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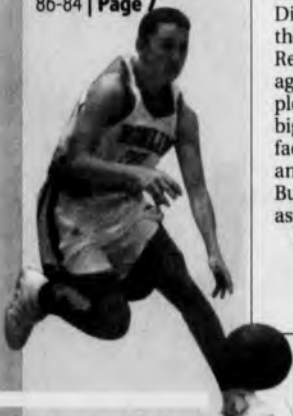
**Cavs opt to keep Varejao, meet Bobcats' offer**

Cleveland reached a \$17 million deal Tuesday to avoid losing the 6-foot-10 player, who will help the team 'regain its intensity' | **Page 7**

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The women's Falcon basketball team played a close game against Notre Dame, ranked 16th in the nation, with a final score of 86-84 | **Page 7**

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Spooning: a good way to keep warm. Do you prefer being the big or little spoon?



**MELINDA JONES**  
Freshman, VCT

"Little spoon. It's warmer." | **Page 4**

WEATHER

**TODAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 29, Low: 20

**TOMORROW**  
Snow  
High: 35 Low: 28



BRIAN BORNHOEFF | THE BG NEWS

**Surprise! Winter wonderland**

**SLEDDING:** High school kids have fun playing in the snow yesterday after Bowling Green got hit with several inches of snow Tuesday night. Weather forecasts predict another bout of snow late tonight, with 1 to 3 inches in possible accumulation. Students should be cautious when walking to class, particularly when trekking across icy stairs and slippery sidewalks.

**Jobs take priority in Weirauch, Latta campaigns**

By **Tim Sampson**  
City Editor

With more than 63,000 Ohioans currently out of work, the two candidates vying for Congress have made bringing jobs back to the state a top priority.

State Rep. Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) and former BGSU administrator Robin Weirauch (D-Napoleon) have each made jobs the cornerstone of their respective campaigns and have criss-crossed the district offering their solutions.

In October, the unemployment rate in Ohio was 5.9 percent, well above the national rate of 4.7 percent, according to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Both of the candidates, who are currently running to fill the vacant Ohio 5th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, agree that unemployment is the biggest problem facing the state and the district. But each is focusing on different aspects of the problem.

Latta believes excessive taxes

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**Bob Latta**  
Republican candidate in Tuesday's 5th District race for Congress



**Robin Weirauch**  
Democratic candidate in Tuesday's 5th District race for Congress

**Plans for 100th anniversary under way at University**

By **Gina Potthoff**  
Assistant Campus Editor

University retiree Larry Weiss thinks it's never too early to plan for the year 2010.

Weiss, who retired earlier this academic year from his position as associate vice president for University Relations and Governmental Affairs, now works part time as one of the co-chairs of BGSU's Centennial Anniversary Commission.

The commission was created to plan the events that will take place throughout the 2010 academic year in celebration of the University's 100th anniversary, which officially occurs on Nov. 10, 2010.

With almost three years to work on the project, the commission held its first meeting Nov. 27, which began with a BGSU history lesson from Weiss.

Weiss said there will be a presentation of University history at every meeting so the commission members are aware of the University's highlights.

The first meeting had a fantastic response, with people saying how thankful they were to be on the commission, he said.

Not counting the co-chairs, 36 of the total 43 members attended the meeting.

Kim McBroom, co-chair and director of Marketing Communications, said she thinks the enthusiasm of the participants is a sure sign of the wonderful events that are to come.

At the meeting, seven subcommittees were formed, which will focus on seven different aspects of the celebration, including academic, alumni and donor, athletics, community and business, marketing and PR, student events and

**"There's only going to be one 100-year celebration, and what a good feeling to be a part of it."**

Larry Weiss | Co-chair of BGSU's Centennial Anniversary Commission

University events.

Each subcommittee was given its own set of expectations and job descriptions. For example, the marketing and PR subcommittee is designing a special logo for the centennial and the student events subcommittee is setting up centennial projects the student body can take part in during 2010.

Joe Chenevey, a freshman majoring in physics, serves as one of five students on the commission and is encouraging other students, like those on the Panhellenic Council and other organizations, to become involved in the student events subcommittee as well. Chenevey was invited to join the commission as a freshman Alumni Laureate Scholar.

He said students should contact Jill Carr, dean of students, or him if they want to get involved in the subcommittee.

Weiss said all student input is welcome, even from those students who aren't going to be here in the fall of 2010.

PLA members and a student athlete are also on the commission, which has all freshman student representatives.

A wonderful mix of people is going to be constructing events

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**Professor wins Mensa award for exceptional influence on students**

By **Jason Jones**  
Reporter



**Patrick Pauken**  
Assoc. professor in the School of Leadership and Policy studies

Winning the Mensa Education and Research Foundation's Distinguished Teacher Award is a high honor for anyone molding the young minds of society.

For the University's Patrick Pauken, the dream of winning such an award has become a reality. Pauken, an associate professor in the School of Leadership and Policy Studies, was the only professor in the country to win this prestigious award from the Mensa Foundation of America, a community-oriented organization that prides itself on the intelligence of its more than 50,000 members.

The award recognizes one teacher, professor or instructor at any educational level, whether it be high school or college, who has had an especially positive influence on the education or life of a Mensa member.

Senior Angela Miller, who is currently enrolled in Pauken's Law, Ethics and Negotiations class, won over the Mensa award judges with her nominating essay.

"Over the course of the semester, Dr. Pauken challenged me more than any other educator and helped fuel my passion for knowledge, reinvigorate my interest in law, and strengthen my intellectual confidence," Miller said.

Pauken tries to get his students to give their maximum effort, she said.

"His expectations were unparalleled," Miller said. "I gave what I thought was my best, but still he demanded more, and it eventually led to me producing a quality of work I did not realize I possessed."

Pauken serves as the graduate program coordinator of the doctoral program in leadership studies. His courses cover school law, special education law, and moral

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**Eight slain in Nebraska department store shooting**

Gunman took his own life after creating mass chaos in busy mall yesterday

By **Oskar Garcia**  
The Associated Press



NATH HARNIK | AP PHOTO

**SHOCK:** Shoppers at the Westroads Mall seek shelter in a metal container after a gunman opened fire at a Von Maur store in the mall in Omaha, Neb., yesterday. Police locked down the shopping center while they searched for the shooter.

OMAHA — A man opened fire with a rifle at a busy department store yesterday, killing eight people before taking his own life, in an attack that made holiday shoppers run screaming through a mall and barricade themselves in dressing rooms. Five more people were wounded, two critically.

The gunman left a suicide note that was found at his home by his mother, said a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak. TV station KETV reported that the note said he wanted to "go out in style."

The official identified the gunman as Robert A. Hawkins, age 19 or 20.

Witnesses said the gunman fired down on shoppers from a third-floor balcony of the Von Maur store. He was found dead on the third floor with a self-inflicted gunshot wound, and

**"Everybody was scared, and we didn't know what was going on. We didn't know what to do. I was praying that God protect us."**

Belene Esaw-Kagbara | Von Maur employee

his victims were discovered on the second and third floors, police said.

"My knees rocked. I didn't know what to do, so I just ran with everybody else," said Kevin Kleine, 29, who was shopping with her 4-year-old daughter at the Westroads Mall, in a prosperous neighborhood on the city's west side. She said she hid in a dressing room with four other shoppers and an employee.

Sgt. Teresa Negron said the gunman killed eight people, then apparently killed himself. Authorities gave no motive for the attack and said they did not know whether he said anything during the rampage.

Police received a 911 call from someone inside the mall,

and shots could be heard in the background, Negron said. By the time officers arrived six minutes later, the shooting was over, she said.

"Everybody was scared, and we didn't know what was going on," said Belene Esaw-Kagbara, 31, a Von Maur employee. "We didn't know what to do. I was praying that God protect us."

Mickey Vickory, who worked at Von Maur's third-floor service department, said she heard shots at about 1:50 p.m.

She and her co-workers and customers went into a back closet behind the wrapping room to hide, then emerged about a half-hour later when police shouted

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**BLOTTER  
TUESDAY**

**8:46 A.M.**

A small tree by the Wood County Courthouse was spit in half and pulled off to the side, causing about \$500 of damage.

**8:04 P.M.**

Someone threw a concrete block through the back window of a car at the corner of Lafayette Boulevard and Savoie Avenue, shattering the rear window and cracking the front windshield.

**8:24 P.M.**

Sometime between 6 and 8 p.m., a blue moneybag, containing \$250 in cash, \$150 in credit card receipts and \$50 in checks, was taken from behind the counter of a barbershop on South Main Street.

**8:36 P.M.**

Someone threw a brick through the windshield of a car, causing damage to the doorframe. The total damage is valued at \$1,000.

