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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Breaking Ground

University to host 'groundbuilding' celebration for long-awaited Wolfe Center for the Arts

By **Kyle Reynolds**
Senior Reporter

A "groundbuilding" ceremony will kick off the University's introduction of the Wolfe Center for the Arts to the campus and community this weekend.

A reception for the facility will begin on Saturday at 1 p.m. with a ceremony following at 1:30 in parking lot N, where the Saddlemere Student Services Building used to stand.

It will be called a "groundbuilding" because students will be assembling a ceramic model of the facility and students will be performing a presentation with 25 full-sized plas-

ter body casts, Director of Marketing and Communications Dave Kiemeyer said.

The ceremony will also include a performance from a 60-student wind symphony and over 100 students singing the Alma Mater, he said.

Speakers at the event will include University President Carol Cartwright, Dean of Arts and Sciences Simon Morgan-Russell and Craig Dykers, founding member of the Norwegian architecture firm Snohetta.

Snohetta is designing the facility. Their projects

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Bettering the wind turbine

By **Ella Fowler**
Reporter

Bowling Green wind could soon be in high demand since a University professor and student have created a bite-sized wind turbine.

The new invention, measuring around 9 feet tall, could soon be sprouting on houses across the country.

Technology professor Charles Codding and senior Jared Voldness, creators of the mini wind turbine, have put approximately 200 hours into the project. Currently, they are pursuing a patent on the wind turbine so they will be able to commercialize the product.

The project was started at the end of last semester, when Voldness, a McNair scholar-



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WIND: Charles Codding and Jared Voldness (not pictured) invented a more efficient wind turbine.

ship recipient, decided he wanted to continue the work on the generator as his McNair project.

"Last year, the ENGT (Engineering Technology) 230 class was working on building a wind turbine," Voldness said. "I felt that this was something that I could build given the right amount of time and guidance."

Voldness added he became more interested in wind turbines after doing some research on other home-made wind turbines.

"The idea behind this project is how to make a windmill better," Codding said. "By doing some things we actually came up with a system that is 200 to 300 percent more efficient [than current wind turbines]."

Codding and Voldness hope to take the wind turbine to the next

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SEEING THE SIGN, AND RUNNING INTO IT, TOO



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A RUN-IN WITH THE SIGN: A car is towed away after an accident yesterday afternoon in Lot 7 outside of the Offenbauer Towers. Further details were not available as of press time.

Hoping to initiate change, University sophomore campaigns for City Council

By **John Buckingham**
Reporter



Jacob Redfern
Sophomore
majoring in
Political Science

Jacob Redfern wants to change the world, starting with the community of Bowling Green.

A sophomore with a major in political science and a minor in philosophy, Redfern hails from Gahanna, Ohio, a small town near Columbus, and hopes to leave a lasting impression on Bowling Green through politics.

"People always want to change the world, but if you stay sitting in your dorm room all day playing Halo 3 not ever getting out, you're not going to change the world," Redfern said. "Politics and actively serving in government is one of the easiest ways to influence your community."

With a background in politics, Jacob hopes to eventually attend law school and maybe settle down in Bowling Green to start a family sometime in the future.

"I'd like to come back to Bowling Green," he said. "It seems like a great community to raise children in."

Jacob's appreciation for the town has led him to begin campaigning for the City Council elections coming up in November.

But he hasn't always been so dedicated to the city.

Graduating among the top 50 students of his class, Jacob applied and was accepted to Ohio State University, Ohio University and BGSU.

He was offered a scholarship

for academics as well as to perform on the University Forensics team, on which he has served as treasurer and is now a varsity member.

Although the money was a factor in his decision, Jacob said it was the people, campus and umbrellas that won him over.

While making his decision on which school to attend, Jacob said it rained for every visit to each school he toured.

"BG was the only one with umbrellas," he said. "At least Bowling Green was dealing with the weather."

Now in his second year at the University, Jacob said in spite of a few rough experiences with class, he doesn't regret the decision.

"Everyone sometimes wishes they'd gone somewhere else. We've all had the bad Philosophy 101 professor and the bad English 112 teacher, but I don't think I'd want to go anywhere else."

After deciding to attend the University, it didn't take Jacob long to get involved. Redfern was originally recruited by the University to serve on the speech and debate team and within the

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FORGET GREEN, LET'S GO ORANGE: Nick Hennessy, University director of Sustainability, talks to a group of students about a bike rental program to take effect on campus in the future.

Information, orange bikes abound at University Eco-Fair

By **Becky Tener**
Reporter

The Earth Day Eco-Fair brought many outdoor activities to the Union including dog walking, gardening and bike riding to get students interested in environmental issues.

Junior Adam Lerma and senior Jon Winiasz used the fair's change in location from the Union Oval due to the weather as an opportunity to ride bikes around the Multipurpose Room to promote the new Orange Bike Program at the University.

"The program will allow students to use these bikes on campus whenever they need them," Lerma said.

The orange bikes are part of small changes being made at the University to spark students' interest in making greener choices. Lerma and Winiasz were also promoting the University Outdoor Club and said the Eco-Fair was a great place to get students excited about environmental issues

and to see what their organization offers.

"It's statistically [proven] that the more time people spend outdoors the more likely they are to protect it," Winiasz said. "We can promote that here."

Amanda Gamby from the Wood County Solid Waste District also said coming to the Eco-Fair was a great place to inform students about environmental issues. She said many college students are becoming more interested in a green lifestyle.

"I think everyone has a huge drive towards being more green," she said. "It's a big movement right now."

Volunteering options are also becoming more popular. Freshman Devin Neal is a volunteer through the Chapman Community at Kohl at Wintergarden Land Preservation. He said the Eco-Fair offered a lot of information and opportunities to students

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9:29 A.M.
Complainant reported a counterfeit \$10 bill was received at Wendy's on South Main Street sometime over night.

9:54 A.M.
Nicholas Darr, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for theft after taking \$40 out of the cash register at Gas Express while an employee was outside stocking coolers.

2:10 P.M.
Complainant reported a counterfeit \$20 bill was received at Wendy's on East Wooster Street.

5:55 P.M.
David Harris, 19, of Moreland Hills, Ohio, and Marcus Anthony, 18, of Irvington, N.J., were charged with criminal mischief after they were observed breaking into vehicles in the parking lot of Halleck Auto Sales on North Main Street. When they were located, officers found two pairs of novelty glasses on them.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

2:56 A.M.
Joseph Stormbringer, 28, of Bowling Green, was arrested for criminal damage, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia after he was found at a residence on Scott Hamilton Avenue where a window had been broken out of the front door. Stormbringer was also found to have a wooden dugout in his possession that contained 2.4 grams of marijuana in it.

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include the Oslo Opera House in Norway, Alexandria Library in Egypt and the King Abdulaziz Center for Knowledge and Culture in Saudi Arabia.

"This will be their first project in the U.S and their next project will be the September 11 Memorial Museum," Turner said.

Construction will begin in early fall and is expected to be completed by fall 2011, Kielemeyer said.

The facility will be located between the Moore Musical Arts Building and Fine Arts Center, creating an artistic hub on the Southeast end of campus and it will become the new home of the Department of Theatre and Film, said Sara Turner, business operations manager for the department.

The facility is expected to bring students from different artistic backgrounds together, Turner said.

"We hope this location and facility will help collaboration evolve naturally between students in different disciplines," she said.

Features of the facility will include a traditional performance stage, a black box stage, editing bays, computer labs, classrooms and a choral rehearsal room, Turner said.

The facility will help the University's reputation in the art community, said Morgan-Russell in a University press release.

"The Wolfe Center for the Arts will shine an international spotlight on the arts-one of BGSU's collaborative areas of excellence," said Morgan-Russell. "The center will embody a sense of energy and creativity and emphasize the importance of embracing the arts and culture in student development."

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REDFERN

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first week of his freshman year, he had attended his first College Democrats meeting, an organization he's been involved with ever since.

College Democrats isn't Redfern's only experience in politics, however.

He first got his start in politics in high school working for the Ohio Democratic Party doing little more than copying and recording donations made to the ODP and writing thank you letters.

However, in spite of this humble beginning, Jacob's work with the ODP sparked his interest in politics and gave him a jump start into the world of politics.

"My time with the ODP really got my foot in the political door," he said. "[It] really gave me a chance to explore politics."

With his interest piqued, Jacob served in 2006 he worked on Ted Strickland's campaign for governor and in 2008 he worked on the Obama campaign as well as

working on Robin Weirauch's campaign in 2007 for a seat in Ohio's fifth congressional district.

Although his involvement in College Democrats and other activities consumes a lot of his time, Jacob enjoys kicking back after a long day and watching some adult swim or hanging out with friends.

"My favorite all time adult swim show is Robot Chicken," he said.

"I'm just like any other college student. I like hanging out with my friends."

His friends like to hang out with him as well.

"[Jacob] is a hard worker, really intelligent and isn't afraid to say his ideas," said Danni McConnell, a member of College Democrats. "He's a good speaker and all around good guy."

Sophomore Jennifer Benhase, a close friend of Jacob's, said Redfern is an honest, supportive guy.

"He's a really great guy," she said. "He always has something supportive to say, no matter whether you want to hear it or not he'll always tell you the truth."



