they were not authorized to speak to reporters.

With both al-Maliki and Talabani behind the draft, the legislation's chances of passing are seen as good, although some in the once-repressed Shiite and Kurd communities are likely to oppose it. Sunni Arab lawmakers are expected to back the measure since it benefits their group.

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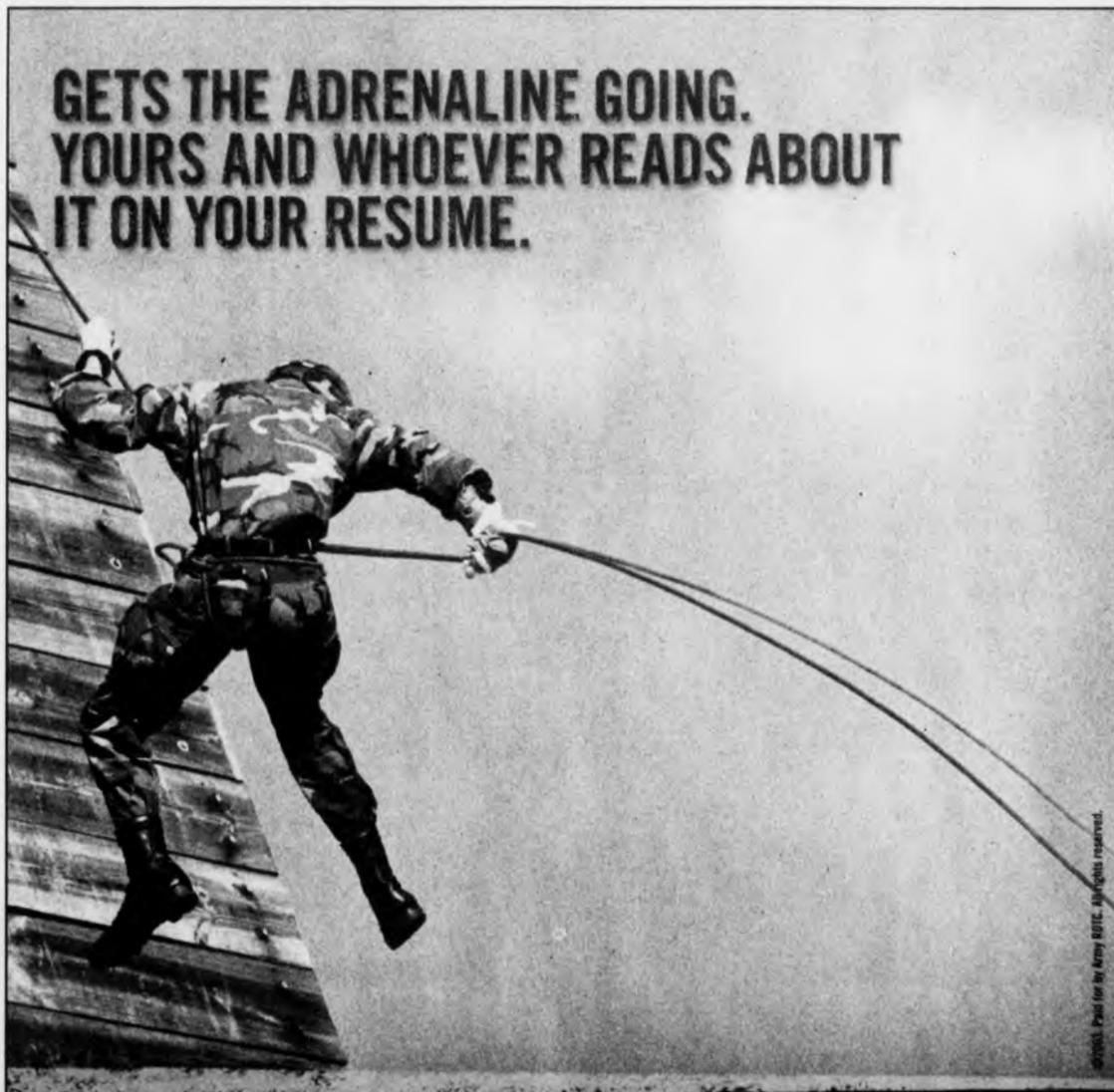
BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The leaders of Northern Ireland's major Protestant and Catholic parties, sitting side by side for the first time in history, announced a breakthrough deal yesterday to forge a power-sharing administration May 8. The agreement followed 4 1/2 years of deadlock and unprecedented face-to-face negotiations between the British Protestants of Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party and the Irish Catholics of Gerry Adams' Sinn Fein.

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**Israel and Palestine take possible step in restoring peace**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert agreed yesterday to resume open-ended, face-to-face talks with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in a possible step toward restarting substantive peace talks, a U.S. official said. Olmert and Abbas will initially hold low-key "confidence-building" sessions, the official said. Israel has refused substantive talks since Abbas, a moderate leader whom Israel has called a partner for peace, joined Hamas militants in a coalition government this month.