**9:01 P.M.**

Earlier this evening, someone threw a concrete block through the back window of vehicle on Eberly Avenue, causing \$500 in damage.

**9:30 P.M.**

Another concrete block was thrown through the windshield of a car on Bisargogne Avenue, causing \$1,000 worth of damage.

**CORRECTION  
POLICY**

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**2010**

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for students, alumni, the community, the region and local businesses, McBroom said.

The University's sister school, Kent State, is also celebrating its centennial in 2010.

The schools were both chosen as higher education institutions in 1910, with one placed in northwest Ohio and the other in northeast Ohio, Weiss said.

He said the commission might collaborate with Kent State to create a joint event.

He also suggested a possible event in Columbus, since Randy Gardner, an Ohio State senator, is one of the commission members.

The commission does not currently have a budget, since University President Sidney Ribeau is still working on it, but the commission only needs "seed money" right now, Weiss said.

"There's only going to be one 100-year celebration, and what a good feeling to be a part of it," Weiss said.

The Centennial Anniversary Commission will hold its next meeting Jan. 25, after the seven subcommittees have met at least one more time to discuss recommendations.

**AWARD**

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and ethical leadership.

He is the latest in a long line of award winners that extends back more than 30 years.

The winning teacher receives a cash donation from the Mensa Education and Research Foundation, and the school receives a commemorative plaque, said Hilary Moore, marketing coordinator for the foundation.

"At the end of the semester, it's only the beginning of his tremendous influence," Miller said.

**COMMUNITY TO EXPLORE PARK BY CANDLELIGHT**



RACHEL RADWANSKI | THE BG NEWS

**DECORATE:** Bowling Green's latest city park is lighting up for the holidays. Tonight at 6:30, members of the community can explore the Simpson Garden Park by candlelight. Hundreds of luminaries — paper bags with lit candles — will illuminate the pathways, showing off the various theme gardens featured at the park. Simpson Garden Park, which the community raised nearly \$600,000 to erect, is located at the corner of Wintergarden Road and Corneaut Avenue. After the candles are lit, refreshments will be offered to the sound of Christmas carols. Festivities will last until 9:30 p.m.

**JOBS**

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and government bureaucracy have hindered the growth of local business.

"Government does not create wealth, private enterprise creates wealth," Latta said at a press conference last week near the construction site of the new Bass Pro Shop in Perrysburg.

He said the new outdoor store located at the intersection of Interstate-75 and the Ohio Turnpike is a sign of job growth in the area.

The Republican nominee harkened back to the days of Ronald Reagan as he advocated for reduced taxes and government spending.

One of the main points of Latta's campaign platform has been a call for abolishing the federal estate tax.

The estate tax is a tax on the transfer of property after a person's death. As it exists right now, only estates valued at more than \$2 million are subject to this tax. According to the Internal Revenue Service, only the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans currently have to pay the tax.

Although Weirauch also agrees with Latta that there should be tax relief for small farms and family businesses, her rhetoric on unemployment has focused more on jobs moving overseas.

The Democratic nominee has said that unfair trade agreements have moved many manufacturing jobs to foreign countries, where labor is cheaper.

Last year in Ohio, there were 234 mass layoff events, resulting in 49,244 jobs lost, according to the Department of Jobs and Family Services. These numbers have climbed steadily since 2003.

"There is now a bigger issue

facing the district and the state than to bring back jobs," Weirauch said.

Weirauch favors increasing tax incentives from businesses to keep them in the country and in the district. But she said it's up to consumers to do their part by purchasing domestic products.

"I would challenge people to find what they need made in the USA," Weirauch said.

She said one of the keys to helping curb unemployment is to renegotiate trade agreements like NAFTA, which make it easy for jobs to leave the country and for illegal immigrants to come in and take jobs.

Latta said he agrees with Weirauch, and both candidates oppose granting amnesty to illegal immigrants.

Latta and Weirauch will face off in Tuesday's special election to replace the late U.S. Rep. Paul Gillmor, who died in September.

**SHOOTING**

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to come out with their hands up. As police took them to another part of the mall for safety, they saw the victims.

"We saw the bodies and we saw the blood," she said.

Keith Fidler, another Von Maur employee, said he heard a burst of five to six shots followed by 15 to 20 more rounds. Fidler said he huddled in the corner of the men's clothing department with about a dozen other employees until police yelled to get out of the store.

A witness, Shawn Vidlak, said the shots sounded like a nail gun. At first he thought it was noise from construction work at the mall.

"People started screaming about gunshots," Vidlak said. "I grabbed my wife and kids we got out of there as fast as we could."

Shortly after the shooting, which came three weeks before Christmas, a group of shoppers came out of the building with their hands raised. Some were still holding shopping bags.

Police told people to park their cars at businesses across from the mall and to wait for their loved ones, then directed them to an Omaha hotel to await information.

President Bush was in Omaha yesterday for a fundraiser, but left about an hour before the shooting.

The Von Maur store is part of a 22-store Midwestern chain. The sprawling, three-level mall has more than 135 stores and restaurants. It gets 14.5 million visitors every year, according to its Web site.

It was the second mass shooting at a mall this year. In February, nine people were shot, five of them fatally, at Trolley Square mall in Salt Lake City. The gunman, 18-year-old Sulejman Talovic, was shot and killed by police.

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**GET A LIFE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

8 - 11 a.m.

**Rhythmx Content Management Training**  
122 Library

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Christmas Ornament Fundraiser**  
Union Mall

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**10 Minute Massage**  
Union, across from Info Center

4 - 8 p.m.

**Holiday Dinner**  
Kreischer Sun Dial

5 - 9 p.m.

**Come to the Stable**  
Bowling Green Alliance Church

7 - 11:30 p.m.

**Creed on Campus Meeting**  
201 Union

7:30 p.m.

**BFA Readings**  
Prout Chapel

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Warm-up BG**  
107 Hanna Hall

8 - 10 p.m.

**Shorts Fest 2007!**  
Wooster Street Center

9 - 10:30 p.m.

**H2O Live**  
Union Ballroom

9:15 - 10:15 p.m.

**Resident Advisor Information Session**  
Union Theater

The holiday season presents opportunities for generosity

By Jason Jones  
Reporter

For many people, the holidays are a time to think not only of family and friends, but of giving back to those who are less fortunate.

There is no doubt that the spirit of giving closely relates to all time-honored holiday traditions, whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or others. This year, aside from exchanging gifts with family and friends, some will take a moment to consider those less fortunate and contemplate improving their own holiday season, as well.

With charitable organizations such as the American Red Cross, Operation Iraqi Children, Salvation Army, Giving Trees, Religious charities and the sponsorship of unfortunate children available to all citizens, it is easy to give to whomever one chooses.

Many people go shopping and see the traditional Salvation Army bell ringers, causing some to think about donating money. Some people, however, decide not to part with the change in their pockets.

Factual statistics about giving back are available to both types of people.

"The sponsorship of a child has become one of the most popular holiday gifts over the past few years," said Martha Osborne of the Rainbow Kids Agency.

Natalie Mills, a freshman at the University, said supports those who are underprivileged.

For the price of a movie ticket, popcorn and a drink at a local movie theater, you can give a starving child in Africa enough food to last them through the holidays and well into the new year, Mills said.

Operation Iraqi Children and Operation Iraqi Soldiers are also organizations that benefit those families who will be separated over the holiday season.

While not poverty-ridden or

**WAYS TO GIVE BACK:**

- American Red Cross
- Operation Iraqi Children/Soldiers
- Salvation Army
- MacDonald Giving Tree
- Sponsoring a Child

at risk of starvation, there are families in the United States who will be having a holiday season without members of their families present. Many children of the those serving in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will be without one of their parents this holiday season, and many soldiers will be without their families.

Citizens do, however, have the chance to thank both the soldiers and their families by assembling care packages or even donating a dollar to local businesses, such as Bowling Green's local Dollar Tree, which sends gifts to children of soldiers.

Churches all over the United States, including some here in Bowling Green, will hold charity dinners throughout the holiday season to help local people who are less fortunate enjoy meals they may not be able to afford on their own.

"It's something I've done for a long time, it's a great chance to give back and help those who won't be able to have the holiday feast that we do," said Brianna Parks, an active member of the University's Habitat for Humanity organization.

Here on campus, MacDonald residence hall is home to the Giving Tree, an organization where one can support the American Red Cross by purchasing a leaf for the tree. By paying the leaf's \$1 fee, students and community members have the chance, through the help of the Places of Hope International Organization, to benefit the lives and holidays of abandoned and abused children.

Osborne said she expects an increase in the number of donations during the holiday season, and several organizations have been established to help people do just that.