Last Week's Winner:

Nathan Keel



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THE WINNER: "Usually I'm in cuffs by now."

Jacob is indeed human however, and had some difficulty with classes his freshman year, and, accordingly, his grades at the University have suffered slightly. During his second semester Redfern "made the mistake" of taking Biology 204 and found the class far more challenging than expected.

"It was worth five credit hours of my 15 credit hours," Redfern said. "It completely tanked my overall GPA."

In spite of one poor grade, Jacob has adjusted well to college life, ending last semester with a solid 3.5 GPA and expecting to get a strong 4.0 this semester.

Redfern also intends to retake the class that brought him down and get his cumulative GPA back up.

"Those general ed classes, they'll get you," Redfern said.

Having taken summer classes in 2008, and entering college life with a solid 15 hours of AP credit, Redfern said he could actually graduate in only seven semesters, but intends to stretch out his stay to complete his terms as city council member, should he win.

"I'm really passionate about politics and maybe I'll be able to change Bowling Green and Wood County for the better," Redfern said.

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WEST COAST BEERS VISIT BOWLING GREEN



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TASTING: Master's students Emily Gamble and Dave Stockton enjoy a drink with fellow beer tasters. The event yesterday in the Union featured rare and exclusive micro brews from the west coast. Guests then gave ratings and rankings to each beer after tasting.

Seniors go 'wild' with free events and goodwill

By Shaina Smith
Reporter

The school year is coming to a close and the seniors are preparing to end it with a bang with the help of the Senior Celebration.

The Senior Celebration was created to welcome graduating seniors and give them a smooth transition into the BGSU Alumni Association while raising money for the senior class.

"The Senior Celebration is a program designed to unite and celebrate the senior class, while at the same time helping to promote the idea of giving back to the University," said Senior Celebration committee member Terrence Streetman.

In the past years the Senior Celebration usually held football, hockey and basketball tailgate parties for seniors, a senior barbecue and they gave away prizes, BGSU paraphernalia and gift cards at the events.

Upcoming events for the seniors are "Senior Night" at the Cla-Zel/Club Entore tonight from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. that will include music, hors d'oeuvres and giveaways. Saturday at 2:30 p.m. there will be a senior tailgate for the spring football game and ending the year is the Beyond BG event.

This year's Beyond BG theme is Z009 (Zoo thousand nine) and will have a zoo theme. Seniors are encouraged to attend this free event where there will be refreshments, snacks, inflatables, games and lots of free giveaways. At the end of the night the top ten outstanding

seniors will be announced and so will the total amount of the money raised.

"The class has raised nearly \$5,000 just this semester," said Alumni Office Assistant Director Kelli Daniels.

Senior Committee member Katrina Caldwell said that in the past the senior class will usually give a gift to the University like a bench or a tree, but this year the senior celebration decided to do something new. This year the money raised will be given to The Sustaining Tomorrow's Scholars Program, a new scholarship fund at the University. With scholarships being cut and others decreased in funding, the senior committee thought the best way to contribute was to help other undergraduate students finance their college education.

Students can still make donations online through the bgsualumni.com/senior website on the "Make a Gift Now" page or with pledge cards given at the senior events. Anyone can donate and the donations can be in any amount.

Pledges can be paid in installments and can be paid with cash, credit or check. There are also three options for donations. You can donate to the Sustaining Tomorrow's Scholars Program, donate to the Falcon Club Burke Badenhop Challenge or donate to any pre-existing scholarship program as the recipient of their donation.

"This year we are looking for more participation than just a couple big donations," Caldwell said.

'Menstrual Monday' redefines femininity, period

By Theresa Scott
Reporter

Twenty-five years ago a group of women decide to take back their periods and created "Menstrual Monday" where women redefine the way people think about their periods and turn something negative into a positive experience. The holiday has been celebrated around the country the first Monday of May since.

Yesterday the Women's Center Celebrated Menstrual Monday a few weeks early with their program "Period: A Menstrual Monday Preview & Celebration." 106 Hannah Hall was covered in red, as were many of the attendees at the program, to celebrate women's periods everywhere.

Grace Mbugu, graduate assistant at the Women's Center, said the event was especially important because all women

are connected through their periods.

"If women did not go through this process we would not be here," Mbugu said.

The guests at the event were invited to eat red candy, make "tampon corsages" and encouraged to share the story of their first period.

In some cultures women's first periods are met with celebration, Mary Kruger, director of the Women's Center, said. Kruger said her first period was not met with so much excitement at home.

"It was kind of just like, 'Ok now I guess I'll get you a pad,'" Kruger said.

Julie Haught, a professor in Women's Studies and English, said she remembers being horrified at the idea of her period when she was a young adult.

"I remember I was on my period and my mother was on the phone laughing and talk-

ing and I just thought 'How can you be happy at a moment like this?'" Haught said. "It was very melodramatic."

In honor of Earth Day, Kayleigh Radel also presented environmentally friendly alternatives to traditional pads and tampons.

"Pads and tampons are actually bleached and we are supposed to put them in very sensitive places," Radel said. "There are alternatives which are much better for you and the environment."

Radel presented many options including the "Diva Cup" a small silicone cup which collects the blood from menstruation and can be washed and reused.

"I love this product," Radel said. "It seems a little gross at first but that is just become people think your period is gross, which we are trying to get away from."

GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Exhibit #12: Joe Meiser Exhibit

Union Gallery Space

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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 — Ann Light, assistant dean of Continuing and Extended Education [see story, pg. 1].

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET What did you do for Earth Day?



"Me and my friend shut off our computers before going to dinner."
ERICA MCINNIS,
 Freshman,
 Psychology



"I recycled my bottles and didn't eat anything to go. I ate in."
ELOISA ZAPATA,
 Freshman,
 Graphic Design



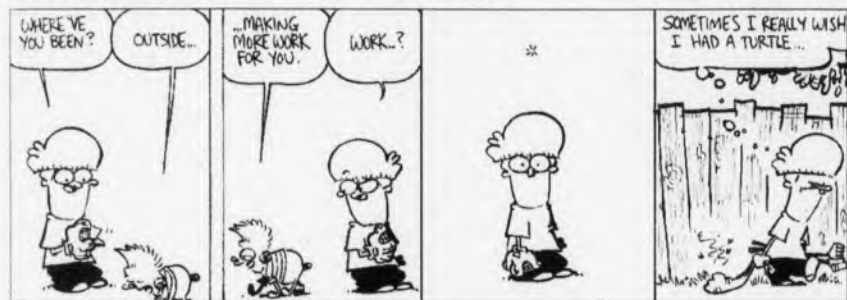
"My computer wasn't plugged in, I didn't charge my iPod and I walked to campus."
MICHELLE COOPER,
 Senior,
 Special Education



"I went to the Earth Fair and got a button."
KRISTEN MARSHALL,
 Junior,
 Public Relations

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WALKING IS STILL HONEST



KEITH PAKIZ | THE BG NEWS

Failing to prosecute torturers, Obama allows officials to defend country by any means necessary

By Jesper Bekkers
 Guest Columnist

On Thursday, April 16, the White House stated in a press release that Central Intelligence Agency officials who tortured prisoners will not be prosecuted.

Officials who used harsh interrogation methods against suspected terrorists won't be prosecuted by the Justice Department. The statement claimed the agents acted reasonably and relied on good faith on authoritative legal advice, and that their conduct was lawful at the time.

"The men and women of our intelligence community serve courageously," Obama said in "The Wall Street Journal." "They need to be fully confident that as they defend the nation, I will defend them."

In memos released by the Justice Department on Thursday, it was stated that methods such as water boarding, sleep deprivation, and placing insects in prisoners' cells were used.

After taking office in January, the President put a ban on internationally controversial interrogation methods. With his decision to forego prosecution of several CIA officials, he is not taking responsibility for these methods and is undermining the judiciary. If these methods were appropriate in the past, the CIA would not be afraid of trial; they would know their actions were legal.

The main problem I have is that politics are undermining the trias politica or separation of powers — a model created by the French enlightenment philosopher Baron de Montesquieu. His idea was to separate the executive, legislative and judicial systems in order to ensure politics would not interfere with judicial decisions.

"The statement claimed the agents acted reasonably and relied on good faith on authoritative legal advice, and that their conduct was lawful at the time."

However, Obama crossed the line. With his recent statement, he interferes with this idea. Now, he gives politicians and CIA officials a blank check to do whatever is necessary to protect this country without taking laws and jurisprudence into account. It almost looks like a banana republic — a corrupt country where you don't need to take responsibility for your accounts if you are influential.

The decision to make the memos public came after a battle between the CIA and Attorney General Eric Holder. The Central Intelligence Agency gave the argument these memos would hurt relations with foreign intelligence services.

I also have a problem with this argument. If the memos had the capability to hurt relations with other intelligence services, then that means the CIA has also acted against international law. The Geneva Conventions prohibit the use of torture in international wars and internal conflicts such as civil wars or rebellions.

The Geneva Conventions are four treaties that state the rules of conduct during internal and external conflicts. These treaties were revised and expanded in 1948, after World War II. The United States of America is one of the members of these treaties.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 29, 2006 that detainees at Guantanamo Bay prison are protected by the Geneva Conventions. Obama said he is closing the prison in Cuba, but he is not taking responsibility

for the things that have happened under the administration of his predecessor. If he took responsibility, he would prosecute officials who agreed to establish Guantanamo Bay as a site to torture suspects of terrorism.