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## Ocean research housed in South Florida

By William E. Gibson  
MCT

WASHINGTON — Off the shores of Dania Beach, Fla., a team of researchers are designing giant underwater turbines to harness the swift currents of the Gulf Stream and turn them into a powerful new source of electricity.

This futuristic energy platform is one of many promising ocean ventures — from reef preservation to biomedical harvesting — all along the South Florida coast pressing for federal funding.

Suddenly, ocean research is the hot topic in scientific circles and a high priority in Washington.

As the nation focuses on global warming, confronts water pollution and exploits new sources of energy, Congress and the Bush administration are moving toward increased funding for ocean research, much of it based near the Gulf Stream that rushes through the Straits of Florida.

South Florida is an ideal setting because of its long coastline, its unique mix of species and urban development right up to shore.

"We are at a crossroads between the warm tropical waters that flow into the Gulf Stream and some plants and species found north of the tropics," said Frank Muller-Karger, professor of marine science at the University of South Florida in Tampa. "By measuring these currents we get a better understanding of how to deal with things like erosion, the effects of sewage overflows, beach renourishment and expansion of the ports."

Marine scientists hope to develop an ocean observation system — including monitors far at sea and along the Florida coast — to measure the effects of global warming and detect sources of pollution. Some research-

**"Reefs are erosion protectors, sand suppliers and habitats for fish and other organisms."**

Richard Dodge | Director

ers already are exploiting the seas for a renewable energy source and maybe even a cure for cancer.

From a base in Fort Pierce, a team of researchers aboard a ship and a submersible are harvesting species, mostly sponges, along coral reefs to extract compounds that appear promising for development of anti-cancer drugs.

"At one point we were so close to shore you could see the skyline of Miami, and we found all kinds of new species and compounds," said Jan Petri, director of government affairs for the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution at Fort Pierce.

Funded mostly from private donations, Harbor Branch received \$1 million from the National Institutes of Health to study whether the same compounds that protect sponges from predators hold the key to preventing the multiplication of cancer cells.

Farther down the coast, the Coral Reef Institute at Nova Southeastern University has used a \$1 million of federal funding to leverage contributions from the state and other sources while studying ways to better manage and preserve the reefs.

"Reefs are erosion protectors, sand suppliers and habitat for fish and other organisms," said Richard Dodge, director of the Institute. "They are also huge economic resources, because people use these reefs for fishing or boating."

## Mentally disabled chimp offers insight at conference

By Jeremy Manier  
MCT

CHICAGO — If chimpanzees truly followed what humans call the law of the jungle, a mentally disabled chimp named Knuckles would never stand a chance.

Yet Knuckles has found acceptance and perhaps even sympathy from his fellow chimps in Florida, making him an unlikely star of Lincoln Park Zoo's international Mind of the Chimpanzee conference.

The meeting, which runs Friday through Sunday with 300 researchers from around the world, is billed as the first major conference devoted to chimp cognition, and the first academic chimp conference

at the zoo since 1991.

Although much of the meeting will examine the impressive intelligence of humanity's closest living relatives, Knuckles offers unique insight as the only known captive chimp with cerebral palsy, which immobilized one arm and left him mentally unable to follow the intricate protocols of chimp society.

Normally, older chimps would put on intimidating displays with a juvenile male such as Knuckles, screaming, grabbing and biting the youngster to put him in his place, said Devyn Carter, who has studied Knuckles and is presenting his research at the Lincoln Park Zoo conference. But even the dominant alpha male tolerates and gently grooms Knuckles.



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## Discovering Mercury's hidden side

By Catherine Clabby  
MCT

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The best photographs of the planet Mercury are 32 years old and incomplete. Snapped by an unmanned spacecraft in 1974, they missed 55 percent of the slowly rotating planet.

This week, a University of North Carolina researcher seized an opportunity to pull parts of the rocky globe from the shadows. Half of Mercury's missed hemisphere points Earth's way this month. And the planet, normally hard to see since it's close to the sun, is popping above Earth's horizon before dawn, making it visible to a telescope.

"There are only a few objects left unseen in the solar system. One is that hemisphere of Mercury," UNC astrophysicist Gerald Cecil said.

## Budget cuts affect California's fight against TB

By Dorsey Griffith  
MCT

SACRAMENTO — California — the nation's leader in tuberculosis cases and deaths — logged its lowest TB rate in history last year, but health officials say federal budget cuts are undermining efforts to keep the infectious disease from spinning out of control.

The state's case rate dropped by 4.2 percent last year, to 2,781 cases, but California continues to experience the highest number of TB cases and deaths in the country, including among children.

In addition, California has a significant share of cases that are resistant to one or more first-line drugs that can otherwise cure the disease if taken as directed.