PAINTING THE SEASONS



ENOCH WU | THE BG NEWS

**CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS:** Juniors Mark Kowalski and Whitney Jackson join in on some collaborative painting at Coffee Grind, a creative event sponsored by Founder's Trustees. Groups of students worked together to create paintings of the four seasons. Around 30 students participated in the festivities held last night on the ground floor of Founders Hall.

**CAMPUS BRIEF**

**Students have option for travel package**

The University unveiled a travel package for students interested in attending the GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala., Jan. 6.

BGSU's "Student Spirit Trip" will leave Bowling Green on Friday, Jan. 4, and return on Monday, Jan. 7. A \$200 registration fee includes transportation, lodging, game ticket costs and a continental breakfast on game day. Those interested can only pay this fee with cash or a check.

University students can get discounted student tickets for \$20 using their student IDs. Only one ticket can be purchased per student ID.

If students provide advance notice to their professors and sign in at the student registration table in Mobile, they will be allowed to miss the first day of spring semester classes.

Registration for the "Student Spirit Trip" begins today at 10 a.m. in 401 Union

**Alcohol could be prohibited in dorms**

The University is in the process of gathering student opinions about prohibiting alcohol in the dorms, even for students of legal drinking age.

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Jill Carr stressed that no decision has been made. In February, members of the Student Advisory Board will decide whether or not to propose a policy to ban alcohol in the dorms to Edward Whipple, vice president of Student Affairs.

For any policy changes to take place, they must be approved by Whipple, the president's cabinet and, finally, the Board of Trustees. If a proposal were to make it to the Board of Trustees, a final decision would be made in May.

Carr said after talking to students from USG, Residence Life and other organizations, there have been a few concerns with the idea of banning alcohol from the dorms.

One of the main concerns is that the change might influence students to move

off campus.

"If our goal is to have fewer vacancies on campus, we don't want to make decisions that would impede that," Carr said.

Carr also said they have found that older students infrequently provide alcohol to underage students in the dorms.

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as SAD.

The problem occurs when the winter blues moves from mild snowfall to a hailing blizzard. SAD can change a person's mood faster than Bowling Green can change its weather. SAD also dishes out unpleasant affects on an individual's interpersonal relationships.

There are times when I feel that SAD does not receive the attention it deserves. True, it is a lot nicer to think of holiday festivities rather than depression. But SAD needs light shown upon it, literally.

SAD is thought to occur because of vitamin deficiencies resulting from the lack of sunlight experienced in winter. Although, if you live in Columbus, like I do, I suppose we are all vitamin deficient. It's a lucky day if the sun shines on Columbus.

So if you're looking to treat your SAD(ness) don't come to Columbus. Instead, go tanning. Light therapy and exposure to UV rays have proven effective for treating SAD.

Another frustrating part of SAD is the way in which it messes with your sleep cycle. SAD tinkers around in your biological clock, waking you at obscure hours of the night. Light therapy has also been proven effective in alleviating

this symptom.

If not identified and treated, SAD can become detrimental to an individual's daily routine. The inability to get up in the morning can keep students from going to class. It can keep the working populace from showing up to their 9-to-5 jobs.

Winter in Bowling Green proves to be more like frozen tundra than a winter wonderland. But, there are still ways to enjoy ourselves and keep the SAD(ness) away. Go outside and play in the snow. Who says you have to be a 5-year-old to enjoy building a snow fort? There are no age limits on snowball fights. Enjoy nature's greatest reusable toy!

And if you're more Grinch than Christmas Elf and can't bring yourself to frolic in the snow, engage in other activities to keep the SAD(ness) at bay. Thanksgiving doesn't have to be the only time for giving thanks. Appreciate the long break at home with your family. Take advantage of the time you get to spend with them.

The holidays are truly one of the most wonderful times of the year. If you feel SAD, instead of Jack Frost nipping at your nose, seek out ways to alleviate your symptoms. I wish everyone the happiest and safest of holidays and a brilliant new year!

Send responses to Ally's column to thenews@bgnews.com.

LETTERS

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"pigheaded" is a far cry from seeking out excellence in others.

I fully understand that Chick's column was primarily a list of hypothetical excuses. However, if you plan on bashing BG girls, even if you're only speaking in terms of hypothetical excuses, The BG News is probably not the best place to do it. If he truly wants to move on from his awkward breakup situation, he should try to not turn the girls around him into a satirical joke.

The fact is, as long as he's looking through pigheaded and shallow eyes, he'll see nothing but shallow, pigheaded people. Probably the best way to turn over a new leaf is to go by a new motto.

The other day I saw a guy walking around campus with the right idea. Maybe he truly believed in having an open mind for everybody, or perhaps he was just wearing the shirt for fun. However, I think the message is a good start for most of the guys on campus who seem to be the hopeless romantic type.

His shirt wisely read, "BG Girls, Best in the World!"

— Jeff Jack Sophomore, Psychology.

What's next, labor unions for elves?

In regard to the "[Censored], Merry Christmas!" [Dec. 5] column written by Sean Martin, he left out a few facts.

The idea that Santa had to change his jolly old laugh because it's offensive to women is not correct. In actuality, a spokesman for the change stated that the original laugh was too scary for children, and a "gentler ha-ha-ha" would take the place of the ho-ho-horrifying classic.

So, in light of this "new" evidence, the article should have been about the overprotection of our children rather than the overabundance of political correctness in the world.

— Jake Wachholz IPC, Senior

I wanted a new direction in 2008 — well, so much for that idea

QUINCY MILLER | GUEST COLUMNIST

"The U.S., along with Great Britain, has had an unhealthy interest in Middle Eastern foreign policy and there's nothing to suggest that will change anytime soon."

I really wanted to vote Democratic in the upcoming presidential election. The Democrats came out so strongly, so critical of President Bush's policies and the occupation of Iraq. However, our heroin-like addiction to oil is starting to show. One by one, the Democratic candidates have begun moderating their anti-Iraq war rhetoric.

Both Clinton and Obama have begun to shy away from making definitive statements regarding a timetable for withdrawal and begun talking about the "vital national security interests," which we can interpret as a giant flashing sign that says "OIL!" With the caucuses approaching and the Democrats quickly retreating to a middle ground position, I find myself disillusioned. It seems that for all the hot air issuing from the left, the ideology of the Carter Doctrine is still our rule of thumb for foreign policy.

The pivotal sentence from the Carter Doctrine, pulled from Carter's Jan. 23, 1980 State of the Union address, is that, "An attempt by any outside force to gain control of the Persian Gulf region will be regarded as an assault on the vital interests of the United States of America, and such an assault will be repelled by any means necessary, including military force." Since then, this sentence has explained our presence in the Middle East. As the Bush administration continues to spin the wheel of "Reasons We're in Iraq" the elephant in the room is the \$10 billion to \$30 billion of oil beneath the country's surface.

What all of this boils down to

is that, since World War II, the U.S., along with Great Britain, has had an unhealthy interest in Middle Eastern foreign policy and there's nothing to suggest that will change anytime soon. Indeed, in a recent interview, Col. Jeffrey Bannister, commander of the Second Brigade of the Second Infantry Division, made several remarks about a "five-year plan" for Iraq. Five years down the road brings us to 11 years, which is about 10 years and 11 months longer than I've wanted troops in Iraq.

Stony Brook University professor of sociology, Michael Schwartz, has defined the Bush administration's policy in Iraq as a new catch-22: "The worse things go, the more our military is needed; the better they go, the more our military is needed."

The depressing idea that we are going to the polls to elect a president who, in all likelihood, has long ago learned the importance of maintaining an armed military presence in a volatile region of key importance to U.S. foreign and domestic policy is one I am still struggling with.

I truly wanted to vote for change in this upcoming election. I wanted to caucus and choose the best alternative to the bellicose neoconservative hawks currently in office. However, the more I read, the stronger the implications become that U.S. troops will continue to maintain a presence in Iraq.

There is, of course, the likelihood a dark-horse candidate

will take the nomination: John Edwards, or, God willing, Dennis Kucinich. But the complete lack of media attention given to "second-tier" candidates almost ensures they will not. A cursory check of Google News reveals a meager 3,700 news stories about Kucinich while Hillary garners 10 times that amount, with more than 40,000. All the while, the media continue to breathlessly inform us how much money the candidates are raising.

Secretary of the Treasury William E. Simon perhaps said it best: "Bad politicians are sent to Washington by good people who don't vote." As the caucuses and the elections draw closer, it is more imperative than ever that we seek out fair and unbiased information on the candidates' voting records and policies. Web sites like www.ontheissues.org and www.vote-smart.org are two user-friendly sites where readers can compare the candidates' positions and voting records.

As with the midterm elections, we, the voting public, have an opportunity to express our feelings on the current situation; we can affirm the current administration's actions and policies or we can make our displeasure over the acts that have been done in the names of freedom and democracy known.