While an individual can use the argument that using torture against suspected terrorists is a tactic that the majority of U.S. citizens agreed upon, does this give the officials the right to act against international law and commit a crime?

If you said yes, you should also give North Korea the right to have nuclear weapons and use them against our country if the majority of North Koreans agree. If you do not agree, you are a hypocrite, because you gave America the right to violate laws.

If the United States of America and its government do not want to look like hypocrites, they should stop violating international agreements before interfering in domestic affairs of foreign countries. In 1947, this country itself prosecuted Yukio Asano, a Japanese military officer, for using torture against a U.S. civilian during World War II. The European Court of Human Rights ruled in February 2008 that the prohibition of torture under international law takes precedence over local legislation.

Obama take responsibility; give the International Crime Court in The Hague, Netherlands, the opportunity to prosecute every official who violated treaties — because if those people did nothing wrong, they will be acquitted.

Taxing soda could help reduce consumption of unhealthy drink

By Sanjay Mohanty
 Indiana Daily Student

I remember going into the Laughing Planet some time last year for a burrito and seeing the sign.

The restaurant was phasing out fountain drinks from the menu, and the sign said, and I paraphrase, "stop the sugar pushers," referring, of course, to soft drink manufacturers famous for packing cans and bottles full of high-fructose corn syrup with a bit of color and artificial flavor for flair — tasty, sure, but almost without any nutritional value whatsoever.

Really, if you think about it, it's a pretty big statement.

It's a product sold in boxes of syrup to restaurants, where it's combined with carbonated water and marked up to levels that make it a significant revenue stream. So I applaud the restaurants that decide to stop offering stuff like high-fructose corn syrup in favor of tastier, more healthful options like water.

I like Dr Pepper as much as anyone else, but there's something kind of unsettling

about the increase in soft drink affordability, especially when it's examined in parallel with obesity rates.

Numerous studies have described the relationship between soft drink intake and obesity and general diet, and they're all almost uniform in their results: drinking soft drinks makes you fatter and in many cases is a marker for bad food habits.

So why not a soda tax? Originally proposed earlier this year by New York Gov. David Paterson, it was deemed political nuclear waste and landed with a thud, after which the governor dropped it.

An article in the New England Journal of Medicine, due out at the end of next week and already available online, New York City Health Commissioner Thomas Frieden and Yale researcher Kelly Brownell make a case for the tax and quietly rebut much of the criticism thus far leveled at it.

But their argument for a tax is not without its problems.

A key parallel they make in the piece is between the proposed soda tax and the cigarette tax, which has had

impressive effects on tobacco consumption, with one study showing that for every 10 percent increase in price, there was a 7.8 percent decrease in tobacco use.

Of course there are plenty of things that make taxing cigarettes and taxing soda different. For one, the tax on soda would have to be as high as the cigarette tax, which can be as high as \$2 per pack in some states, for any effect.

But here's a kicker of a similarity, albeit a controversial one.

Refined sugar — the kind that makes up many sodas — may be as addictive as things like nicotine in tobacco.

There is a body of literature on the topic that is beginning to show similarities — real, physiological similarities — between addiction to drugs and addiction to certain foods, like refined sugars.

As surprising as that may be to some, it could be the strongest argument for a soda tax. Taxing a food item is one thing, but taxing an addictive food item that has potential for long-term health effects begins to look like prudent policy.

iPhone obsession spreading

By Zack Warma
 The Stanford Daily

As I sat in the balcony for this year's installation of "The Vagina Monologues," I looked down at the nameless masses below me. What I saw should have come as no surprise, but it struck me nonetheless. In literally every row, there were at least one to two attendees who were plucking away on their trusty iPhones. A myriad of phone calls, emails, texts, Facebook messages and nervous compulsiveness akin to a University of Southern California student's lust for blow dominated the crowded theater.

Other than perhaps break-downs before midterms, the near omnipresence of Apple's little stab at global domination is unrivaled in its singular ubiquity on campus. We are simultaneously the United States and Colombia, responsible for both the production and the widespread abuse of this iDrug.

One of the developers of the iPhone was a Stanford grad. An extraordinarily well-publicized course on campus, CS193P, deals with iPhone application programming. CS profs are cashing in with nifty apps, and fellow students and friends are designing innovative new apps on their own (ZHDirect Chinese-English Dictionary: check that shit out). The iStanford application, besides giving

you access to a map, athletics scores and the Stanford directory, will potentially one day allow Stanford students to register for classes. And according to a recent Oakland Tribune article, 4,000 Stanford students own either the iPhone or the iPod touch (though the article did misreport the number of total students on campus by roughly 2,000 too many).

Walking around campus, it certainly does feel as if the majority of the campus population owns one of these little bastards. Entitled sorority sisters, impassioned Synergy activists, absurd Midwestern members of the intelligentsia, Dean Julie (who was featured last fall in a Stanford-centric iPhone ad), my boss in the ticket office, community center powerbrokers and delightfully misanthropic Opinions editors — there is not a single constituency group that Steve Jobs has not managed to finagle his yuppied-out hand-held cash cow into.

Except for the inarticulate, Daily-columnizing San Diego caucus, that is. As a Verizon customer whose two-year-old phone gets fantastic coverage only at the Stadium, and then literally dies in Arrillaga and Old Union, it is fascinating looking into the iPhone campus culture. On a base level, this pronounced addiction is somewhat reasonable. AT&T supposedly has exclusive contract

to build a tower over Stanford, though the alleged tale of Sigma Chi trying to illegally house a Verizon antenna in their chimney always brings a smile to my face.

I cannot claim the iPhone is in some way a symbol of status or power because literally half of this damn school seems to own one. However, the collective obsession over this little black box of wonderment seems to be very much a campus-wide activity. Stories of iPhones ruined in showers, pools or drunken evenings are not uncommon to most residences.

My objection with the iPhone is not the result of some inherent inferiority complex, nor am I some Amish opponent to technology/progress. Where I do take umbrage with con-founded innovation is its contribution to a marked decrease in the quality of actual conversation.

Call me an out-of-date old fool; really, you are more than welcome. I get it a bunch. Regardless, I am of the opinion that the iPhone is a large reason why hordes of restaurant-goers are spending less time talking to each other and more time texting their other group of friends about the evening's potential trajectory.

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Four brothers beaten and stabbed in apartment

By Terry Kinney
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Authorities in Mexico have arrested a man in the slayings of four Mexican construction workers who had been beaten and methodically stabbed in the heart at the Ohio apartment they shared, a prosecutor said yesterday.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters said Santiago Moreno, 34, was arrested Sunday in Tampico, Mexico, and will be tried there. He had been living with the victims at the time of the killings.

The men all lived together in the sparsely furnished apartment, sleeping on mattresses on the floor while sending

thousands of dollars to relatives in Mexico, officials have said.

Hamilton County Coroner O'dell Owens identified the victims as brothers Manuel Davila Duenas, 31, and Jose de Jesus Davila Duenas, 21; Lino Guardado Davila, 45; and Manuel Lopez Guardado, 21, also identified by Mexican authorities as Conrado Lopez Guardado.

All four men were from the town of Zacaton in the northern Mexican state of San Luis Potosi, a spokesman at the Mexican embassy said after the bodies were found.

A relative and a local parish priest in Mexico have said the four workers had just taken out



AL BEHRMAN | AP PHOTO

DISCUSSION: Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters stands next to a diagram of an apartment in which four illegal immigrants were found dead in December, 2007.

large amounts of cash to bring back to Mexico for Christmas when they were killed.

The victims were employed as bricklayers and stonemasons

for ABC Precision Masonry in Mason, north of Cincinnati. Authorities found the bodies after their employer had asked for help locating the men.

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TRAINING: Lt. Michael Kilbane of the Cleveland Fire Department leads the physical exercise portion for new cadets training to become firefighters at the Fire Training Academy in Cleveland, Ohio.

New firefighters for Cleveland

By Mark Puente
The Cleveland Plain Dealer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Robert Heard planned to become a Cleveland firefighter in 1998. The maintenance worker passed the entrance exam and the city told him he would be called to the Fire Training Academy as a cadet.

The training finally started - 11 years later.

Heard and 26 others entered the 17-week academy last week. Their chance to become firefighters was delayed a decade while Cleveland laid off workers and struggled to find money to pay existing employees, let alone hire new ones. Now that retirements have made hiring new firefighters a priority, Heard, who is 38, and his 12-year-old daughter were elated when the job offer arrived for a second time last fall.

"I was so happy I began jumping up and down for joy," Heard said. "It is a lifetime dream. I want it more now."

Fifty-two people from a pool of applicants who passed the fire exam in 1998 were offered jobs in 2001 and 2002, conditional on them completing the training

courses.

Then the city's revenues dropped dramatically. It laid off 70 firefighters in 2004 but eventually recalled them all. People like Heard, meanwhile, were never called to the fire academy.

Now the city has the money and, because of retirements, the need to hire more firefighters. The city was committed to the people who were offered conditional employment more than a decade ago, Assistant Fire Chief Timothy O'Toole said.

"We owed them the opportunity," he said. "We're enthused about having some fresh blood."