A 12 percent cut in TB con-

**"We know that budget cuts weakened public health departments and that TB can rebound with the deadliest strains. We want to avoid that cycle and history repeating itself."**

Sarah Royce | Chief of California's Tuberculosis Control Branch

rol funds from the federal government with additional cuts expected can only make matters worse, said Dr. Sarah Royce, chief of the state's Tuberculosis Control Branch.

"We know that budget cuts weaken public health departments," she said, "and that TB can rebound with the deadliest strains. We want to avoid that cycle and history repeating itself."

Tuberculosis is a highly

infectious bacterial disease, spread through the air when someone coughs or talks. Anyone inhaling air containing the bacteria can become infected, although only 10 percent to 15 percent of infections progress to what is called "active" disease.

TB treatment is arduous; it takes six or more months and a varied regimen of medications to cure. Resistant infections can take much longer.

## Good cholesterol has hearty consequences

By Marilyn Marchione  
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The hot new strategy of trying to prevent heart disease by raising good cholesterol had more setbacks yesterday as new studies showed that experimental drugs didn't work and also had safety problems.

The news follows Pfizer Inc.'s abandonment in December of an \$800 million investment in torcetrapib, the leading contender in this class of drugs, because it raised the risk of heart attacks and deaths.

Heart specialists have been

anxious to know whether the problems extend to all such drugs and doom this approach.

"A lot of people think it's the next big thing, and we'll need to understand what went wrong with torcetrapib to move forward," said Dr. Steven Nissen, a Cleveland Clinic heart specialist who is president of the American College of Cardiology.

The new studies, reported at the group's conference, gave a mixed answer. The Pfizer drug seems uniquely risky, but other drugs have problems, too.

And even though they and the Pfizer drug raised HDL good cholesterol as intended,

that made no difference in the odds of heart attacks or deaths, or key measures of cholesterol buildup in arteries.

Doctors long have focused on lowering LDL, or bad cholesterol, to cut heart attack risk. Statins, sold as Lipitor and Zocor and also in generic form, lower LDL, which ferries fats from food into the bloodstream.

But many statin users suffer heart attacks anyway, so doctors have been trying to boost HDL, or good cholesterol — which transports fat from the blood to the liver to be disposed of — to further lower risk.

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#### On the way up

Reasons to talk about Pacman Jones. Police now recommend that he receive charges in the 'make it rain' fiasco from NBA All-Star weekend. All I know is that "He's in this business for terror."



#### On the way down

Reasons to want any of these NFL criminals on your favorite team. Between Jerramy Stevens, Pacman Jones, Chris Henry, Terrence Kiel and all the rest of the bunch, the problems aren't even worth their skills.



#### The List

The BG News would like to make a toast to baseball season with our top five heat-chuckers to watch out for this season in the MLB.

#### 1. Joel Zumaya

(below): All that really needs to be said is that the fire tattoo on his arm tells the truth. 104 mph and a knack for guitar hero.

**2. Brad Lidge:** He may be a little less effective than he was in the past but he does still toss it at 102 mph.

**3. Joe Nathan:** He's got some of the best control out of all these guys and he chucks it at about 101 mph.

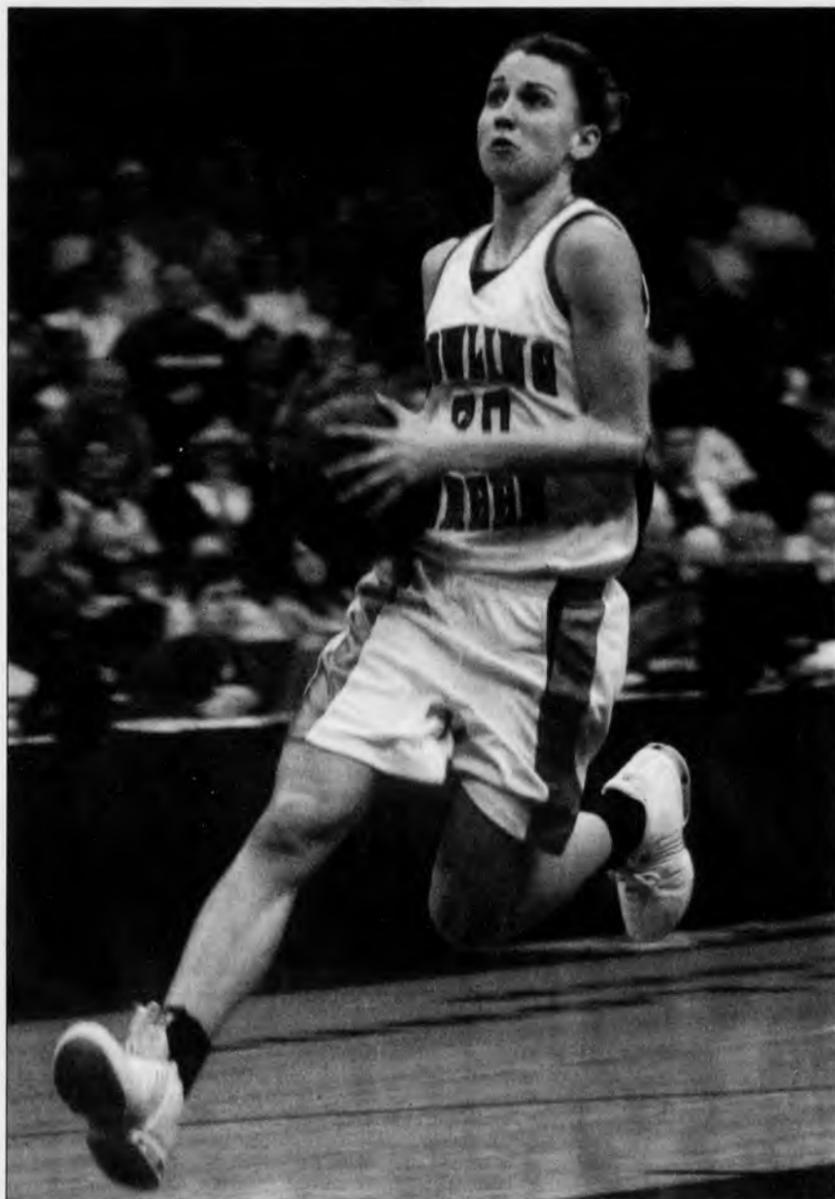
**4. Billy Wagner:** Another guy who can throw 100 mph and has great control. He's one of the reasons the Mets will be back in October.