Miller writes for the Iowa State Daily, the student newspaper at Iowa State University.

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ment and accommodations that were almost always inferior to those provided to white Americans.

Also, the federal government, through the Department of Transportation, which built highways through viable urban communities, and Federal Housing Assistance loans, which allowed millions of white people to exit to the suburbs in the wake of World War II and also funneled nearly all loan money toward whites, has played a huge part in the current economic disparity between black and Latino communities and their white counterparts through social policy.

So in these cases, in history, race did matter. The beneficiaries of past social policies were white people who passed down their material possessions (houses, mortgages, bank accounts, etc.) to their children and grandchildren, who then pass down to their children and who ... you get the idea.

I don't mention this to create controversy, prove anything or cause guilt, but to inform people. That being said, one thing Watson proves is that just because you are a scientist, that doesn't mean you have common sense.

Mark Hines is a senior majoring in sport management. Send responses to his column to thenews@bgnews.com.

District court rightly barred funds

THE DAILY TAR HEEL | GUEST COLUMNIST

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The U.S. Constitution is pretty clear on this matter. In the words of Thomas Jefferson, it effectively builds "a wall of separation between church and state."

That's why the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals made the right call Monday regarding InnerChange Freedom Initiative, a religious criminal rehabilitation program that formerly received state funding.

The court's decision stated that InnerChange, a program contracted by the state of Iowa to provide services to inmates, cannot receive state money but that the program should not be shut down or required to repay about \$1.5 million it already received.

InnerChange is a program that seeks to rehabilitate criminals back into society using Christian principles. It received state funding from its contraction in 1999 until 2007, but now is entirely privately funded.

Participation in the program is completely voluntary and inmates can drop out at any time. They are also not required to be Christians.

We have no problem with InnerChange operating in prisons, despite the fact that it is a self-declared Christian organization that places a heavy emphasis on study of the Bible.

In fact, we think it's great, because it appears to have had success in reducing recidivism rates and turning ex-criminals into contributing members of society.

But regardless of the services it might provide, under no circumstance should a group with any semblance of a religious agenda receive government money.

That does not mean, however, that InnerChange should repay the money it received from the state. It must repay only the money it received the last year, following the original district court ruling.

We're not really sure who in the Iowa legislature decided that following the Constitution wasn't really necessary, but the organization itself shouldn't be punished for that oversight.

The Iowa Department of Corrections originally solicited bids to provide rehabilitation, and InnerChange was the only program to submit a proposal.

Even when a secular competitor offered to provide the same service later on, InnerChange still offered the best bargain.

And now that InnerChange has ceased to receive state funding, there's no problem with its continued operation. In fact, for no charge, it's really in the state's best interest to keep it around.

Cost permitting, it might be wise for Iowa to seek alternative programs that either are not religion-based or draw on other faiths, just for the sake of offering choices to inmates.

But InnerChange should not be shut down or penalized just because it does its job well and Iowa's legislators apparently flunked high school civics.

After all, doing good for society is the ultimate goal of this Christian group. Since the state's not paying, we should let it do its job.

The Daily Tar Heel is the student newspaper at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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# Climate change threatens species

By Michael Casey  
 The Associated Press

BALI, Indonesia — More than 3,000 flying foxes dropped dead, falling from trees in Australia. Giant squid migrated north to commercial fishing grounds off California, gobbling anchovy and hake. Butterflies have gone extinct in the Alps.

While humans debate at U.N. climate change talks in Bali, global warming is already wreaking havoc with nature. Most plants and animals are affected, and the change is occurring too quickly for them to evolve.

"A hell of a lot of species are in big trouble," said Stephen E. Williams, the director of the Centre for Tropical Biodiversity & Climate Change at James Cook University in Australia.

"I don't think there is any doubt we will see a lot of [extinctions]," he said. "But even before a species goes extinct, there are a lot of impacts. Most of the species here in the wet tropics would be reduced to ... 15 percent of their current habitat."

Globally, 30 percent of the Earth's species could disappear if temperatures rise 4.5 degrees Fahrenheit — and up to 70 percent, if they rise 6.3 degrees Fahrenheit, a U.N. network of scientists reported last month.

It wouldn't be the first time. There have been five major extinctions in the last 520 million years, and four of them



JONATHAN HAYWARD | AP PHOTO

**GLOBAL WARNING:** A polar bear mother and her two cubs seek safety after climate changes in Wapusk National Park on the shore of Hudson Bay near Churchill, Manitoba.

have been linked to warmer tropical seas, according to a study published last month in the Proceedings of the Royal Society B, a British scientific journal.

The hardest hit will include plants and animals in colder climates or at higher elevations and those with limited ranges or little tolerance for temperature change, said Wendy Foden, a conservation biologist with the World Conservation Union, which catalogs threat-

ened species. Butterflies that lived at high altitudes in North America and southern France have vanished, and polar bears and penguins are watching their habitat melt away.

The carbon dioxide emissions that are a leading cause of global warming also turn oceans more acidic, killing coral reefs and the microscopic plankton that blue whales and other marine mammals depend on for food.

## Detective files lawsuit after failing drug test, losing job

NEW YORK — A counterterrorism detective who says his failed drug test came because his wife had spiked his meatballs with marijuana has filed a lawsuit to get his job back.

Anthony Chiofalo asked the court to declare that his firing in August from the New York Police Department was unreasonable and unconstitutional, to declare that a damning hair sample was improperly taken and to order his rehiring with back pay plus interest, seniority and all benefits.

Chiofalo, a 22-year veteran assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force, was suspended without pay in November 2005 after a random drug test found marijuana in his system. He denied using drugs and demanded a hearing.

During an investigation, Chiofalo's wife, Catherine Chiofalo, said she secretly put enough marijuana for about six cigarettes in her meatball recipe in July 2005, hoping a failed blood test would force him to retire, court papers say.

Catherine Chiofalo, according to court papers, testified at the hearing that she "just wanted my husband not to die of a heart attack or get killed. I wanted him to be around to help raise my son."

The couple later took and passed lie-detector tests about how the marijuana was ingested, Anthony Chiofalo's court papers say.

## Airports offer cheap and convenient flu shots to travelers after passing through security checkpoints



JOHN BAZEMORE | AP PHOTO

**AIRPORT FLU SHOTS:** Business traveler Danny Manzoni, of Jacksonville, Fla., gets a flu shot from Stephanie Parks of The Aero Clinic at Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

By Daniel Yee  
 The Associated Press

ATLANTA — After taking off their shoes, emptying their pockets and passing through the security checkpoint, travelers at some major U.S. airports can now roll up a sleeve and get a flu shot.

"The convenience is great," Danny Manzoni, a busy, 53-year-old restaurant consultant, said after getting vaccinated Tuesday

at a kiosk in front of an AirTran gate at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. He said he had wanted to get a flu shot for three months but never had the time.

For years, some airports have been offering flu shots to airline passengers before they cleared security. But many travelers were too afraid of missing their flights to stop.

So this year, airports in such cities as Atlanta, Chicago, Denver,

Newark, N.J., and San Francisco are setting up "airside" health stations close to the gates, past the security checkpoints.


The shots typically take just a few minutes and cost \$15 to \$35. So far, the airports in the five major cities have given out about 15,000 shots this season.

"It's helpful being on the airside because people don't know how long it's going to take getting through security so they don't want to take a risk of waiting in

a medical clinic or being stuck in security and not making their plane," said Maureen Zampella, director of nursing and general operations manager of a service that is offering flu shots at the Newark airport.

The vaccinations are seen as particularly convenient for those who travel frequently on business.










"They don't have time to go to the physician," said Dr. Dominic Mack, chief medical officer of the service offering shots in Atlanta.



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## SIDELINES



## VOLLEYBALL

## Swiger, Meek receive All-MAC academic honors

Senior Stephanie Swiger and junior Chelsey Meek of the BG volleyball team were named to the 2007 Academic All-MAC team yesterday. The honor was voted on by MAC faculty and athletic representatives.

## ONLINE

## The BG News Sports Blog

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## OUR CALL

## Today in Sports History

**1988**—The Milwaukee Bucks become the second fastest team in NBA history to win 1,000 games.

**1970**—The Cleveland Cavaliers earn their first ever home victory by beating the Buffalo Braves.

## The List

Yesterday we took a look at some of the most overused nicknames in college sports. Today, we're shedding light on five of the most literal, but clever ones.

## 1. John Jay College of Criminal Justice Bloodhounds:

Yep, this New York City-based school will use its legal knowledge to track down criminals, like bloodhounds.

## 2. Gettysburg College Bullets:

Clever, considering you can still probably find bullets in the ground at Gettysburg.

