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♦ ROTC - POW/MIA week

Levesque caps off POW/MIA week at UMaine

By Matt Wickenheiser
Staff Writer

"Even in wartime, it doesn't mean you have to lose your soul." These were the words of Emelien Levesque, former World War II prisoner of war who was invited to participate in the closing ceremonies of ROTC P.O.W./M.I.A. week.

Levesque, state commander of the former P.O.W.'s in Maine, gave a short talk Friday by the flagpole next to the cannons on campus where ROTC cadets and midshipmen from all forces stood in rank.

A crowd, including students and faculty, then moved to 110 Little Hall for a more in-depth view of Levesque's World War II and P.O.W. experiences.

Levesque was drafted into the Army in April of 1943, and reported to Casablanca, Algiers and, eventually, other parts of North Africa after basic training. There, his outfit, the 45th Infantry, was chosen to make one of the most fatalistic types of offensive—a beachhead landing—in Sicily.

Levesque survived the landing and his outfit was given the task of watching an ancient abbey in the Italian town of Casimo. There was thought to be a German outpost on the abbey, but it was later found that no Germans ever set foot in it. The 45th then went for amphibious training for a landing on the shores of Anzio, Italy.



ROTC members fold the American flag following the conclusion of POW/MIA week at UMaine. (Wickenheiser photo.)

It was there Levesque was wounded for the first time and was hospitalized in Naples. He rejoined his outfit a month later in Rome and proceeded to help take over and hold the city.

Levesque recalled what went through his mind during those times.

"You're never thinking that when you're drafted it's because of the war, until basic training was

done," he said. "You're then a warrior; war doesn't come into play at all when you're in training."

Levesque fought and survived the war from Sept. 1943 to Dec. 1944. "Now that's a damned good

batting average," he said.

For 93 days, subsiding only on K-Rations, he fought on the front line. A general relieved his unit for three days so they could eat some hot food and change the clothes they had been wearing.

"The story of wartime then and wartime now are entirely different," he said.

Levesque's company was a heavy weapons company and according to him, when he opened fire on the enemy, his life expectancy dropped to about 10 seconds.

The 45th was assigned to take and protect the high grounds behind the actual Battle of the Bulge.

"I knew my time was up," Levesque said.

During battle, soldiers would take cover in holes they dug and the wounded were left behind for medics. Levesque soon became one of the ones left behind. He was shot three times, left in his hole for three days, with no sign of anyone, let alone a medic.

Finally, someone found him. "What kind of terror do you feel, when it's not a medic you see, but two German soldiers?" he asked.

He was transported to Epenheim, a convalescent center for P.O.W.s, holding about 1,700 soldiers from 12 countries. The hospital/prison was staffed by French medics who had been captured in 1941.

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♦ Astronomy

Swift-Tuttle comet to shine bright through November

By Jeff Graffam
Staff Writer

Skywatchers should be on the lookout for Comet Swift-Tuttle which is visible now and will be getting brighter until December.

Alan Davenport, the planetarium director and observatory coordinator at the University of Maine, said the comet will probably show up better in the night sky than Comet Halley did in 1986.

He said its time of return is less predictable than

Halley's. It was last in the inner solar system in July 1982 and was expected to appear 10 years ago but never showed.

Comet expert Brian Marsden of the Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics theorized that Comet Swift-Tuttle gives off enough gas to alter its speed when it orbits through the warmer, inner regions of our solar system which explains

its unpredictability.

"It would appear that there are a lot of non-gravitational forces affecting this comet, more so than others because other comets are fairly predictable. This one was off by 10 years; I wouldn't say that it is rare but it was unexpected," Davenport said.

When a comet passes through the solar system, it gives off dust particles. These particles stay in the orbital path of the comet which intersects the other inner

planets. The Perseids are dust particles from this comet. When the Earth crosses its path each Aug. 12 it causes a meteor shower.