The city was obligated by law to offer them jobs before a new entrance exam is given, Safety Director Martin Flusk had said in previous interviews.

It re-sent offers to 52 people last fall, and 27 cleared the background checks, interviews and physicals before being offered jobs. They come from construction, law enforcement and retail sectors. They include computer workers, a firefighter from Minnesota and a Cleveland police officer.

The cadets were outfitted with helmets and boots last week.

Man leads police on chase



GARY LANDERS | AP PHOTO

GUARDING: Police guard a suspect's car, left, involved in a police chase on Interstate 75 in which Lockland Police Officer Brandon Gehring, 23, was critically injured in Cincinnati.

Police officer struck while chasing down suspect

HAMILTON, Ohio (AP) — A judge has set bond at more than \$1 million for an Ohio man accused of leading police on a chase that resulted in an officer being struck by a police cruiser.

Thirty-two-year-old Thomas Joyce of West Union in Adams County is being held in the Butler County jail pending a preliminary hearing next Tuesday. He's charged with aggravated robbery, failure to comply with police and operat-

ing a vehicle while under the influence.

Authorities say they began chasing Joyce's vehicle before dawn Monday following a drug store robbery north of Cincinnati. During the chase, a police cruiser struck an officer from suburban Lockland who was putting down "stop sticks" in an attempt to slow Joyce's car.

Twenty-three-year-old Officer Brandon Gehring remained in critical condition.

Voting identification to be simplified

By Stephen Majors
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Ohio's elections chief wants to simplify the state's voter identification and provisional ballot laws, and increase the number of early voting sites.

Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner issued formal recommendations for elections law changes to the Legislature yesterday, after two conferences and months of meetings.

Consensus about chang-

es is starting to build after months of partisan sniping.

Brunner recommended scrapping the long list of acceptable forms of ID in favor of requiring voters to show either a government issued photo ID or two IDs that confirm the voter's name.

Brunner also wants to minimize the number of provisional ballots cast and discarded by allowing certain votes to count if a voter is in the wrong precinct but the right county.

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BASKETBALL Joe Jakubowski and Marc Larson named Academic All-MAC

The Mid-American Conference announced yesterday that the two BG players had made the team. Larson is an engineering technology major who currently holds a 3.96 grade point average, while Jakubowski is a business major who currently has a 3.53 GPA.

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Be sure to log on to The BG News Sports Blog for continued coverage of your favorite Falcon sports teams. We'll have continued coverage and updates leading up to Saturday's spring football game, as well as continued coverage of baseball and softball throughout the week.

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OUR CALL

Today in Sports History

1939—Boston Red Sox player Ted Williams hits his first career home run.

The List

Yesterday we took a look at the top five uniform changes in the history of the National Football League. Today we're taking a look at the teams in the most desperate need of an upgrade.

1. Lions: Their recent makeover sparked these past two lists, but didn't go nearly far enough. All they did was add two white lines to the Lion logo. A head view of the Lion would be more fierce. A completely new look could also help erase memories of their 0-16 season.

2. Browns: True, the uniforms are classic, but they're also boring. Maybe a picture of the dog often associated with the dog pound would be a nice addition to the side of their helmets.

3. Bills: The Bills have been flirting with the idea of switching back to their "throwback" uniforms for a few years now. It's time to pull the trigger and make the change.

4. Jets: The plain old green and white is due for a change. Sporting quite possibly the most boring threads in all of football, the Jets haven't won a Super Bowl in 40 years.

5. Vikings: Having a Viking as your mascot is a good thing. It's an intimidating figure known for toughness and violence. Having purple as your primary color is not so tough though. Maybe a switch to dark blue or black would stoke a bit more fear in the minds of solid NFC North opponents like the Bears and the Packers.

PITCHER'S HEALTH

PART TWO OF TWO | CONDITIONING

The offseason routine

- *Stretching
- *Calisthenics
- *Bullpen sessions
- *Running
- *Conditioning
- *Agility

Pitch counts

- *First two games: 60-70
- *Spring break trip: 80-90
- *Average load: 115
- *Max: 150



ROUTINE: Brennan Smith is one of many BG pitchers who go through a regimented routine during the off-season and regular season.

The gameday routine

- *Light running
- *Stretching
- *Long toss
- *Bullpen session
- *Monitored pitch count
- *Arm icing

The day after

- *Run 20+ poles
- *Abdominal workouts
- *Shoulder exercises
- *Light throwing

Coaches know best

Falcon pitchers spend off-season and regular season training hard

By Chris Sojka
Reporter

For starting pitchers Brennan Smith and Matt Malewitz, pitching a baseball game begins long before they step onto the mound.

Far before the season starts, in the offseason, the pitchers start practice out by stretching and doing calisthenics. After they are good and stretched out, they begin to throw to warm-up some more.

On certain days in the offseason, some pitchers will throw "bullpen sessions" to the catchers to work on different pitches and their locations. Once the throwing and pitching is done for

the day, running and conditioning—perhaps the most important aspect of being a pitcher—begins.

The running can be a combination of many different things on different days.

Some days, the pitchers do agility work with jump ropes and cones, and other days they do a lot of sprints of different yardages and long distance running.

But this is no lackadaisical running. Everything the pitchers do is timed.

"The most important day is when we run the mile in under six minutes," Smith said. "If we don't get it then we have to come in the next morning and try it again. Everyone made it their first time this year, though."

Smith, who is 6-3 on the season with a 2.50 ERA, is the Falcons' number one starter. In the offseason, he worked hard on improving his pitching game and it has definitely paid off.

"I usually try to work on weaknesses and improve my strength in the offseason," Smith said. "Last summer, I did a lot of lifting and running to get stronger. I did a lot of long tossing to improve my arm strength and tried to work a lot on my off speed pitches."

All this work done by Smith and Malewitz, as well as the other pitchers in the Falcons' rotation, was done before baseball season even started.

When the season begins, a lot of the same throwing, running and condi-

tioning stay the same, but some aspects of it change.

On a day Smith and Malewitz are starting, they both begin their warm-up routines at least 30 minutes before the game starts by doing some light running, stretching out their entire bodies and then throwing—moving back until its eventually long toss—until their arms are loose.

After they are loose, they head to the bullpen 10-15 minutes before the game starts to begin throwing off the mound in front of pitching coach Rick Blanc, a coach Smith and Malewitz both pay

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BRANDON HEISS | THE BG NEWS

DENIAL: BG shut down rival Toledo last night in a 15-9 victory.

Shay shines, comes a single short of cycle in BG win

By Chris Sojka
Reporter

Standing in the batters box in the eighth inning in his last at-bat of the game, shortstop Ryan Shay was looking for a mere single to hit for the cycle.

Even though he grounded out to third base, he had three of the team's 19 hits in the Falcon's 15-9 victory over Toledo in front of 243 at Scott Park Complex.

Along with Shay, Brian Hangbers, Tyler Elkins, Derek Spencer and Mark Galvin had three hits apiece in the non-conference win, a game in which UT brought 10 pitchers to the mound.

"A lot of people contributed today, which was great to see," coach Danny Schmitz said. "We did a real nice job offensively today."

It took BG three innings to get runs on the board, but once they started, they were tough to slow down.

Shay started off the third inning with a double, Hangbers singled behind him and then Elkins singled. Two hits and an error later, the Falcons led UT, 4-2, in the five hit inning.

Starting pitcher Kyle Atkinson, who is now 2-0 on the season, went four

strong innings for the Falcons striking out six and giving up only four hits.

"I thought this was Atkinson's best outing of the year," Schmitz said. "He made only one bad pitch in four innings, and that was the home run he gave up in the top of the first."

The fifth inning was when BG took over the game.

Jon Berti led off the inning with a double down the left field line and Galvin singled to right field, advancing Berti over to third base. Ryan Price then reached first base on a fielder's choice, scoring Berti.

After the run, Shay homered to right center which scored Price. After Hangbers walked and Elkins doubled, two more walks and a single in the inning made it a seven-run, six-hit inning for the Falcons.

The Rockets threatened in the seventh inning when the scored four runs, but it was not enough to overcome BG's two big innings at the plate.

Even though UT had 14 hits and scored nine runs in the contest, Schmitz was not too terribly concerned.

"Today was one of those games where we tried getting a lot of people some work."



ETHAN MAGOC | THE BG NEWS

HEAD TO HEAD: The Orange and Brown are set to square off in the annual spring football game on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Falcons hold final spring practice of '09

By Andrew Harner
Sports Editor

Coach Dave Clawson and the Falcon football team held their final spring practice yesterday, making final preparations for Saturday's Spring Game.

Sharon sighting
Former Falcon wide receiver Charles Sharon was on hand for yesterday's practice, visiting BG from Florida to train in hopes of getting invited to an NFL camp.

Standing on the sidelines of Doyt Perry Stadium, Sharon said he liked what he was seeing from Clawson's new system.

With that new system, Sharon is hopeful the team can win the Mid-American Conference.

But before Sharon can watch the regular season, he will be on hand Saturday for the Spring Game.

"I have to be out here Saturday," Sharon said with a smile, later saying, "I miss Bowling Green so bad."

O-Line progressing
Clawson has plenty of con-

tenders for the voids left on the offensive line by Brandon Curtis and Jeff Fink last season and has been using the spring to find the right fits.