## 3. Washington and Jefferson College Presidents:

Quite literal and semi-clever. Must have taken about five minutes to come up with that one.

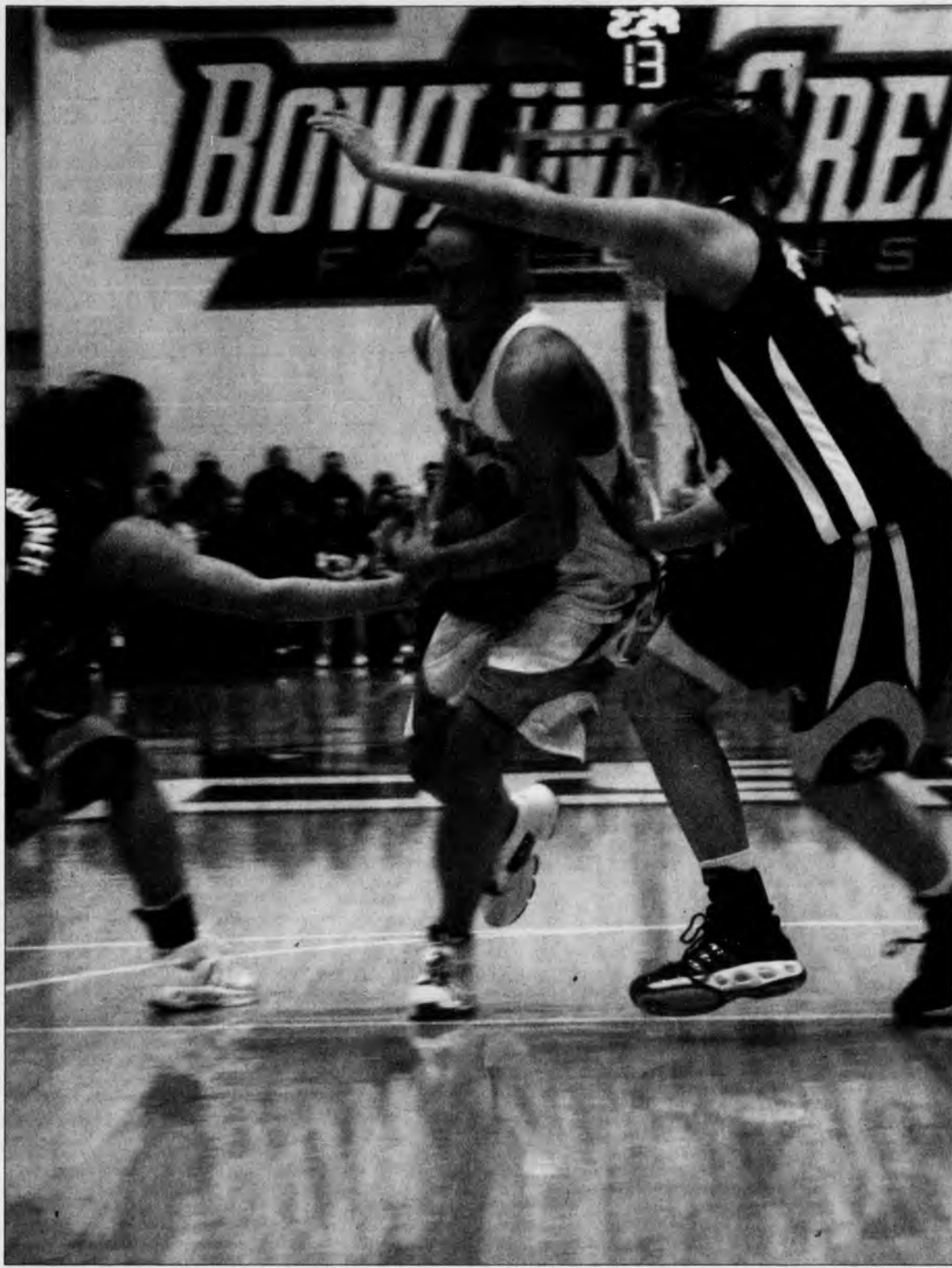
## 4. Johnson Bible College Evangels:

The Evangels from Johnson Bible College? No kidding. Well done Johnson.

## 5. South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Hardrockers:

One of the best team nicknames in the country? We whole-heartedly agree.

## Falcons come oh-so-close



**THROUGH THE LANE:** BG center Tara Breske drives the lane through two Notre Dame defenders during yesterday's game. The Falcons lost in overtime.

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BG rebounds, sends game to OT

By Bill Bordewick  
Reporter

It was a very well-played game by both teams — unfortunately for the Falcons, the final scoreboard did not read exactly as they had hoped.

The final tallies show the Falcons losing to Notre Dame by a score of 86-84, but this was hardly a loss for this Falcon team.

"I'm really proud of the team tonight," said BG coach Curt Miller. "They were gutty—they really competed and didn't back down and at no time showed any intimidation."

It would have been perfectly acceptable for this young team to fold under the pressure of the big stage against the toughest opponent in most of their careers — but that is not what the team is about.

They battled all night long and forced Charel Allen to make a very tough shot in overtime with 8 seconds left on the clock in order for the nationally ranked Fighting Irish to pull out the victory in front of a rowdy Anderson Arena crowd.

The Falcons gave it everything they had, but it just was not enough to beat the Irish.

"This would have to be one of the most fun games I've ever played in," said BG guard Kate Achter, who admitted to having chills after the game. "To come down to the wire like that with a chance to beat a top 25 team — it's what everyone dreams about."

Achter showed her senior leadership by scoring 20 points and dishing out seven assists. She really took over in the second half but she was not alone.

She was joined in double figures by Lauren Prochaska's 18 points, Crystal Murdaugh's 14 and Tara Breske's 10 — pretty

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## Even in a loss, the team pulled itself back into the game when needed

By Chris Voloschuk  
Assistant Sports Editor

The BG-Notre Dame contest last night brought up reminders of a classic Al Pacino line from the movie "Godfather III": "Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in."

With 10:20 left in the second half, Notre Dame guard Lindsay Schrader made the second of two free throws to bring the score to 59-49. Down 10 points and having all kinds of trouble getting off quality shots, BG was starting to look out of it.

But then the raucous Anderson Arena crowd stepped its cheering up a notch, and the Falcons pulled themselves back

into the game.

The paid attendance of 2,322 continued to get louder and BG went on a 14-4 run to take the lead 64-63. With 5:50 left in the game, it was up for grabs: In overtime, BG would not be able to take the lead again, losing 86-84 on a last-second jump shot from guard Charel Allen.

The Falcons finished out, but barely.

Notre Dame came into the contest ranked No. 16 in the nation, outscoring their opponents by an average of 30.1 points this season. But throughout the game, BG showed that it wasn't going to back down.

BG head coach Curt Miller was impressed with the talent

level of the Irish.

"[Notre Dame] is what I believe is a team clearly that has a shot at the Final Four and clearly a team I think you're going to see go into the Tennessee game here in another few weeks at 12-1 and be ranked in the top 10 in the country," Miller said.

But through it all, yesterday's loss didn't seem to hurt as much as it built character.

The younger players grew up under fire and the veterans led the way. Point guard Kate Achter led the team in scoring with 20 points. Sophomore center Tara Breske added 10. For the underclassmen, guard Lauren Prochaska scored 18 points before fouling out and fellow

freshmen Crystal Murdaugh and Tracy Pontius had 14 and nine points, respectively.

Miller was proud of his team's effort.

"Unbelievable," Miller said. "Unbelievable effort. They had some spurts where they could've folded and Notre Dame could have coasted to those common 30-plus point wins this year. But every time it looked like they were going to get out to a comfortable lead our kids dug deep and really got back into it."

"It was a gutsy performance," he added. "We learned a lot about ourselves tonight."

The comeback from 10 points down showed that BG could

hang with some of the best the country has to offer and pull themselves back into a game when they were down.

"I think it's what our program's all about," Miller said. "That we don't give up, we feel like we can play with a lot of people. We have such a special place here at Anderson Arena with the fans' support, that even if we felt like quitting the fans weren't going to let us quit tonight."

"Our team motto going into the game was believing and playing with toughness and we can hang with anyone as long as we believe we can do it," Achter said. "We've got a very talented team and don't underestimate our will power to win."

## Cavaliers match offer sheet, Varejao contract hold out draws to a close

By Joe Milicia  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Cleveland yesterday matched the Charlotte Bobcats' three-year offer for restricted free agent Anderson Varejao, ending a protracted contract dispute that gives the struggling Cavaliers some much needed help.

The Bobcats, in need of a big man, reached the \$17 million deal Tuesday, leaving the Cavaliers a week to match it or lose him.

They wasted no time in choosing yesterday to keep the 6-foot-10, mop-haired Brazilian.