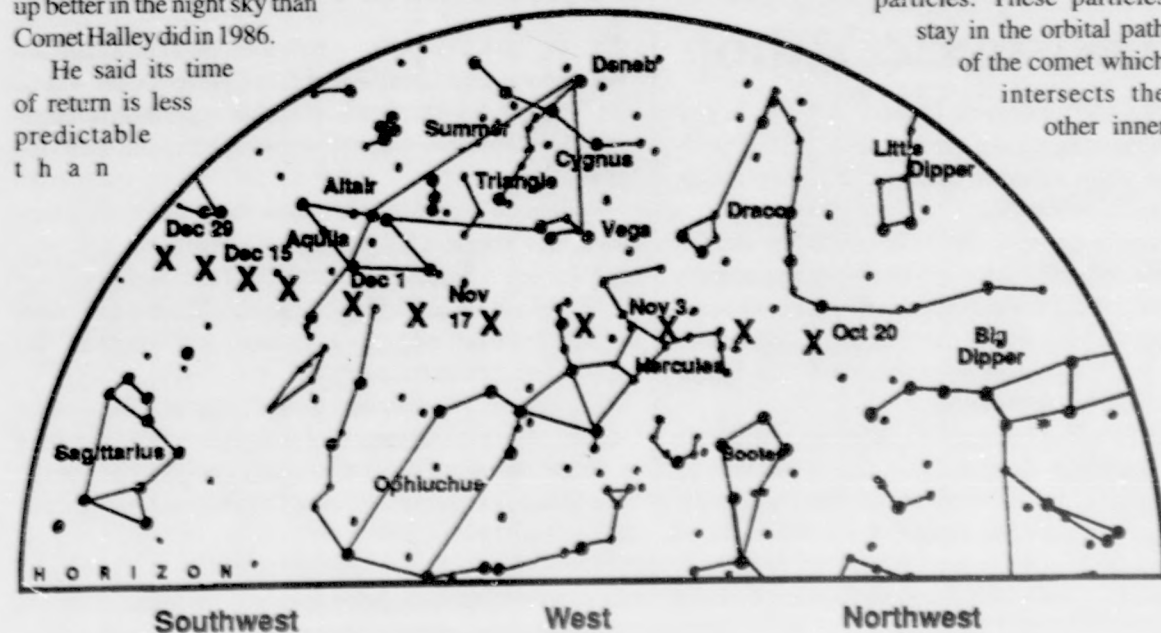
Projecting the intensity of the meteor showers next August, Davenport said, "We can guess that it will be more active; as far as how active the showers are going to be, we have to wait and see."

Through binoculars and telescopes, Davenport said the comet will look like a large mist or cloud. The appearance and brightness of a comet as it approaches the sun depends on the amount of gas that vaporizes from it when it is warmed.

"Right now, there isn't a tail. We've been looking at it and it is very visible," Davenport said. "It's bright enough so that on a dark night, you can see it with the naked eye, but so far, we can't see a visible tail."

There is talk in the astronomical community that mathematical predictions of the next visit, in 2126, by Comet Swift-Tuttle might be catastrophic. At that

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♦ Arts review

Mark Russell devastating at MCA

By William R. Grasso
Staff Writer

When political satirist Mark Russell took the stage at the Maine Center for the Arts, no one was safe from good-natured political pokes and jabs. Russell performed his wry comedy Saturday night to a sold-out audience.

For two hours, Democrats, Republicans, Ross Perot, the Catholic Church, Jerry Brown, Linda Bean, Olympia Snowe and many others were the targets of Russell's rapier wit.

Russell uses a combination of stand-up comedy and musical parody to express his humor.

Some of Russell's song offerings were about the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). "The Geezers from Hell. The only people who strike fear into the hearts of Congress," Rush

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WorldBriefs

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- UN reports record damage to ozone over past year
- Yeltsin warns of hardliners preaching panic

♦ Pseudo coup

Army officers attempt coup in Peru

1 LIMA, Peru (AP) — A small group of army officers tried to seize army headquarters and the national palace and to kill President Alberto Fujimori early Friday, but the attempt fizzled, the government said.