#### 5. Francisco

**Rodriguez:** They don't call him K-Rod for nothing. He throws 99 mph and still has some great stuff.



# Changing of the guard



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**A TOUGH ROLE:** Kate Achter goes up for a shot against Ball State during the MAC Championship game in Cleveland March 10. Achter and Whitney Taylor are next year's senior class and will have some big shoes to fill with the departure of this season's senior class who scored over 5,700 points collectively and won over 100 games.

## With departure of senior class, Achter and Taylor have a task ahead

By John Turner  
Sports Editor

While members of the BG women's basketball team mourned the end of their historic season after a 67-49 loss to Arizona State, coach Curt Miller announced the start of a new season.

Miller brought juniors Kate Achter and Whitney Taylor front-and-center, saying "it's your team now," in an emotional passing of the torch from this senior class.

"This entire year it's been about the seniors, about the seniors, about the seniors," Achter said. "To bring up Whitney and I to say we're going to be the one's the take the seniors posts, it meant a lot to both of us."

There's no doubt the team will take on a different look next season, losing six seniors and possibly its coach, but that's a challenge the

### A NEW LOOK

#### COMFORT ZONE:

The Falcons have essentially been led by the same class for four straight years.

#### WHO COMES BACK?:

BG still returns Kate Achter, Whitney Taylor, Lindsey Goldsberry, Sarah Clapper, Laura Bugher and Tara Breske

incoming seniors are more than prepared to take on.

"It's going to be a little difficult next year, but there's going to be enough of us left to pass on our knowledge and teach them what it's like to be at this level," Achter said. "Hopefully we'll give them a taste of what it's like to be at this point and motivate them to get to this point."

Both, Achter and Taylor gave a great deal of credit to the seniors,

not just for what they did on the court, but for what they did off of it. It's because of them, they say, that they're ready to step up next year and take over the role as the team's leaders.

"Ever since we've been here, [the seniors] have all been the leaders," Taylor said. "But they've definitely taught us to lead since we've had such good examples."

This team won 31 games this season — seven more than BG football, hockey or men's basketball won combined — which has brought a new found respect for women's basketball to the campus. The team has also received attention nationally, forcing women's hoops fans to recognize the Falcons as a legitimate force in the tournament.

"We've made a name nationally

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**SHOWING SOME MUSCLE:** BG's Ben Gutek (with ball) goes upfield in a rugby match. BG has gotten out to an 11-0 start this spring and hopes to continue their role as a national power house.

## Ruggers jump out to a roaring start with big victories

By Chris Voloschuk  
Reporter

As 25 straight Mid-American Conference championships would attest, the BG men's club rugby team is no stranger to success, and it's showing early and often during the spring season. A hot start by BG has them undefeated with an 11-0 record.

The first three games of the season were on the road at Alabama, Georgia Tech and Michigan. BG won all of their games, with the A team outscoring their three opponents 197-11.

To say that the Falcons have been taking care of their opposition would be an understatement. On a team with A, B, C and D squads playing in separate games, the A team has scored 236 points and given up 18 overall — a sign that they

can compete with anybody, especially larger schools.

According to BG scrum-half Zach Williams, the team's intensity has been very high during the spring season.

"We're all playing at the level we need to be playing at," Williams said. "Everybody is playing together as a team."