The decision came the morning after the Cavaliers lost their fourth straight game. They are 0-3

without superstar LeBron James, who sprained his left index finger a week ago.

Coach Mike Brown criticized his team's lack of effort in an ugly 100-79 loss to New Jersey, something that Varejao should be able to help improve.

Varejao isn't much of a scorer, but the 25-year-old, known for his energy, defense and knops, should help the Cavaliers regain their intensity on the court.

The Cavaliers haven't had a wig night promotion or the same presence under the boards without the fan favorite, who averaged a career-best 6.8 points and 6.7 rebounds last season in helping the Cavaliers reach the NBA finals for the first time.

Varejao could opt out of the deal after the second season and become an unrestricted free agent. He said last week that he would prefer to play for another team.

Before training camp opened, Varejao turned down Cleveland's one-year, \$1.2 million qualifying offer. If he had signed that deal, the former second-round pick could have become an unrestricted free agent after this season. In late October, the Cavaliers rejected a six-year, \$52 million package presented by Varejao's agent, Dan Fegan.

Asked Tuesday night if he expected to see Varejao back with the Cavaliers, Brown said, "I hope so. He's a talented player. He's a great guy."

It was unclear yesterday whether Varejao would join the team or how quickly he could jump into Brown's rotation after missing more than a month.

"I know he's a hard worker. I don't know what type of shape he's in," Brown said.

The Cavaliers waived little-used guard/forward Demetris Nichols to make room for Varejao on the roster.

Before joining the Cavaliers in the 2004-05 season, Varejao spent three seasons in Spain playing for F.C. Barcelona. He's also a member of the Brazilian national team, and the Bobcats said he could play for the team in the offseason, a point of contention with the Cavaliers.



MARK DUNCAN | AP PHOTO  
**HE'S BACK:** The Cavaliers matched Anderson Varejao's offer sheet yesterday. He will make \$17 million over three years.





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**GETTING OPEN:** Guard Lauren Prochaska tries to get past her defender yesterday.

## HOOPS

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good considering all three of those players are sophomores or younger.

"It was a great game. The atmosphere was amazing," Prochaska said. "It was so exciting to get out there and play. We were all so pumped up and so ready to play — we weren't scared or intimidated at all."

Prochaska had the ultimate first half by nailing six of her seven shots including five three pointers en route to an 18 point half. Unfortunately she was plagued by foul trouble in the second half and ultimately fouled out without registering a point after halftime.

"I picked up stupid fouls that I shouldn't have picked up and that's something that I have to learn from," Prochaska said. "I can't let it happen again."

"If we can keep her on the floor, we'll be in good shape," Achter added.

With Prochaska out of the game, the Irish were able to build a 10-point second half lead and it was almost a make-or-break time for the Falcons. They could either fold up the tent or fight back.

The Falcons chose to fight

**"It was a great game. The atmosphere was amazing. It was so exciting to get out there and play."**

Lauren Prochaska | Guard

back and took a one-point, 64-63, lead with just 5:50 to go in the game on Achter's lay up and converted foul shot.

BG fought back again after Notre Dame's Lindsey Schrader converted on a lay up to put the Irish up five with a minute to go.

Sarah Clapper hit a 3-pointer and Lindsay Goldsberry converted on two clutch free throws with 17 seconds to play to push the game into overtime.

"We were absolutely lucky to escape with a win tonight," said Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw. "I thought Bowling Green played an outstanding game. I thought they did, offensively, absolutely everything they could possibly do well."

# Colorado University to pay out over \$2 million in suit



DENNIS SCHROEDER | AP PHOTO

**IN TROUBLE:** University of Colorado President Hank Brown (left) and Chancellor Bud Peterson at a press conference in Denver yesterday.

By P. Solomon Banda  
The Associated Press

DENVER — The University of Colorado has agreed to pay two women \$2.85 million to settle a lawsuit alleging they were sexually assaulted by football players and recruits, school officials said yesterday.

The allegations had sparked a football recruiting scandal at the school, prompted broad university reforms and led to a shake-up of its top leaders.

University spokesman Ken McConnell said the school also agreed to hire an adviser to monitor compliance with federal laws governing equal treatment of women and add a position in the university Office of Victim Assistance.

The agreement came two months after an appellate court revived the lawsuit.

University President Hank Brown said agreeing to the settlement was "a difficult decision, painful in some ways, but it's my sense that it was in the interest of the university."

He said the school faced years of litigation over the case, and fees for outside attorneys had already reached \$3 million.

One of the women, Lisa Simpson, will receive \$2.5 million, McConnell said. The other woman, who did not wish to be identified publicly, will receive \$350,000. The school did not admit fault or liability.

**"She wanted change in the university. I think that's what she got."**

Janine D'Anniballe | Director

The Associated Press does not identify the victims of alleged sexual assault, but Simpson has agreed to be identified in media reports.

The women said they were raped by football players and recruits at an off-campus party on Dec. 7, 2001. Their lawsuit alleged the university violated federal law by fostering an environment that allowed sexual assaults to occur.

A message left for Simpson's attorney, Baine Kerr, was not immediately returned. Simpson met with Brown at his office yesterday but was not made available for comment.

In a statement released through the school, Simpson said she was pleased with steps the school has taken.

"I encourage other institutions of higher education throughout the nation to take similar steps," she said.

Simpson fought hard to make the school change, said Janine D'Anniballe, director of Boulder's rape crisis center.

"She wanted change in the university. I think that's what she

got. Even more important than money is change," D'Anniballe said.

A federal judge dismissed the suit in 2005, saying the women failed to show evidence of deliberate indifference. In September, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals revived the lawsuit, ruling there was evidence the alleged assaults were caused by the school's failure to adequately supervise players.

Brown, CU's president, said the appeals court not only kept the lawsuit alive, but it "changed the law and it ended up rewriting" federal law or the application of it.

The recruiting scandal prompted a grand jury investigation, which resulted in a single indictment charging a former football recruiting aide with soliciting a prostitute and misuse of a school cell phone. He pleaded guilty and was placed on probation.

A separate inquiry, backed by the university's Board of Regents, concluded that drugs, alcohol and sex were used to entice blue chip recruits to the Boulder campus but said none of the activity was knowingly sanctioned by university officials.

The school responded by overhauling oversight of the athletics department and putting some of the most stringent policies in place for any football recruiting program. The fallout included the resignations of CU System President Betsy Hoffman and Athletic Director Dick Tharp.



AP PHOTO

**TALKING?:** Eric Rivera (above) has said he will work with prosecutors.

Taylor  
gunman  
wants to  
talk to  
prosecutors

By Matt Sedensky  
The Associated Press

MIAMI — An attorney for the 17-year-old accused gunman in the killing of Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor wants to work with prosecutors to resolve the case.

Sawyer Smith, who along with his father Wilbur is representing Eric Rivera, said yesterday his client was admitting no wrongdoing yet.

"When the State Attorney's Office is ready, we would like to sit down and begin discussion with them so we can move towards a resolution in the case that has the best interest of all parties in mind," Smith said. "We want to minimize the impact of case resolution on the Taylor family and find a result that's in the best interest of justice."

Smith added: "Plea negotiations are typical in criminal cases. However, we don't know when or if that will occur."

Circuit Judge John Thornton Jr. denied Rivera bail yesterday in his brief appearance via videoconference in a Miami-Dade County courtroom. His three co-defendants were denied bail a day earlier.

All four — Rivera; Charles Wardlow, 18; Jason Mitchell, 19; and Venjah Hunte, 20 — have been charged with first-degree felony murder and armed burglary. Their arraignments are Dec. 21.

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# Iran calls U.S. turnaround victory for nuclear program

By Ali Akbar Dareini  
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called the dramatic U.S. turnaround in a new intelligence review a victory for Iran's nuclear program yesterday, suggesting it shows the success of his hard-line stance rejecting compromise.

But his more moderate opponents at home are hoping the assessment's conclusion that Tehran shelved its effort to develop atomic weapons will boost a diplomatic resolution of the nuclear stand-off with the West.

The political rivalry in Tehran

**"It's a window of opportunity because it gives diplomacy a new chance."**

Mohamed ElBaradei | IAEA

could have important implications for what happens next in the dispute over Iran's nuclear program, now that the report has likely weakened two of the threats Washington held over Iran — more U.N. sanctions and the possibility of military action.

In past months, Ahmadinejad

has faced a rising challenge from a more moderate camp centered around his top rival, former president Hashemi Rafsanjani. Rafsanjani's allies have increasingly criticized Ahmadinejad for his hard-line positions, saying they are creating enemies for Iran in the West.

Ahmadinejad has lashed backed, branding his critics "traitors."

The head of the U.N. atomic watchdog agency said yesterday that Iran had been "somewhat vindicated" by the U.S. review, and expressed hopes it would give a push to negotiations.