About 2,000 loyalist soldiers and a dozen armored personnel carriers were massed in front of the government palace to prevent the coup, then withdrawn at dawn. By afternoon activity on the streets of the capital was normal.

The attempt may have been precipitated by a decree published Friday that gives Fujimori control over the firing and assignments of all military officers. Previously, officers could be removed only at retirement age or for misconduct.

Experts on the Peruvian military said there was some perception Fujimori had trespassed on the traditional autonomy of the force.

A government statement said the military plotters, led by three retired generals, had been arrested and would be tried immediately. There was no immediate word on how many soldiers or units might have been involved.

"A minuscule group of army officers ... tried to take over army headquarters and the government palace with the intention of capturing the army commander-in-chief and killing the chief of state," a government statement said.

Retired generals Jaime Salinas Sedo, Jose Pastor Vives and Luis Palomino Rodriguez were arrested as conspirators, along with army commander Marcos Zarate Rota, who the statement said was under investigation for drug trafficking.

Fujimori apparently was warned of the plot during a three-hour meeting with army officers and left the presidential palace in central Lima about 3 a.m. under the guard of loyal troops.

Reporters saw his motorcade leaving the palace and followed it to army headquarters in the suburb of San Borja. He returned to the palace Friday afternoon.

♦ Pseudo economy

Yeltsin discusses economic improvement

3 MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin told leading industrialists Saturday the economy is showing signs of improvement, but warned against hardliners who want to "sow panic and destroy reforms," news agencies reported.

"The first signs of change for the better, albeit small ones," have appeared in the economy, Yeltsin told members of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs.

The industrialists' support of Yeltsin could be crucial when the Communist-dominated Congress of People's Deputies convenes on Dec. 1.

Hard-liners opposed to the reforms, which have led to inflation of more than 1,000 percent, have vowed to seek Yeltsin's ouster, change his Cabinet, and block a renewal of his power to appoint ministers and rule by decree.

A hard-line lawmaker caused a furor on Friday by accusing Yeltsin of planning to dissolve the parliament and declare emergency rule.

Yeltsin's spokesman, Vyacheslav Kostikov, said lawmaker Iona Andronov's statement represented "the highest degree of hysteria to which certain parliamentary circles have fallen prey."

But Parliamentary speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov said Saturday any attempt by Yeltsin to introduce a state of emergency without lawmakers' approval would be considered high treason, the Interfax news agency reported.

♦ Past scandal

Yeltsin offers to return black box from KAL 007

4 SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin has offered to hand over the black box from a South Korean airliner shot down in 1983, reversing earlier statements by Moscow that the device no longer existed, South Korean media reported Sunday.

"We have nothing to hide," Yeltsin told South Korean reporters in the Kremlin on Saturday. The statements were carried by major media in Seoul.

But Yeltsin said it would be better to deliver the cockpit voice recorder, or black box, to the Montreal-based International Civil Aviation Organization, since the United States, Canada, Japan and other countries also are demanding its return.

♦ Environment

UN says ozone severely damaged

2 GENEVA (AP) — A combination of manmade chemicals and volcanic gases caused unprecedented destruction of the protective ozone layer over large parts of the globe the past year, a U.N. environment agency said Friday.

The World Meteorological Organization said ozone levels over northern Europe, Russia and Canada last winter and spring were 12 percent below the seasonal average, "an occurrence never before observed in more than 35 years of continuous ozone observations."

"Statistically one could expect such low values only once in 100 years," said Dr. Rumen Bojkov, a weather expert with the organization.