In a season not short on offense, the highlight of the Falcons' spring season came in their first game on Mar. 10 in Alabama, where the A team routed the Crimson Tide 128-0. What made the win even more impressive was that Alabama was undefeated at the time and gearing up for the playoffs. The referee stopped the game with 15 minutes left.

"It's fun when you can beat somebody with a big name," BG coach Roger Mazzarella

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## Military concludes that no criminal wrongdoing in Tillman's case

By Lolita C. Baldor  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — High-ranking Army officers made critical errors in reporting the friendly fire death of Army Ranger Pat Tillman in Afghanistan, but there was no criminal wrongdoing in the shooting of the former NFL star by fellow soldiers, the military concluded yesterday.

Army and Defense Department investigators said that officers looking into the incident passed along misleading and inaccurate information and delayed reporting their belief that Tillman was killed by fellow Rangers. The investigators recommended the Army take action against the officers.

Among those blamed were the three-star general in charge of Army special operations as well as Tillman's regimental com-

mander.

The investigation also recommended that the Army review its award of the Silver Star to Tillman, but the acting secretary of the Army said the award would stand. Defense Department Acting Inspector General Thomas F. Gimble said some information provided to justify the citation was inaccurate.

The highest current ranking officer blamed in the incident is Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, commander of the Joint Special Operations Command. Investigators said he was "accountable for the inaccurate and misleading assertions" contained in the papers recommending that Tillman get the Silver Star.

But investigators said there was no broad cover-up. "We thought

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## Matta's plan falling into place quickly

By Stephen Hawkins  
The Associated Press

Before Greg Oden and Mike Conley Jr. even played a game for Ohio State, they were handed a Final Four pamphlet by their coach.

Six months later, the sensational freshmen — part of a group known as the "Thad Five" — get to see what it's really all about. The Buckeyes (34-3) will be there to play Georgetown on Saturday.

"That was hopefully great

**"We believed in it from the start. I'm just living a dream."**

Ron Lewis | OSU Forward

motivation for them," coach Thad Matta said. "I'm sure they forgot about it 10 minutes after the meeting, as kids normally do."

That Final Four information was a small part of a manual each player received during the first

team meeting in September.

"We believed in it from the start," senior Ron Lewis said. "I'm just living a dream."

To get to Atlanta, the Buckeyes made two significant comebacks in the NCAA tournament. The Big Ten champions have won 21 straight games, the longest streak in the nation. They won the NCAA South Regional final 92-76 to end Memphis' 25-game winning streak.

"I believed (Matta) the first day

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**WHAT THE HECK?:** Ohio State coach Thad Matta yells instructions during their NCAA South Regional final basketball game against Memphis at the Alamodome in San Antonio Saturday, March 24.



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**SHARING IT:** BG's Zach Williams tosses the ball to a teammate during a rugby match. The Falcons beat Alabama by a score of 128-0. "We were firing on all cylinders," Ben Gutek said. "From top to bottom, everybody played excellent. We even got to try some new plays out."

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said. The Alabama victory could be viewed as surprising for several reasons. The first was that the Tide were a playoff team with an undefeated record. Secondly, it was the first time ever that the two teams played each other. Lastly, the Falcons hadn't even had an outdoor practice up to that point. The big win over UA was described by wing and fullback Ben Gutek as a little mind-blowing. "We were firing on all cylinders," Gutek said. "From top to bottom, everybody played excellent. We even got to try some new plays out." This Saturday, BG will play in their second home game of the spring when Kentucky comes to town. The last time the two teams played was in 1987, and there is some bad blood still

remaining from that game, which BG won 25-24 on a last-second penalty kick. The Wildcats will be looking to get back at the Falcons for the tough loss 20 years ago. They are currently undefeated and coming off a tour of Argentina. BG has had continued success spilling over from the fall season. According to Gutek, the team has been working better as a unit. "We had a lot of new starters in the fall," Gutek said. "We've been playing well on the field together, running plays well and working the ball around the field. We're a fast, athletic team so we've been playing to our strengths." Mazzarella has been more than happy with the results all along. "I've been impressed with the team because even though they're not in the national playoff picture, they've been working very hard and I've seen playoff commitment all season," Mazzarella said. BG plays Kentucky at home this Saturday at 1 p.m.

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now so we need to make sure we keep that up," said freshman Laura Bugher. "Now that the torch has been passed to Kate and Whitney, they have some big shoes to fill, but I have confidence that they can." Due to this national recognition, the team is looking forward to next year, when they'll come into the season with the respect they've worked so hard to earn. "It's definitely been our dream to bring our school to this level, so it will be really nice to play with that success now that people know who we are," Taylor said. Ultimately, everyone on the team has nothing but respect for the six seniors who helped to make the program what it is today. "The seniors set the bar, and set the standard higher



FILE PHOTO

**A BIG CHANGE:** Whitney Taylor goes up for a shot against Indiana Dec. 5. Taylor missed a lot of time with an ACL injury, but will step into a leading role for BG next season.

and higher when they came in," said sophomore Lindsey Goldsberry. "They just continued to build the program to new levels." "They're leaving the program in our hands and we have to do the most we can to leave it the way they left it," Achter said.