"We've been trying to develop, whether it's Blacc Walker, Tyler Donahue or really a bunch of guys," Clawson said.

Clawson also mentioned the play of Scott Albert and Tim German at the right guard position.

But while spring is a nice time for development and evaluating talent, once the season rolls around, it is important for the line to have set rotation.

"Playing O-line, you get used to playing next to certain people with certain combinations, and we have to make sure we're able to work all the combinations," Clawson said.

The Falcons return redshirt sophomore Ben Bojicic and seniors Shane Steffy and Brady Minturn as starters from last season.

Spring scoring
For the Spring Game, the scoring system will likely be unfamiliar to most fans, as it

will be offense versus defense instead of Orange versus Brown.

On offense, the team will earn regular offense points plus one point for every first down.

It's on defense where the scoring gets tricky.

Naturally, the defense scores six points for a defensive touchdown, but they also earn six points for a turnover, three points for a three-and-out, two points for forcing a punt and two points for a turnover on downs.

While Clawson said he has used this scoring system before, it's not something he necessarily brings with him to all his coaching stops, citing two reasons for its use Saturday.

"Number one is depth. We are not two-deep at every position. There are some positions where if one guy would get hurt, we couldn't do it," Clawson said, later adding that some positions don't have a clear first team player yet.

A full preview of the Spring Game will appear in tomorrow's edition of The BG News.

Rose named NBA Rookie of the Year

By Andrew Seligman
The Associated Press

NORTHBROOK, Ill. — Like most good point guards, Derrick Rose rarely gives anything away. This time, he couldn't resist.

After learning Wednesday he is the NBA's rookie of the year, Rose let a little secret slip: He wanted the award. Badly.

"When I first came into the season, my biggest thing was to get this award," Rose said. "I was telling you all that I didn't care, but I did. You really do want this award. There was a lot of talent out there that I had to go against."

Rose, who led his hometown Bulls to the playoffs and restored hope to a franchise in disarray, was the runaway pick.

"For Derrick to take the ball from Day 1, to lead our basketball team, to play at the level he played at is really, really significant and certainly means that as we go forward here, we've got the guy that we are going to build around," general manager John Paxson said.

Rose became the third Bulls player to win the award Wednesday, joining Michael Jordan and Elton Brand. He received 111 first-place votes and 574 points from a national panel of sports writers and broadcasters; runner-up O.J. Mayo of the Memphis Grizzlies received five first-place votes and 127 points.

Rose's selection was hardly a surprise, after the No. 1 overall draft pick led all rookies with 6.3 assists per game and was second in scoring average at 16.8, and established himself as the franchise's first true cornerstone since Jordan.

"I think there are very few people in the NBA who could do what he did this year," teammate Joakim Noah said. "You tell me another No. 1 pick who got to the playoffs in their hometown, especially in a big city with so many distractions and so many things going on. I mean, he's all about one thing and that's winning basketball games, and that's what I respect about him."

The only other players who received first-place votes were Brook Lopez of the New Jersey Nets and Russell Westbrook of the Oklahoma City Thunder. Eric Gordon of the Los Angeles Clippers rounded out the top five.



CHRIS O'MEARA | AP PHOTO

NO WAY: Patrick Schuster has thrown four straight no-hitters. The high school senior needs two more to set an all-time record.

Prep star aiming at six straight no-hitters

Mitch Stacy
The Associated Press

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Patrick Schuster doesn't have much of a beard to speak of, nonetheless the high school pitcher isn't about to shave the unruly patches of blond whiskers sprouting all over his face while his streak of four consecutive no-hitters is still alive.

The lanky 18-year-old Mitchell High School senior will try to become just the fifth prep player to toss five straight no-hitters Tuesday when he leads his squad into post-season play.

"The scruff is really bad," Schuster admitted after notching no-hitter No. 4 earlier this week, setting a Florida high school record. The national record for consecutive no-hitters is six: Chris Taranto of Notre Dame High School in Biloxi, Miss., did it in 1961, while Tom Engle did it in 1989 in Lancaster, Ohio.

Now a 38-year-old producer at ESPN, Engle says it will be more difficult for Schuster to do it because of the national attention.

"I'm from a small town in Ohio, and the media just wasn't there," said Engle, who wasn't even aware he owned the record until a couple years ago. "I think he has a lot more pressure on him now than I ever had."

Engle's advice: "Don't change anything. Don't try and throw a no-hitter. Just pitch your game, and if it comes, it comes."

It's not going to be easy. Mitchell's district of large schools in the Tampa area is considered to be among the state's toughest.

"I know he has the capability of doing it," said Mitchell's senior catcher, Doug Burlett. "We'll just have to see if he gets lucky."

Even if he doesn't, Schuster's stock likely has risen.

The 6-foot-2, 170-pound left-hander is ranked as the 79th best prospect — the 42nd best high school prospect — in the country by Baseball America. Schuster, who has signed with Florida, has a fastball around 90 mph and some nasty breaking stuff delivered with the same slingshot motion. He would likely be a second-round selection in the June amateur draft, said John Manuel, an editor-in-chief at the publication.

When it comes to pitching prospects, Manuel said, major league teams look at attributes such as mechanics, athleticism and arm motion, "things that have nothing to do with the opposing batter." But improbably stringing together four no-hitters at the end of his senior season can't help but improve Schuster's stock.

"I don't think he's a consensus No. 79 guy anymore," Manuel said. "He's probably a little bit better than people thought he was. It's a good bet that he's moved up."

Not surprisingly, Gators coach Kevin O'Sullivan hopes Schuster ends up at college. He doesn't think the string of no-hitters and the attention are going to change the pitcher's direction that much.

"I think everybody assumes he's not coming to school because of what's happening, but I don't believe that," O'Sullivan said. "I think he's a great kid from a great family, and obviously we'd like to have him in the program. He'll have

some decisions to make."

For now, though, Schuster said he's just trying to have fun as his prep baseball career winds down.

"I'm not going to worry what the draft status is," he said. "I'm going to Florida, or I go play major league baseball. It's a win-win situation."

Schuster has given up just nine hits in 55 innings this season, going 8-0 with 110 strikeouts and helping his team to a 21-3 mark. He has 60 strikeouts in the four-game no-hit streak, which began April 3. The last time he surrendered a hit was March 24.

On Monday night, only a walk, a hit batter and an error kept Schuster from a perfect game.

"You can't really expect something like a no-hitter because it involves a lot of luck," Mitchell coach Scot Wilcox said. "But I'll tell you what, you put together innings like that into a game like that, and luck doesn't have much to do with it."

Schuster insisted he was relaxed throughout the game, despite the national media attention he started getting after the third no-hitter, and being feted at "Patrick Schuster Day" at school. Last week he was interviewed by ESPN alongside Engle.

Around 1,000 spectators had crowded the fence lines and small bleachers around the diamond at the suburban school northwest of Tampa to watch.

After he rung up the last hitter on a called third strike, Schuster raised his arms in triumph and got a bear hug from Burlett before his teammates mobbed him. Reporters and TV cameras gathered around.

PITCHING

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very close attention to.

"Coach (Blanc) really helps me in the bullpen when I am warming up and tells me what I am doing wrong on certain pitches and how to correct it," Smith said. "He also goes through the other team's lineup with me before the game and tells me what the hitters like to do and how to pitch to them."

Smith finds this very helpful to the pitchers, and Malewitz (2-1, 3.88 ERA) does, too.

"Coach Blanc is extremely important," Malewitz said. "He will do anything he can to help fix issues in each pitcher's mechanics and he will remind the pitcher what they did wrong on a pitch if they made a mistake on it."

"He also calls the pitches that the pitchers are going to throw during each game and that is very important, too."

During the first couple games of the season, every pitcher is on a pitch count. In the first and second games of the season, Blanc did not want the pitchers throwing more than 60-70 pitches a game.

When BG went to Winter Haven, Fla., during spring break, the pitch count was

80-90 pitches per game. Once spring training was over and the Mid-American Conference games began to start, the pitch count is roughly 150 pitches.

"Usually when I get to around 100 pitches is when the coaches start asking how my arm feels," Smith said. "They start getting people loose in the bullpen (at this time.) They usually don't let me go over 115 pitches."

Even after throwing 115 pitches, a pitcher's day of work is not complete.

As soon as a pitcher comes off the mound, they begin icing their arm to reduce soreness.

For Malewitz, this is a step in the process that can not be skipped.

"Icing your arm is important because it calms your muscles in your arm down after the work it goes through while you're pitching," he said. "I ice for normally 15-20 minutes."

The day after pitching, the pitchers run a lot (usually 20 poles or more, which is foul pole to foul pole on the baseball field,) go through sets of abdominal workouts and numerous shoulder exercises with bands.

It's a long process, but pitching wins baseball games. All the hard work and dedication to pitching in the offseason has paid off for Smith and Malewitz this season.

James, Cleveland comfortable with 2-0 series lead

By Larry Lage
The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Cleveland Cavaliers and Detroit Pistons had a day of rest Wednesday. Cavs coach Mike Brown and reserve Wally Szczerbiak had conference calls with reporters.

The Pistons stayed quiet. At this point, perhaps there's not much more to say about the demise of Detroit basketball.

The Pistons fell apart when they traded Chauncey Billups in November and their freefall dropped them to the bottom of the playoffs picture and into a first-round matchup with LeBron James and the Cavaliers.