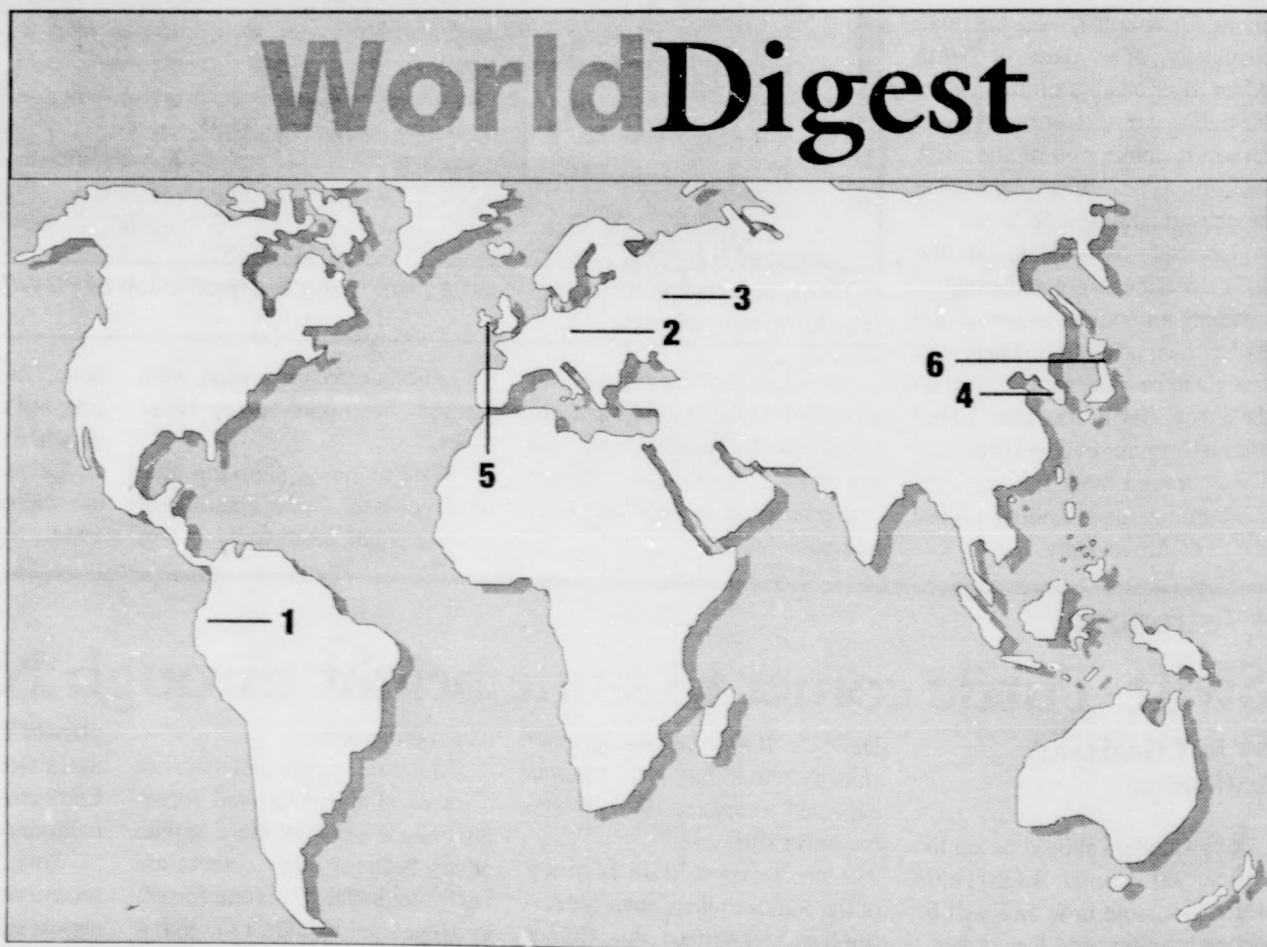
The Geneva-based agency also reported disturbingly high depletion rates for ozone over the South Pole and southern Argentina and Chile.