Goodell promises tougher policy

By Barry Wilner  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — One day after yet another NFL player was arrested, commissioner Roger Goodell said yesterday a stronger player conduct policy will not be completed at these league meetings. By next month, however, Goodell expects to have in place the stricter plan and hopes to make some disciplinary decisions before the April 28-29 draft. "It's a complicated issue and there are no simple answers," Goodell said, adding he planned to meet with coaches and owners in a day or so to discuss player conduct. "We want to find out what is working well with the clubs and what is not working, get a set of best practices so they can implement them on a local basis."

"We're expecting discipline will be stepped up," he added. NFL Players Association executive director Gene Upshaw has expressed his support of a tougher disciplinary policy. Goodell listed educational programs as a key step, and wants players to become more familiar with local laws. In the past year, such players as cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones of Tennessee, with 10 separate encounters with the police, and DT Tank Johnson of Chicago, sentenced last week to four months in jail on weapons charges, have drawn headlines for their misconduct. So did nine Cincinnati Bengals who got in trouble off the field. On Sunday, Carolina Panthers reserve guard D'Anthony Batiste was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a misdemeanor. Yesterday, Las Vegas police said they will

seek felony and misdemeanor charges against Jones and two others in a February shooting at a strip club. "I've spoken to over 50 players on this issue, and they all believe leadership in mentoring younger players is important," Goodell said. "That's one of the things we'll be encouraging. I'm supportive of creating a player advisory council that would give me some input, maybe even into individual cases." The NFL did get some business done, adopting an expanded program of revenue sharing designed to help lower-revenue clubs. The complex arrangement requires that a team must be spending 65 percent or more of its revenues on player costs before it qualifies for the separate pool of \$430 million being made available, retroactive to 2006.

Thompson is right where his father was just over 20 years ago

By Joseph White  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the game ball from the previous night tucked preciously under his arm, John Thompson III stepped off the bus yesterday to cheers, chants and a hug from the mayor in front of the old gym on Georgetown's campus. "I hope no one's missing class to be here," Thompson III said, half-jokingly, as the crowd of 150 or so surrounded him and his players in the parking lot. Moments later, Thompson's father walked briskly through the crowd with considerably less fanfare, using his well-worn collection of four-letter words to shoo away anyone with a camera or a notepad. "Talk to the kids. It's their day," said the Hall of Fame coach popularly known as Big John. "I'm sick of this father-son (stuff)." And, with that, the man who created Hoya Paranoia was gone. Georgetown's new generation — the kinder, gentler version of the Hoyas — was left to carry on with the ad hoc celebration. Georgetown is back in the Final Four after a 22-year absence, headed this weekend for Atlanta after taking the East Regional on Sunday with an overtime win over North Carolina. The Thompsons will become the first father-son duo to coach teams on college basketball's biggest stage. Their similarities and differences have been analyzed and overanalyzed, but another contrast has

become evident in recent weeks: JT III, as he is known, has a team even the average fan can like. Big John's Hoyas were polarizing, the New York Yankees of their day. Fans either loved them or hated them. They played physical — some say they played dirty — and the menacing scowls of Patrick Ewing, bald-headed bruiser Michael Graham and the coach himself only reinforced the reputation. The coach was both secretive and outspoken, strictly limiting access to his players while at the same time defending them with actions such as his two-game boycott over an NCAA rule he felt would hurt minority athletes. The coach also faced racial resentment for having what was perceived to be a black team at a white school, and his NCAA title in 1984 was the first won by a black coach. By contrast, his son comes across as modest and humble. He looks somewhat uncomfortable when there's a fuss made about him. He runs a system, the Princeton offense, that reflects pure basketball and teamwork. His star players, Jeff Green and Roy Hibbert, are self-effacing players who like to smile about their backdoor passes rather than brag about their dunks. In addition, the Hoyas are an underdog, at least somewhat. At 30-6, they'll have more losses than the other three teams at the Final Four. They fell completely out of The Associated Press Top 25 rankings after three nonconference losses



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**GETTIN' ROWDY:** Georgetown coach John Thompson III celebrates defeating North Carolina 96-84 Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

early in the season. They've had a knack for rallying in the second half during the NCAA tournament, including a comeback from 11 down on Sunday against the Tar Heels. "You can embrace this team because of the style they play," said Rich Chvotkin, who has watched the fans' reactions to Georgetown over 33 years as the team's play-by-play announcer. "It's not just pound it into the big and intimidation. John the big fellow's style was that way. He was, basically, the intimidator. John (the son) is a different model. He's more accessible. He's more open. You don't see them in the same light." In the parking lot yesterday,