It hasn't been pretty for the Pistons.

The Cavs coasted to an 18-point win in Game 1 and allowed a 29-point cushion to get cut to seven before winning Tuesday night by

12 points for a 2-0 lead.

As the series shifts sites, the only question seems to be how much longer James and Co. are going to allow the Pistons to hang around.

Game 3 is Friday night at The Palace and Szczerbiak said it would be "huge" to win it.

"We know their crowd is going to be hostile and we know their guys are going to be really up for the game," he said. "They're proven professionals that have been in the Eastern Conference finals six straight years."

The Pistons' streak of conference finals appearances is the NBA's longest since the Los Angeles Lakers' dominant run a couple decades ago.

With one title and a runner-up finish, it seems a lot like what the Atlanta Braves did in Major League Baseball before failing to make the playoffs the past two years.

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who are really passionate about environmental issues.

"There is a lot of stuff here for people to see," he said.

With so many people coming to the fair, environmentally geared organization used the it to recruit more members. Environmental Service Club President Ashley Lohrbach said ESC came to get more students interested in environmental service.

"We're here to recruit more people and really raise awareness," she said.

Geo Journey representative junior Amanda Hight and BGSU Grounds, Recycling and Solid Waste representative Nathan Coutts used the fair to highlight the green initiative they're taking like cleaning the highways and a vegetable powered lawn mower.

Local businesses also came to the fair to share green options they can offer their customers. Vicky Dolinsky from the US Postal Service said USPS is making big changes to make their company more environmentally friendly like green packaging material.

"We want people to see the changes we've made," she said.

Happy Badger employee Sarah Cohen said the Eco-Fair brought together many like-minded people interested in the environment, fair trade and supporting local businesses.

EAG Vice President Jazmine Bennett said the Eco-Fair had a successful turnout and many students received important information about what they can do for the environment.

"There were a good amount of people and everyone seems to be excited about what's going on here," she said.

Organization warns of worldwide global depression

By Jeannine Aversa
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The global economy is expected to lurch into reverse this year for the first time since World War II with appalling consequences for nations large and small — trillions of dollars in lost business, millions of people thrust into hunger and homelessness and crime on the rise.

And the pain won't stop this year, the International Monetary Fund declared yesterday, for what it said was "by far the deepest global recession since the Great Depression." To cushion the blow and head off further damage next year, the IMF is calling for more stimulus projects from the world's governments, including major spending for public works projects.

Even with many countries taking bold steps to turn things around, the global economy will shrink 1.3 percent this year, the IMF predicted in its dour forecast.

"We can be fairly confident that in 2010 or even 2011, economies will not be back to normal," said IMF chief economist Olivier Blanchard. "Which means that governments should today basically think at least about contingency plans for infrastructure



GIVING NEWS: Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev looks on at right, as Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., speaks during a news conference to discuss TARP, yesterday, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

spending. ... Next year will be too late."

In the U.S., President Barack Obama's \$787 billion stimulus includes money for fixing roads and bridges and other infrastructure projects. IMF officials said there's room for Germany and other countries to do more in terms of fiscal stimulus, and the United States, too, has prodded the Europeans to ramp up efforts.

Without the help of countries' stimulative fiscal policies — such as tax reductions or increased government spending — the blow to the global economy would be even worse, Blanchard said: "We would be in the middle of something very close to a depression."

Even the projected 1.3 percent drop could leave at least 10 million more people around the world jobless, some private analysts said.

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step by receiving a patent on the invention.

A patent, according to John Kane, licensing offer for the University, is the government rights given to the inventor that gives exclusionary rights to a particular invention.

Kane added there are procedures for inventions that come from University research.

"Inventions that come forth out of the research at the University are submitted to the patent advisory and technology commercialization oversight committee made up of University professors and administrators that reviews the inventions and determines

whether it is worth while to put funds into the patenting of the invention," Kane said.

The patent committee is currently trying to meet to decide if Coddling and Voldness' invention should be put through the patent process, which costs around \$10,000 and can take as long as three years, Kane said. If they decide to go through with the patent an attorney will prepare and file a patent application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Kane believes the invention will make it through the patent process.

"I think they will [get a patent] because I think this particular invention, while it is not a startling state of the art new invention scenic wise, it is an improvement of the present state of the art through detailed refinement," he said. "They [the inventors] have researched the

wind turbine apparatus and found a way to reduce the costs through elimination of parts and weight and manufacturing time and in that process they found a way to increase the power out put 200 or 300 percent."

Kane added he is excited about the possibilities the wind turbine can bring.

"[The] next step if the patent is successful, the University wants to market it," Coddling said. "Potentially we would go into [the] business of making them, start up a company or ... find a start up company that's interested in making them."

Unable to discuss the changes made to the generator that propels the blades on the turbine due to the patent, Coddling said they built the generator to match the blades of the wind turbine to allow more efficiency.



OVERWHELMED: Specialist Michael Sollitto works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Stocks fall after companies post lackluster reports

By Tim Paradis
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nagging worries about banks upended a stock market rally yesterday.

Volatile financial stocks steered the overall market for the third straight day after Morgan Stanley and credit card issuer Capital One Financial Corp. posted lackluster quarterly reports. Investors have been worried about rising levels of souring debt on bank balance sheets.

A late-session drop in banks left Wall Street's major benchmarks mixed. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 83 points, while the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index ended modestly higher ahead of a quarterly report

from eBay Inc.

Banks had tumbled on Monday after Bank of America warned of further loan losses, only to jump back on Tuesday after Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told Congress that most banks were well-capitalized.

The jumpy trading in financial shares came just as major companies report first-quarter earnings. Results from AT&T, Boeing and McDonald's contained glimmers of hope about consumer spending and the economy in general.

"We're starting to see a little light at the end of the tunnel," said Frank Ingarra, co-portfolio manager at Hennessy Funds. "The challenge is I don't know how long the tunnel is."

"We were successful in making a slow speed generator, but then we improved that generator," Coddling said.

Preliminary tests have revealed the generator to be successful, but the next step is to get live data.

Coddling hopes to put the turbine up either on campus or in his own backyard.

"My goal is to have it up by the end of the semester," Coddling said. "It's either going to be up here at the University, or it's going to be up at my house, and I just live outside of town."

The miniature wind turbines, if successful, would be placed on poles 50 ft. in the air and would be able to produce around 2,000 watts of electricity.

Coddling said one of these wind turbines could produce electricity for only one home but will reduce the electrical

costs of the consumer's house or apartment.

"You could put this at your house and generate electricity right at your house," Coddling said.

He added the wind turbine would be more efficient because the energy goes right to your house and is not lost like with other power plants. Coddling said 50 percent of power plant electricity never makes it to end use; instead it is lost due to logging and transportation.

But because of the proximity of the new wind turbine, little electricity is lost, Coddling said.

Coddling and Voldness believe the wind turbines could last 10 years, that is if nothing catastrophic happens.

"Probably in 10 years, technology will be better anyhow," Coddling added.

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HANGING OUT: Boys play handball in a park in Old Havana yesterday. Cuban leader Fidel Castro said President Barack Obama "misinterpreted" his brother Raul's remarks regarding the United States and bristled at the suggestion that Cuba should free political prisoners.

Hamas leader tries to speak to British Parliament

By David Stringer
The Associated Press

LONDON — An attempt by the leader of the Palestinian militant group Hamas to make an unprecedented video link address to British lawmakers failed yesterday following a technical glitch.

Khaled Mashaal, who is living in exile in Syria, had hoped to address a group of parliamentarians as part of a campaign to persuade the West to talk to his party as it seeks peace in the Middle East.

Event organizers had hoped the session could help persuade the U.S. and European governments to review their policy toward Hamas, but were unable to speak to Mashaal when a video link failed.

Claire Short, an independent lawmaker and former Labour Cabinet minister who had tried to arrange the feed, said she would invite Mashaal to address a future meeting in the same way.

About 25 members of the House of Commons and House of Lords had gathered for the session, which was criticized by Britain's Foreign Office and Israel's Foreign Ministry.

Britain, along with the United States and the European Union, regards Hamas as a terrorist organization and refuses to hold talks with the group. Hamas has held power in the Gaza Strip since 2007, when it violently seized control and expelled forces loyal to moderate Palestinian

"[Talking] to Hamas directly would undermine those committed to peace."

Bill Rammell | Middle East minister

President Mahmoud Abbas, who still governs the West Bank. "Hamas is a terrorist organization. They fire rockets at innocent civilians. They put ordinary Palestinians in harm's way," Britain's Middle East minister, Bill Rammell, said in a statement. "We believe that to talk to Hamas directly at this time would simply undermine those Palestinians who are committed to peace."

Israel's Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor said it was "regrettably ironic that a man who could never receive an entry visa to Britain because he is considered a terrorist would have the privilege to address MPs in Parliament, thanks to new technologies."

British officials said Mashaal would almost certainly be refused entry if he attempted to visit in person.

Responding to Mashaal's plan to appeal for a new dialogue, several European governments said Tuesday they had no plans to open contacts with Hamas. The U.K., Germany and Italy said there would be no change in policy until Hamas renounced violence and recognized Israel's right to exist.



TARA TODRAS-WHITEHILL | AP PHOTO
GETTING READY TO EAT: A Palestinian girl gets food out of a fridge.