The ozone layer shields the Earth against the sun's damaging rays. Its depletion has been tied to increased incidences of skin cancer and vulnerability to disease and blindness. Its depletion has also been linked to reduced crop yields and damage to marine food chains.

When evidence of ozone depletion emerged in the 1970s, it was concentrated over the Antarctic during its spring period of September and October. However, scientists are increasingly reporting significant ozone decreases all year round and in all latitudes except the tropics.

The meteorological organization released its latest findings on the eve of a U.N.-sponsored meeting aimed at agreeing to faster targets for phasing out ozone-consuming chemicals.

The conference opens Tuesday in Copenhagen, Denmark, and ends with a ministerial session Nov. 23-25. It is expected to ban chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, by the start of 1996 — five years earlier than originally planned. CFCs are used in refrigeration, air conditioners and aerosols.



♦ Terrorism

Gunman opens fire in Irish bookmaker's shop

5 BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — A pro-British gunman opened fire in a north Belfast bookmakers' shop Saturday, killing at least two people and wounding 13, police said.

After raking the crowded shop with bullets, the attacker threw a grenade among the dying and injured, then sped away in a stolen car later found abandoned, police and witnesses said.

"I am appalled by what I have seen. It's a vicious sectarian crime," said Chief Superintendent Tim Lewis, police commander in north Belfast.

The Ulster Freedom Fighters, an outlawed pro-British gang, said it carried out the attack to avenge a bombing by the IRA the night before in Coleraine, 45 miles northwest.

"We again warn ... that the theater of war will be full of casualties from the republican (anti-British) community in the coming weeks," the Ulster Freedom Fighters said in a statement.

♦ Japanese scandal

Kanemaru hospitalized

6 TOKYO (AP) — Relatives of Shin Kanemaru announced Saturday the fallen powerbroker will be hospitalized for eye surgery, but opposition lawmakers claimed the move was a ploy to keep him from testifying before Parliament.

Kanemaru's son Shingo, who works as one of his secretaries, told reporters his father would check into a hospital near Tokyo on Sunday to undergo cataract surgery.

He did not say how long the scandal-tainted politician, a central force behind Japan's last four prime ministers, was expected to remain hospitalized.

Kanemaru, 78, resigned from Parliament last month because of public outrage over his acceptance of \$4 million in illegal donations from a trucking company alleged to have links to gangsters, and over his perceived arrogance in dealing with lawmakers.

The 40-day Parliament session started Oct. 30, but legislation to bolster Japan's sagging economy has been delayed — mainly because of opposition demands that Kanemaru testify.

◆ Flag dispute

Croatian flags added to Union display

By Joe Sampson
Staff Writer

Flags from countries around the world hang in the Memorial Union, celebrating the diversity of students at the University of Maine.

Last year, there was dissension over a flag that was not removed, and one that was not hung in the rafters with the others.

When the civil war erupted in the former Yugoslavia, the Yugoslavian flag remained, despite protests from university community members from the war torn country.

One of those individuals, Maria Wieck, instructor of foreign languages, now labels herself as a Croatian, and protested that during the civil war in the former Yugoslavia, the Yugoslavian flag remained, but no Croatian flag was present.

"There was a bloody civil war in former Yugoslavia, and there was a Yugoslavian

flag in the Union," Wieck said.

She said she, as well as others, wanted the flag removed and approached David Rand, director of the Memorial Union with the request. Wieck said Rand told her he could not remove the flag, as Yugoslavia was recognized by the U.S. government, and Croatia was not.

Wieck circulated a petition to get the Croatian flag hung in the Union, although nothing came of it. In April the U.S. officially recognized Croatia, along with Bosnia-Herzegovina and Slovenia. The New Yugoslavia (formerly Serbia) and Macedonia are not yet officially recognized by the international community.