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there was never an attempt to cover up that we saw," Gimble said. The conclusions were described by Army investigators as they released a pair of reports into Tillman's 2004 killing. The military initially told the public and Tillman's family that the death had occurred during an ambush in a remote part of Afghanistan but did not say it was caused by members of his own unit. Tillman's death received worldwide attention because he had walked away from a huge professional football contract from the Arizona Cardinals to enlist in the Army after the ter-

rorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. "We as an Army failed in our duty to the Tillman family, the duty we owe to all the families of our fallen soldiers: Give them the truth, the best we know it, as fast as we can," said Acting Army Secretary Pete Geren. "Our failure in fulfilling this duty brought discredit to the Army and compounded the grief suffered by the Tillman family. For that, on behalf of the Army, I apologize to the Tillman family." The Army, he said, will take corrective action and hold people accountable. He said he had accepted the recommendation of an Army board that Tillman's Silver Star award be affirmed, even though some information submitted in support of it was inaccurate.

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# Police recommend charges for Jones

By Ken Ritter  
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Tennessee Titans star Adam "Pacman" Jones could face felony and misdemeanor charges stemming from a triple shooting at a strip club in February.

Jones would face a felony charge of coercion and misdemeanor threat and battery charges in the 5 a.m. shooting at Minxx, police Lt. George Castro said yesterday.

Castro said detectives haven't determined who fired the shots that wounded three people, one critically, outside the club during the NBA All-Star game weekend.

Castro said the request for charges will be submitted to Clark County district attorney David Roger no later than the end of the week. Roger will be asked to consider charges against the 23-year-old Jones and Robert Reid, 37, and Sadia Morrison, 24, whom Castro described as friends of Jones.

No arrest warrants have been issued, and an investigation will continue into whether another person might have been involved and fired the shots.

Castro characterized Jones as an instigator of a scuffle inside the club that led to the shooting outside.

"Was he an inciter? Yes, he was," Castro said.



MARK HUMPHREY | AP PHOTO  
**BAD BOY:** Tennessee Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones is shown during football training camp in Clarksville, Tenn.

Lawyers for Jones have denied Minxx club co-owner Robert Susnar's account that Jones arrived and left the club with the shooter. After 500 hours of reviewing videotapes and interviewing witnesses from the club, Castro said police were unable to establish a relationship between Jones and the shooter.

Jones was questioned by Las Vegas police and released.

Two club security guards and an unidentified woman were wounded in the shooting. One guard, who was paralyzed from the waist down, was transferred last week to a rehabilitation hospital.

# BUCKEYES

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I was on campus, when he was recruiting us," Conley said. He showed us the same type of deal and a video of the Final Four. And that definitely stuck in my head through the whole summer workouts and beginning of the year."

Oden, the 7-foot All-American who is Ohio State's leading scorer and rebounder, and Conley were high school teammates for three straight Indiana state championships. Now they're only two wins from Ohio State's first title since 1960.

They were part of Ohio State's most touted recruiting classes, along with David Lighty and Daequan Cook and junior college transfer Othello Hunter.

The "ThadFive" blended nicely with a group that included junior Jamar Butler and seniors Lewis and Ivan Harris. Butler was the only returning starter from last year's team that won the league title and 26 games before losing to Georgetown in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"They've had a tremendous impact," Matta said of the new guys. "Maybe unlike anybody's ever had before with the job that they've done."

Still, the start of the season was challenging without Oden, who was recovering from right wrist surgery and not expected back before January.

"That was kind of my big thing — do we have the ability to get to the Final Four when our center's hand won't move?" Matta said. "The theme song for me, personally, every night

when I drove home was the Merle Haggard song, 'If I Make It Through December.'"

The Buckeyes didn't have to wait that long.

Oden missed the first seven games, his debut coming only days after the Buckeyes' 98-89 loss to North Carolina, the team that lost to Georgetown (30-6) in the East Regional final Sunday. He has since averaged 15.5 points, 9.7 rebounds and 3.5 blocks.

Despite playing only 24 minutes against Memphis on Saturday, Oden scored 17 points on 7-of-8 shooting and had nine rebounds.

During a 4 1/2-minute span in the second half when Oden was out after his third foul, Ohio State went from five points up to five down. When he came back, he blocked the first shot Memphis attempted and the Buckeyes finished with a 41-20 spurt.

In the two games before that, the Buckeyes overcame a 20-point deficit to beat Tennessee and came back from 11 points down in the second half against Xavier.

Oden fouled out against Xavier after his hard shove with nine seconds left in regulation. But after Xavier made only one free throw, Lewis hit a tying 3-pointer and Conley scored 11 points in overtime.

The Buckeyes last made the Final Four in 1999, when a team led by Michael Redd and Scoonie Penn lost to eventual national champion Connecticut. That trip later was expunged from the records because of NCAA violations, making their last official appearance in 1968.

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**BACK IN ACTION:** Cincinnati Reds' Josh Hamilton signs autographs along the outfield wall before facing the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in spring training baseball action at Sarasota, Fla. March 14. Hamilton is back in baseball after problems with drugs and injuries kept him sidelined for the early part of his career.