Rights groups cry whitewash

By Karin Laub
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Human rights activists, some charging whitewash, demanded an independent war crimes probe after Israel's military on Wednesday cleared itself of wrongdoing over civilian deaths in the Gaza war.

Army commanders acknowledged "rare mishaps" during the three-week offensive against Gaza's Hamas rulers, including an airstrike that killed a family of 21. However, they said Israel did not violate international humanitarian law and that Hamas is to blame for civilian deaths, because it used Gazans as human shields.

At least 1,100 people in Gaza were killed, according to counts by both sides.

Castro brothers send mixed messages to USA

By Will Weissert
The Associated Press

HAVANA — Raul Castro seems ready to discuss improving relations with Washington. Brother Fidel is clearly uncomfortable with the idea.

Do the mixed messages from Cuba's current and former presidents reflect the communist leadership's resistance to moving too quickly? Or are they a ploy for leverage ahead of any talks?

As the White House ponders its next move, the question of who calls the shots in Cuba is less clear than ever.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton described the delicate situation in comments to Congress yesterday, saying the Obama administration needs to be ready to engage with Cuba, even though its government "is one that is very difficult to move."

Noting Fidel "contradicted" his brother in an essay published

earlier yesterday, she said, "I think you can see there is beginning to be a debate."

Some Cuban dissidents put a more negative spin on the brothers' messages.

"Raul Castro says one thing and Fidel comes out in subsequent days and says the opposite," said Miriam Leiva, founder of a Havana-based support group for the wives and mothers of Cuban political prisoners. "It's no way to run a government."

Fidel, 82, clearly sought to diminish expectations of a thaw in Cuba-U.S. relations with his latest column, which asserted that President Barack Obama "misinterpreted" Raul's seemingly conciliatory statements last week.

At issue was Raul's declaration that his government is ready to discuss "everything, everything" with U.S. negotiators, including human rights and freedom of the press in Cuba

and the 205 dissidents its government is accused of jailing.

Obama responded warmly at the Summit of the Americas, saying perhaps the U.S. is ready for a new beginning with Cuba. But he also said that as a sign of good will, Cuban authorities should release political prisoners and reduce a 10 percent tax on the U.S. dollars that Cuban-Americans send to support relatives on the island.

That angered Fidel, who called Obama's analysis of Cuban policy "superficial" and said the U.S. leader had no right to suggest even small concessions.

Obama "without a doubt misinterpreted Raul's declarations," Fidel wrote, without explaining exactly what he supposedly misunderstood.

Fidel defended the government's right to tax dollars received by Cubans, a levy that he says is spent on social needs like food, medicine and other goods.

South Africa wonders who will be first lady

By Michelle Faul
The Associated Press

KWANXAMALALA, South Africa — There's little question who will lead South Africa after yesterday's national election. The real mystery lies in who will be the country's first lady.

As Jacob Zuma, the man pre-ordained to be the country's next president, voted in his rural Zulu homeland yesterday, one of his two current wives stood to the side watching patiently as he was mobbed by cheering crowds and reporters.

But Nompumelelo Ntuli, 34, Zuma's newest and youngest wife, was soon attracting her own crowd of admirers. Women whispered, "Isn't she beautiful!" as Ntuli decked out in an apricot and blue tie-dye outfit beamed happily.

"Jesus is Lord!" is all she would say in response to questions.

Zuma, 67, a Zulu traditionalist and an unabashed polygamist, has married at least four women over the years. Only two are still with him: Sizakele Khumalo, whom he married in 1973, and Ntuli, who he wed last year.



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DANCING: President Jacob Zuma, with his 33-year-old wife Nompumelelo Ntuli, right.

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Stimulus money to be used for national park repairs

By Matthew Daly
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than \$55 million in economic stimulus money will be used to fix the National Mall, even though money for the renovations was removed during congressional debate on the stimulus package this winter.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said yesterday that \$750 million in stimulus money will go to restore and repair national parks nationwide, including about \$55.8 million for the National Mall. About \$30 million will go to fix the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, \$18 million to repair a Jefferson Memorial sea wall and \$7.3 million to restore the District of Columbia War Memorial.

Other projects announced yesterday include \$26 million to repair buildings and a seawall at New York's Ellis Island, where millions of immigrants first entered the country; \$5 million to refurbish Philadelphia's Independence Hall; \$13.1 million to demolish and replace condemned portions of the Quarry Visitor Center at Dinosaur National Monument in Utah; and \$54.7 million for dam removal and other projects at Olympic National Park in Washington state.

In January, majority Democrats removed \$200 million in stimulus funding that had been targeted for the National Mall, after Republicans criticized it as an example of wasteful spending.

Salazar called the money being spent to renovate the Mall a "down payment" on a much larger challenge to fix a national symbol that has fallen into disrepair.



HARAZ N. GHANBARI | AP PHOTO

SPEAKING: With the Washington Monument looming at left, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar talks with a park employee following a news conference at the Interior Department.

The Mall is an open-air national park that stretches from the Lincoln Memorial to the Capitol and includes the Washington Monument and other prominent sites in the nation's capital.

Salazar said the Mall does not belong to the District of Columbia but to the nation, and called it an important symbol for all Americans.

The projects to renovate the Mall each went through a competitive process and were selected after an extensive review, said Hugh Vickery, a spokesman for the Interior Department. The money for the Mall repairs that was initially rejected had been set aside for a specific park, Vickery said.

The \$787 billion stimulus law, signed by President Barack Obama in February, assigned \$750 million to the National Park Services for renovations and repairs, but left specifics up to the agency.

"We looked at the whole system and said, what needs to be done

now, consistent with the goal of creating jobs now and the importance of the project to the park and relative to the health and safety of the park?" Vickery said. "This was a very competitive process."

Renovation of the mall "is work that really needs to be done," Vickery said. "The sea wall (protecting the Jefferson Memorial from the Tidal Basin) is crumbling and the Reflecting Pool is cracking. Anybody who tours the Mall know this work needs to be done."

Work on the mall is among nearly 800 park projects aimed at stimulating the economy. Projects in nearly all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and the Virgin Islands will preserve and protect national icons and historic landscapes; improve energy efficiency; clean up abandoned mine lands; and provide \$15 million in grants to protect and restore buildings at historically black colleges and universities.



MANUEL BALCE CENETA | AP PHOTO

TESTIFYING: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson, and Energy Secretary Steven Chu testify on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, April 22.

Obama proposes new clean energy bill

By Dina Cappiello
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Yesterday, the Obama administration called a Democratic House proposal to tackle climate change a "jobs bill" and an investment in clean energy technology, rejecting Republican criticism that the increase in energy costs will undermine the economy.

Top environmental advisers to President Barack Obama broadly endorsed the draft bill that would cap greenhouse gases and reduce the nation's reliance on fossil fuels. However, administration officials cautioned that the White House will work with House Democrats to fine tune the legislation in coming weeks.

"Three important players in this issue that represent the president believe the principles that are laid out in this bill are very strong principles and principles that the president

and his team can work with as the bill is worked through Congress," said Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, who was joined by EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson and Energy Secretary Steven Chu at the House hearing.

GOP lawmakers called the draft climate bill, which reflects the views of House Democratic leaders, a massive energy tax because it will put a price on carbon dioxide emissions from burning fossil fuels.

"The proposal for cap and tax will raise the energy rates for producing everything in the United States of America," said Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich. "If we dramatically raise the rates of electricity we will not be competitive when it comes to building anything."

Rep. George Radanovich, R-Calif., said that when the public finds out the true cost it will be "a smackdown the World Wrestling Federation would be proud of."

Amount of relocating Americans on downturn

By Hope Yen
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans who moved declined sharply last year, reaching the lowest percentage in 60 years as people grappled with fewer jobs and tighter credit.

Roughly 11.9 percent of the nation's population, or 35.2 million people, moved to a new home, down from 13.2 percent, or 38.7 million people, the previous year, according to census data released yesterday. It was the sharpest percentage drop in U.S. mobility since the 2000 bursting of the tech bubble, which bankrupted many Internet startups and caused the dwindling of stock portfolios.

The levels of people moving have been declining for decades, more recently due to an aging boomer population that is less mobile, since hitting a peak of 21.2 percent in 1951. But the rate had generally leveled off at around 13 to 14 percent before last year's drop.

Longer-distance moves between states have dropped 36 percent since 2005 to about 4.7 million, reflecting the housing downturn.

William Frey, a demographer at Brookings Institution, said declining U.S. migration to residential magnets in the suburbs and exurbs, and particularly in the Sunbelt, were driving the low moving rates overall.

NASA's delayed decisions put them in danger of missing important deadlines

By Seth Borenstein
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — NASA is facing a critical deadline to make its biggest decision in a generation: whether to go forward with plans to retire the space shuttle fleet and replace it with a new mode of space travel. But the agency still has no chief to make the \$230 billion call.

NASA seems so far off the White House radar, said one presidential expert, that it might as well be on Pluto.

"As each day goes by, the need for these decisions becomes great-

er and greater, and the absence of an administrator becomes more and more an issue," said John Logsdon, a member of the NASA Advisory Council who also advised President Barack Obama's campaign.