"I see this report as a window of opportunity," Mohamed

ElBaradei of the International Atomic Energy Agency said. "It's a window of opportunity because it gives diplomacy a new chance."

Ahmadinejad touted the assessment as a vindication for his refusal to cave in to the West's demands that Iran suspend uranium enrichment and allow a monitoring program to ensure its nuclear facilities aren't used to produce atomic weapons.

He told a crowd of thousands in the western province of Ilam that the U.S. report was a "declaration of victory for the Iranian nation against the world powers over the nuclear issue."



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HELLO: President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gestures as he greets supporters in Ilam province.

## PARIS BRINGS LIGHT TO THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



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FESTIVE FRANCE: Christmas decorations light up the Champs Elysees avenue in Paris, yesterday as the Arc de Triomphe is seen in the background. The decorations are traditionally put up late November each year for Christmas.

## Rice's momentum stolen in attempt to restore African peace

By Anita Powell  
The Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice urged some of Africa's most unstable states yesterday to restore security and shore up faltering peace deals, but a Sudanese faction's rebuff and the Somali president's illness stole momentum from her attempts at diplomacy.

In a hectic series of meetings in the Ethiopian capital, Rice tried to calm the volatile Great Lakes region, ease rising tensions between Ethiopia and Eritrea and violence in Somalia, cool the conflict in Sudan's Darfur province, and salvage a shaky north-south Sudan peace deal.

Rice had said she wanted to tackle elements of the Darfur conflict and bolster the 2005 peace deal that ended a separate, long-running north-south civil war.

But the government of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir skipped the meeting, although Rice went on to meet southern Sudanese leaders, according to a list of delegates released by the U.S. Embassy.

In Khartoum, Sudan, a ruling party official said the government, from which southern officials recently withdrew, had skipped the talks because it did not want Rice to intervene in the north-south dispute. He spoke on condition of anonym-

**"That is really an agreement that we cannot afford to unravel ... We do believe the Ethiopian forces should not have to stay in Somalia past a certain point."**

Condoleezza Rice | Secretary of State

ity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

The Sudanese government's official explanation was that it had received invitations "only a few days ago," not giving senior officials enough time to rearrange schedules.

"Our absence is not a sign of defiance," Ali Sadiq, the spokesman for Sudan's Foreign Ministry, said in Khartoum. "If they [the U.S.] had told us earlier, we would have come."

Washington-Khartoum relations have been strained, with U.S. leaders accusing the government of atrocities in Darfur and Khartoum bristling at Western pressure to allow international peacekeepers in Darfur. But Washington also sees Khartoum as an ally in the war on terrorism.

Earlier, Rice said she wanted to focus on overcoming logistical hurdles holding up a joint U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force for Darfur, a vast region ravaged by years of conflict.

More than 200,000 people have died and 2.5 million displaced since February 2003 when Darfur's ethnic African

rebels took up arms against the Arab-dominated central government, accusing it of neglect.

As for the 2005 peace deal between al-Bashir's government and southern rebels, she said "it's time to refocus our efforts there."

"That is really an agreement that we cannot afford to let unravel," Rice said.

Also yesterday, Rice urged more nations from the continent to send peacekeepers to war-battered Somalia — a country the U.N. says is facing Africa's worst humanitarian crisis.

There are about 1,800 Ugandan peacekeepers in Somalia, officially as the vanguard of a larger AU peacekeeping force, though no other countries have sent reinforcements so far.

Ethiopia, which sent soldiers to Somalia last year to wipe out Islamic militants, is not part of the peacekeeping force and is hoping to withdraw.

"We do believe the Ethiopian forces should not have to stay in Somalia past a certain point," Rice said.

## Baghdad cleans up after deadly bombing

Parked car loaded with explosives disturbs vision of secure, stable Iraq

By Hamza Hendawi  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Storekeepers swept up broken glass in darkness. Grim-faced shoppers cut forlorn figures making their way home down side streets. Trucks hauled off the charred skeletons of cars under police escort.

A dreary mood descended after a parked car loaded with explosives blew up and killed at least 16 people yesterday in a Shiite district of Baghdad where life had come closer to normal than any other during the security campaign that has quieted the city's long bout of violence.

The bombing in Karradah — the deadliest of four across

Iraq that killed at least 25 people — came less than an hour before Defense Secretary Robert Gates told reporters in the heavily fortified Green Zone across the Tigris River that "a secure, stable Iraq is within reach."

U.S. military commanders, meanwhile, announced that three American soldiers were killed Tuesday during an attack by insurgents north of Baghdad.

The Karradah bombing, which bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida in Iraq, was followed by gunfire and sirens. A plume of smoke rose into the dusky sky, and a witness said several trees caught fire and burned.

Police and hospital officials said at least 16 people died and

38 were wounded by the blast on a busy commercial street in the heart of Karradah. It hit during rush hour as shoppers crowded into stores preparing for Eid al-Adha, the feast of sacrifice, later this month.

Karradah was frequently attacked with car bombs in the past, but it had become one of Baghdad's quietest neighborhoods during a stepped-up security campaign by U.S. and Iraqi forces that has greatly reduced violence after 4 years of destruction and sectarian hatred.

"There are people who want to end the security improvements and bring back chaos," said Firas Adel, who owns a store about 400 yards from the bombing.



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INVESTIGATING: Iraqi Policemen and U.S. soldiers inspect the area of a suicide car bomb attack in central Baqouba, northeast of Baghdad.

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# Guantanamo Bay struggle may linger into 2008

By Mark Sherman  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court debated the rights of foreign terrorism suspects held at Guantanamo Bay yesterday for the third time since 2004, a legal struggle that could still be around when a new president takes office in 13 months.

Most questions from the justices seemed to accept that the 305 men held at the U.S. naval base in Cuba, many for nearly six years, have some rights to challenge their detention.

Instead, the key question that emerged yesterday was whether the limited court review created by the Bush administration and Congress in response to earlier Supreme Court rulings for the detainees is good enough.

The court's resolution of this matter, expected in a decision in the spring, could determine whether the detainees receive prompt hearings that might result in freedom for some or face many more months, even years, of legal proceedings and imprisonment.

Justice Stephen Breyer tried to

capture the inadequacy of the review process when he talked about a detainee who, after six years in jail, may want to argue that the Constitution says he must be charged or released. "I don't see anything," Breyer said, "that permits me to make that

argument. So I'm asking you: Where can you make that argument?"

Solicitor General Paul Clement, the Bush administration's top Supreme Court lawyer, replied, "I'm not sure that he could make that argument."

Breyer said: "Exactly."

The administration opened the detention facility at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks to hold enemy combatants, people suspected of ties to al-Qaida or the Taliban.



SNOWY SIGNS: Protestors, wearing orange prison-like jumpsuits, takes part in a demonstration outside the Supreme Court in Washington yesterday as the court was hearing arguments about the rights of prisoners being detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

# Experts debate birth rate jump in teens

By Mike Stobbe  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — In a troubling reversal, the nation's teen birth rate rose for the first time in 15 years, surprising government health officials who had no immediate explanation.

The birth rate had been dropping since its peak in 1991, although the decline had slowed in recent years. Yesterday, government statisticians said it rose 3 percent from 2005 to 2006.

U.S. health officials said it was possibly a one-year statistical blip and not the beginning of a new upward trend.

But several experts said they have been expecting a jump. They blame the increase on increased federal funding for abstinence-only health education programs that do not teach how to use condoms and other contraception.

Some key sexually transmitted disease rates have been rising,

including syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia. The rising teen pregnancy rate is part of the same phenomenon, said Dr. Carol Hogue, an Emory University professor of maternal and child health.

"It's not rocket science," she said.

The new report is based on a review of more than 99 percent of the birth certificates from last year by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A final report is due out next year, but the findings are not expected to change significantly, CDC officials said.

The new teen birth numbers are based on the 15-19 age group, which accounted for about 99 percent of the more than 440,000 births to teens in 2006.

The rate rose to nearly 42 births per 1,000 women in that age group, up from 40.5 in 2005. That translates to an extra 20,000 births to teen mothers in 2006, according to CDC data.

# Faltering leadership puts air travelers at risk for collision

By Michael J. Sniffen  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Air travelers face a high risk of a catastrophic collision on U.S. airport runways because of faltering federal leadership, malfunctioning technology and overworked controllers, congressional investigators said yesterday.

The investigators gave the Federal Aviation Administration credit for reducing runway safety incidents from a peak in 2001.

But they said the agency's "runway safety efforts subsequently waned" as the number of incidents settled at a lower level.

Then, in the 2007 budget year

that ended Sept. 30, the incidents spiked to 370 — 6.05 incidents per 1 million air traffic control operations.