# New, improved Josh Hamilton tries out for Reds

By Joe Kay  
The Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. — Fifteen minutes after the final out yesterday, most of the Cincinnati Reds were in the clubhouse or already showered and heading out the door. One player lingered on the field.

Josh Hamilton does this often. He chats with fans, signs autographs, poses for photos — all the things he couldn't do during the years fighting through a cocaine addiction that scuttled his career and put his life at a crossroads.

If prompted, he'll also share his life story, one that's taking an upbeat turn.

The 25-year-old outfielder is staying clean and sober. After

going 1-for-3 yesterday, he's also hitting .400 during spring training.

It's more than Hamilton or anyone else expected.

"It's a God-thing," he said before the game, his blue eyes flashing surprise. "I really can't explain it. There's really no reason why I should be playing like I've played. There's really no reason I should have a comeback and still have the ability I have."

After the dark years of addiction, Hamilton's ability and his mettle are there for all to see.

Cincinnati decided to take a chance on Hamilton by selecting him in the winter-meeting draft. A former No. 1 overall pick by Tampa Bay in 1999, Hamilton spent years fighting drug and alcohol addiction away from the game. He didn't

play from 2003-05, and had only 15 games at Class A last season.

His performance has been amazing.

"He's only had one or two at-bats that he's swung at pitches out of the zone," manager Jerry Narron said before yesterday's 5-0 win over Boston. "That's pretty unbelievable for someone who hasn't played much over the last two or three years. He doesn't look like somebody that hasn't played. He's been pretty impressive."

For Hamilton, it's a godsend. "I can't imagine it going any better than it has," he said.

There's only been one bad moment all spring. During a 3-2 loss to the Blue Jays in Dunedin on Sunday, a couple of fans heckled him when he came to the

plate, yelling about the "crack in your bat" and making other drug references.

"Yesterday was the first time I heard something negative from the fans," Hamilton said yesterday. "I've tried to prepare myself for it. Until you go through it like I did yesterday, you don't know how you're going to react to it emotionally."

"It didn't really make me mad. Actually, it was kind of funny. At the same time, it did make me a bit mad — not because they were disrespecting me, but they were disrespecting other people in the ballpark, the kids and families that were there."

Most people are pulling for

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him. "If you put 100 athletes on the field, he'd be one of the 10 you'd notice," said Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella, who also managed the Devil Rays. "Good for him — as long as he doesn't hit us too well when we open up against them."

When the Reds and Cubs open the season in Cincinnati next Monday, Hamilton will finally arrive in the major leagues. He's currently the No. 4 outfielder and can expect frequent playing time.

At the moment, his wife is more excited about the career breakthrough.

"Katie told me, 'Honey, it's one week. I'm so excited. Aren't you excited?'" he said. "I said yeah, a little. I'm not nervous yet. I might be a little

nervous when I step in front of 40,000 people on opening day. Until you experience it, you won't know what it's like."

Spring training has given him an idea of how to manage life back in baseball. He doesn't carry money or have his own car — best to avoid the temptations. On the road, someone else will handle his meal money. He has to take drug tests regularly.

He has been drug-free since October 2005, something far more important to him than his career.

"That's why I went through eight rehabs in three years," he said. "I was trying to get better for baseball, and it wasn't working. I figured out I had to get better for myself first."

Those awful times occasionally come up during his chats with fans. He doesn't avoid the past, figuring that by sharing his story he might help others.

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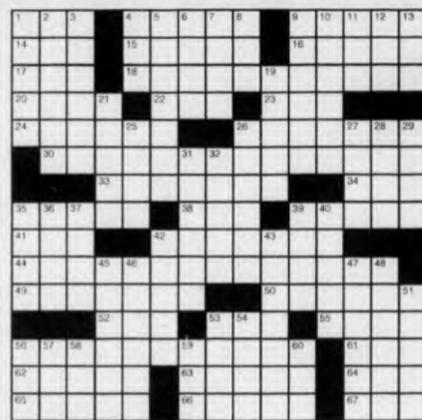
the atmosphere was almost warm and fuzzy. Patrick Ewing Jr. carried the East Regional trophy with the net dangling from it. Roy Hibbert said he slept on the bus because he'd been up all night watching highlights from the game and anything else on television. A freshman who had slept on the floor of the lobby to be near the front of the line to buy Final Four tickets spoke of his "miserable, miserable night" that was worth it nonetheless. Mayor Adrian Fenty called the team a "real inspiration" and said he'd try to make it to Atlanta.

Thompson III, meanwhile, tried to proclaim the Hoyas as "back to business" as they began to prepare for Saturday's game against Ohio State. But the hoopla surrounding him might prove the ultimate test as to whether he can keep his team focused.

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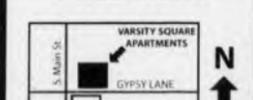
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