Obama's science adviser has said that crucial decisions on the shuttle and a new spacecraft to carry astronauts back to the moon will not be made until NASA gets a new administrator. In an interview two weeks ago, John Holdren did not know when that would be.

A key deadline is April 30, when a congressional rule governing the shuttle's infrastructure expires. After that date, NASA will be free to start taking apart the shuttle program if it chooses.

But some in Congress want the shuttle to fly longer because retiring the fleet would force the U.S. to rely on Russia for trips to space for nearly five years. Obama has said he wants at least one more shuttle flight beyond those already planned.

And that's not all. A Congressional Budget Office report concluded that NASA cannot carry out its current plans on its existing budget. The report



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IMPRINTS: Tracks from the crawler transporter leave an imprint leading up to pad 39B.

outlined options that include delaying the flight of the new spacecraft, spending more money to meet the current schedule or drastically cutting back on science.

NASA also has an extra \$1 billion in stimulus money, but little direction in how to spend it.

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Pres. Obama visits Iowa plant, stresses energy plan

By Mike Glover
The Associated Press

NEWTON, Iowa — Marking Earth Day with a pitch for his energy plan, President Barack Obama yesterday called for a “new era of energy exploration in America” and argued that his proposal would help the economy and the environment at once.

“The choice we face is not between saving our environment and saving our economy — it’s a choice between prosperity and decline,” Obama said in his first post-election trip to Iowa, the state that launched him toward the White House. “The nation that leads the world in creating new sources of clean energy will be the nation that leads the 21st century global economy.”

But Obama’s promise of preserving natural resources and jump-starting the economy ran smack into the reality of this economically struggling town about 30 miles east of Des Moines. The wind energy plant where he spoke, and received a tour beforehand, is a shadow of what it replaced — a Maytag Corp. appliances plant that built washers, dryers and refrigerators.

It employed some 4,000 in a town of 16,000 residents in jobs that paid about \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year.

Trinity Structural Towers has roughly 90 people working at the old Maytag site, a number that is expected to grow to about 140. Mark Stiles, a senior vice president at Trinity, which



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DISCUSSING: President Barack Obama talks to workers following a plant tour at the Trinity Structural Towers Inc. in Newton, Iowa, yesterday.

builds the towers that support wind turbines, said workers at his factory make about \$17 an hour, plus benefits.

“This is a piece of the recovery, but we think it’s a nice piece,” Stiles said.

Newton Mayor Chaz Allen said many are still trying to recover after the loss of Maytag in 2007.

“You know, 115 years with one company was a great thing, but it’s a different world now,” Allen said. “Our economy has to be diverse and we can’t put all of our eggs in one basket.”

Obama was at the plant to highlight his energy proposal that has slowed on Capitol Hill. Skeptical Republicans and some Democrats from coal-producing states complain that it will increase costs for consumers, send jobs overseas and hurt businesses.

Obama said the nation needs more domestic production of oil and natural gas in

the short term. But “the bulk of our efforts,” he said, must focus on transitioning the U.S. to more renewable energy.

He pushed personal responsibility, calling on every American to replace one incandescent light bulb with one compact fluorescent. The president also said the leaders of the world’s major economies will meet next week to discuss the energy crisis.

For his remarks, Obama chose Iowa, second only to Texas in installed wind capacity.

He announced his administration is creating the nation’s first program to authorize offshore projects to generate electricity from wind turbines and ocean currents. Yesterday, the Interior Department issued the long-awaited regulations governing how leases will be issued for the development of such energy sources and how revenue will be shared with coastal states.

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- 17 Cold home of a dwarf?
- 19 One Gabor
- 20 Golfer Isao
- 21 “Freaks” star Hyams
- 22 Panorama
- 23 Itty-bitty bite
- 25 Wet sprays
- 26 Church instruments
- 29 Wide shot
- 30 Glass sections
- 31 Coastal paintings
- 36 Ms. Gardner
- 37 To the end
- 39 D-Day craft
- 40 Strewing trash
- 42 Humiliate

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- 1 Legendary tale
- 2 Florence’s river
- 3 Volume
- 4 Thin layers
- 5 Afore
- 6 One of Moses’ scouts
- 7 Use
- 8 Strong thread
- 9 Panelist Chase
- 10 Air-travel watchdog grp.
- 11 Fun with a rock?
- 12 Metal bolt
- 13 Blemishes
- 18 Liturgical vestments
- 22 Passport endorsement
- 24 Foot parts
- 25 Old Testament archangel
- 26 Milky gem
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Chance of gay marriage for Maine becomes heated debate

By Glenn Adams
The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — A legislative hearing to extend gay marriage to Maine took on the atmosphere of a religious revival yesterday as ministers made impassioned speeches for and against the bill before thousands of cheering spectators packed into a civic arena.

Gay couples also took turns pleading for recognition of their partnerships, while opponents warned that state sanctioning of same-sex marriages would fracture a basic building block of society.

The Judiciary Committee hearing drew so much interest that traffic became snarled early in the day. Gay marriage supporters hoping to build on momentum in the region arrived wearing red, and they gave a standing ovation to the bill’s sponsor, Sen. Dennis Damon, as he opened the hearing. Police said it drew 3,500 to 4,000 people.

“This bill is fair. This bill’s time has come,” Damon, D-Trenton, said to a roar of approval. “It recognizes the worth and dignity of every man and every woman among us.”

Tax attorney kills family then self during college visit

By Alex Dominguez
The Associated Press

TOWSON, Md. — A New York tax attorney’s investment dealings are being investigated by the FBI after he beat and asphyxiated his wife and daughters in a Maryland hotel room, then answered a call from his daughter’s college roommate before killing himself, authorities said yesterday.

The bodies were discovered Monday in a hotel north of Baltimore. Police provided new details about the crime yesterday, saying William Parente, 59, of Garden City, N.Y., killed his wife, Betty Parente, 58, and their daughters, 19-year-old Stephanie and 11-year-old Catherine. The couple and their younger daughter were in Maryland to visit Stephanie, a sophomore at Loyola College

“It recognizes the worth of dignity in every man and every woman among us.”

Dennis Damon | Senator

Damon’s proposal — backed by more than 60 legislative co-sponsors — would repeal a state law that limits marriage to a man and a woman and replace it with one that authorizes marriage between any two people.

Also up for a discussion was a separate bill to allow civil unions — which offer many of the same rights as marriage — sponsored by Rep. Les Fossel, R-Alna.

Gay rights activists want to get laws allowing same-sex marriage passed in all of New England by 2012, and they’re already halfway there. Vermont’s Legislature overrode a gubernatorial veto two weeks ago to enact a same-sex marriage law. Connecticut and Massachusetts also allow gay marriage.

New Hampshire’s Senate is expected to take up a House-approved bill later this month.

in Baltimore.

Betty and the daughters, who were found on the bed, died from blunt force trauma and asphyxiation, Baltimore County police spokesman Cpl. Mike Hill said. Hill said William Parente, who was found in the bathroom, died by cutting himself.

Hill declined to elaborate. It appeared that Betty died first, Catherine next and Stephanie later Sunday afternoon, though the timeline was still under investigation, Hill said. There was no sign that they had been restrained and no notes were found in the room.

Investigators were unable to determine if there was a struggle or whether objects found in the room were used in the killings or another object was used and later disposed of, Hill said.



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LISTENING: In handcuffs, Jerry Buck Inman tries to wipe his face during testimony.

Rape convict asks for death penalty

By Meg Kinnard
The Associated Press

PICKENS, S.C. — The Tennessee man who confessed to raping and killing a South Carolina college student asked for a death sentence yesterday, saying prison time would do no good because he’s too violent.

“I’ve shown by my actions both in and out of prison that I cannot be rehabilitated,” Jerry Buck Inman, 38, told Circuit Court Judge Edward Miller. “I don’t say any of this to be disrespectful, but your honor, in all reality, there’s really only one sentence appropriate for someone like me, and I ask you to impose that sentence.”

Inman pleaded guilty last year to killing Tiffany Souers in May 2006. The body of the 20-year-old Clemson University engineering student from Ladue, Mo., was found in her apartment near campus with the striped bikini top used to strangle her still wound around her neck.

His brief comments yesterday marked the first time the sex offender from Dandridge, Tenn., has addressed the court. Inman’s comments mirrored arguments made by prosecutors.

“There are mean and evil people in this world who do not deserve to continue to live with the rest of us, regardless of how confined they may be,” Solicitor Bob Atrial told Miller. “Jerry Buck Inman and this murder and his prior behavior makes this one of those cases where the death penalty should be applied. ... He’s been in prison virtually all of his adult life, and he’s exhibited no change.”

Under South Carolina law, those who plead guilty are sentenced by judges.



Eco-Fair sparks protests, education



TOP LEFT: A large group of students hold their signs for the protest against the coal plant building. **TOP RIGHT:** Nicole Trautman (right) explains to her sister Amanda (left) the benefits of becoming an Environmental Health major at the Eco-Fair yesterday. **MIDDLE RIGHT:** Students march from the Union Oval to the court house to protest the building of a coal plant in Bowling Green. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Large groups of students lay at the Union Oval with signs about Earth Day before the protest walk. **BOTTOM MIDDLE:** Robert Brundige (left) explains to a visitor about the plans to improve urban and Lake Erie ecology. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Brett Horner says hello to the no-coal polar bear yesterday at the Earth Day protest.

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