That approached the level in 2001, when there were 407 runway incursions and 6.1 rate.

An incursion is any aircraft, vehicle or person that goes where it should not be in space reserved for takeoff or landing.

At this time, "no single office is taking charge of assessing the causes of runway safety problems and taking the steps needed to address those problems," the Government Accountability Office said.

This statement came in a report requested by Rep. Jerry F. Costello, D-Ill., and Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg, D-N.J.

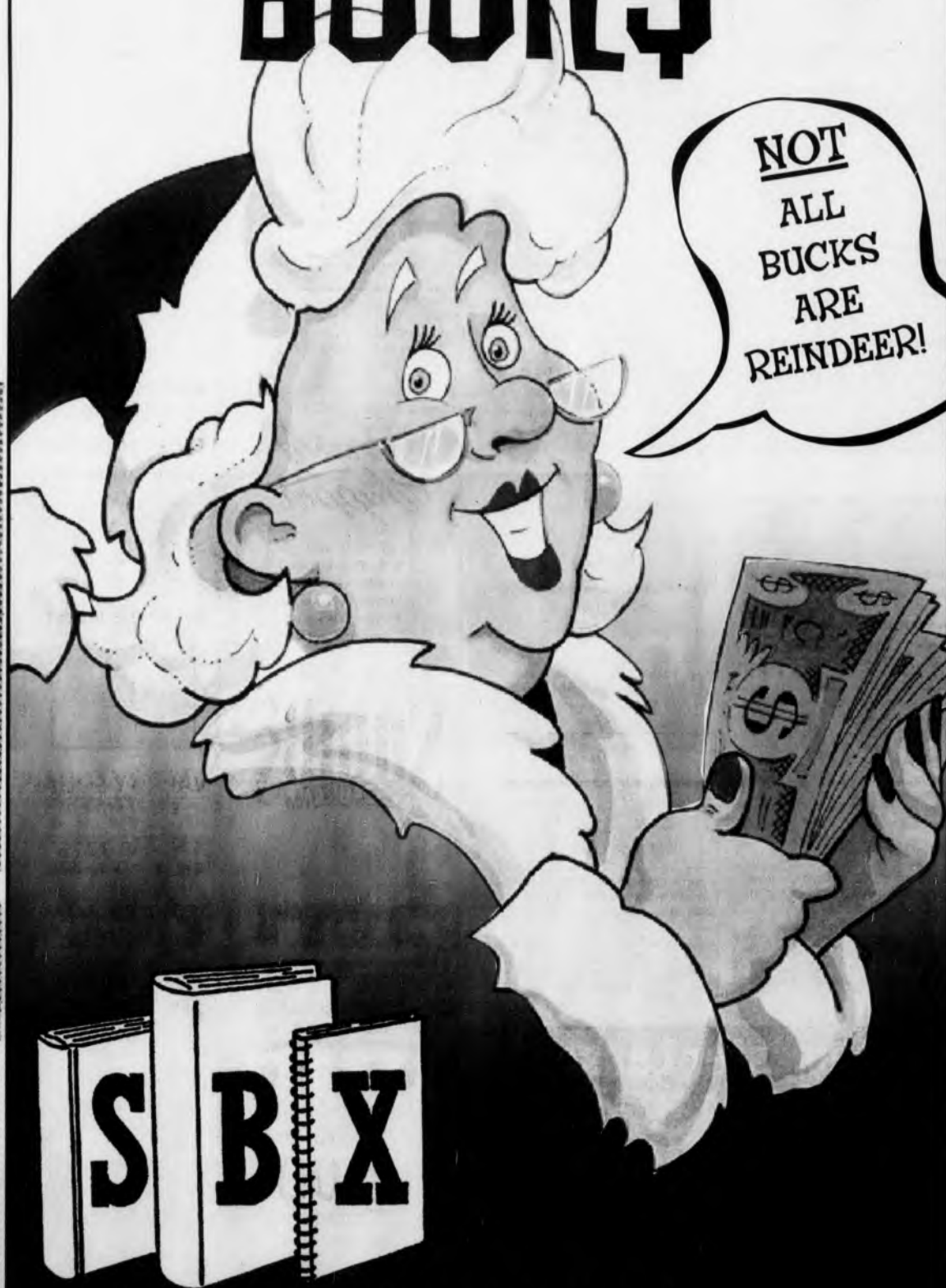


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CRASH?: Airplanes line up for take-off on one of LaGuardia Airport's two runways in New York in this Nov. 24 file photo. There is "a high risk of a catastrophic runway collision occurring in the United States" because of faltering federal leadership, malfunctioning technology and overworked air traffic controllers.

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# Plane carrying canceled checks crashes

By Doug Whiteman  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — A small charter airplane carrying canceled bank checks crashed about a mile from the takeoff runway yesterday morning, killing the pilot and a charter company employee who were on board, authorities said.

The single-engine Cessna Caravan aircraft chartered by AirNet Systems Inc. had left Rickenbacker International Airport for Buffalo, N.Y., said Bob Lentz, a spokesman for Columbus-based AirNet.

Killed were the pilot, James A. Babcock, 58, of Wooster, and a passenger, Michael B. Bratek, 34, of Bladell, N.Y., the Pickaway County sheriff's office said. Both were pronounced dead at the scene, the sheriff's office said.

No one on the ground was injured, authorities said.



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**DAMAGED:** Rescue workers look over the wreckage of single-engine Cessna Caravan aircraft chartered by AirNet Systems Inc., of Columbus.

The plane lost contact with the airport air traffic control tower shortly after its takeoff at about 7 a.m. and crashed in Pickaway

County, south of the airport, said Columbus Regional Airport Authority spokeswoman Angie Tabor.

# Ohio officials make plans to avoid voting machine glitches seen in primary as they look ahead to Tuesday's election

By John Seewer  
The Associated Press

TOLEDO — Ohio's elections officials are keeping a close watch on county boards heading into next week's special congressional election in northwest Ohio, trying to avoid a repeat of problems that delayed the results of last month's primary.

A glitch with voting machines in one county has been fixed, and the secretary of state's office put all 16 voting counties through a trial run, elections officials said.

"Things should go more smoothly," said Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner.

It was anything but smooth about five weeks ago.

Glitches shut down a batch of voting machines in Putnam County, where some elections workers also failed to follow advice from state election officials during a special congressional primary election Nov. 6.

Some voters in the county were told to come back later, and results didn't come in until early the next morning, long after the polls had closed, leaving the win-

ner unknown for hours. Robin Weirauch won the Democratic primary, and Republican state Rep. Bob Latta won his party's nomination. They face each other Tuesday in the race for the seat formerly held by Paul Gillmor, who died in September.

Complicating the primary election process throughout the congressional district was that county boards were dealing with both a primary and a general election, which meant some results were delayed because workers had to operate under two different methods of counting.

# Lawmaker aims to end teacher strikes, citing 'tremendous impact'

By Julie Carr Smyth  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — A high-ranking state lawmaker announced plans yesterday to pursue a ban on teacher strikes, arguing public educators should fall under the same prohibition applied to firefighters and police officers.

"While the circumstances may be different, the job of Ohio's teachers is just as critical as our public safety forces when we consider the tremendous impact they have on the lives of their students, the strength of families and, ultimately, the growth and prosperity of our economy and communities," said state Sen. John Carey, a Republican from Wellston in southern Ohio.

Carey's bill, slated for introduction in the next several days, would add teachers to the public safety professions banned from striking under Ohio's collective bargaining law. They would be required, like police, fire and emergency workers, to enter into binding arbitration when they have a contract dispute.

Ohio is one of 13 states where teacher strikes still legal. The state has had 23 teacher strikes since 2000, ranking it second highest in the nation behind Pennsylvania's 82, according to a report by the Allegheny Institute.

StopTeacherStrikes Inc., a non-

profit formed in 2006, is championing a similar push to ban teacher strikes in Pennsylvania, which has been named the Strike-Free Education Act. A web site promoting the bill features a cartoon video narrated in a child's voice accusing lawmakers of pandering to teachers' unions that give them large campaign contributions.

Michelle Prater, a spokeswoman for the Ohio Education Association, said the union representing 120,000 Ohio teachers opposes Carey's proposal. "We recognize the value of binding arbitration in resolving differences and we highly value the mediation process that's in place," she said. "But under some conditions, we believe it's critical for employees to retain the right to withhold their services."

She said only six strikes have taken place over the past three fiscal years, despite the economic woes that have plagued the state.

"When you consider the lack of action on school funding combined with Ohio's rising health care costs, you can imagine the financial strain that's put on the negotiation process," she said.

Four states have seen strikes despite state bans, and the remainder have anti-strike laws that have been followed, according to the Allegheny Institute study.

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