Wieck said Rand ordered the Croatian flag, which now hangs in the Union, along with flags from 81 other countries. This year 18 new flags were hung.

Rand said the flag was hung about one

week ago and that each flag in the Union represents a student, or students from each country.

"Every student from every country (who attends UMaine) is represented by a flag," he said.

Rand said he recently received an updated list from Program Director of International Programming Ruth Bentley. This list then was acted upon to ensure every student from each country at the university was represented by a flag.

He also said some people get "politically incensed" by the flags, but that is not the intent behind the hanging of the flags. In the official policy regarding flags in the Union, it states each person shall be represented by the official (or recognized) flag of the country whose passport the person holds.

"We build a community as best we can," Rand said.

◆ Condoms

Condoms as a fashion statement

ELMIRA, N.Y. (AP) — A high school junior was removed from school after she went to class with packaged condoms decorating her clothing and hair.

Thursa Hargrove, 16, said she wore the prophylactics as both a statement for safe sex and fashion.

"It was a fashion statement at first, but there are a lot of teen-agers out there that are embarrassed about them," said Hargrove, who is the mother of an 18-month-old son.

"People need them and shouldn't be embarrassed by them," she said.

But officials at the Elmira Free Academy, a public school, said she took the message too far.

"When you get a girl or boy sitting in the classroom wearing a condom in their hair, it's distracting to the other students," said principal Joseph Nikiel.

School officials removed Hargrove from her math class Friday after she refused to remove the dozen individually packaged condoms. She said her 14-year-old sister also wore condoms to school, but removed them rather than be disciplined.

Hargrove said she was told she could be suspended if she wears the condoms to class Monday. She said she hadn't decided what to do.

Student reaction was mixed.

"I think she had the right to say what she wanted to say. It was a good idea to get the word around about AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases," said Clyde Schuyler, 18, a junior.

"I would say that it's very disruptive," said freshman Anna Bacom, 15. "I don't agree with what she did. I think the school had a right to be angry."

Levesque

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"I was fortunate in a sense that I was bilingual," Levesque said. "They wanted me to let the other Americans know that there was no medicine, the doctors were only there to sign death certificates."

Levesque also worked the French chaplain, and this gave him an opportunity to see the other soldiers.

"You think of these things now," he said, "But how can one be so cruel to another?"

Levesque saw hundreds of soldiers coming in from box cars, missing hands or feet or both from the extreme cold and harsh condi-

tions. He also witnessed burials with the chaplain at Epenheim. He was shocked at first.

"The Nazi soldiers were very formal," he said. "The casket was brought out on a horse cart, the soldiers fired shots, lifted the casket, placed it over the grave, and pulled out two pins that released the bottom, dropping the body into the hole."

"Once you get away from the sentimentality, it doesn't become acceptable," Levesque said, "But you become hardened."

The French doctors warned the Americans to stay clear of soldiers from other

nations. Due to the poor conditions, the risk of epidemics was high.

The 27th of April, 1944, was the day American troops liberated the prison camp.

Even to this day, Levesque still has nothing but respect for the German soldiers.

"As horrendous as war is, being a frontline infantryman, I thank the German soldiers for taking me out of my hole," Levesque said.

"When you look the enemy in the eye, he can be your salvation and friend," he said, "Even in wartime."

Comet

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time, the comet will be here at the same time as the Perseids.

"Next time around, it could hit the Earth," Davenport said. "They are trying to estimate when it will come around again. They came up with a possibility that it could hit the earth because it might get that close to us in its next return."

He said there is too much cause for alarm because both the comet and the Earth are small objects and there is a lot of space for them. They would only have to be off by a couple of days in order to miss.

If the tail of the comet comes close to the Earth, Davenport said there wouldn't be any health hazards from being in the path of the tail.

"The gases in the coma and the tail are so diffuse that it is in a vacuum. The only hazard really occurs from a body impact. This comet may be larger than Halley, which was nine miles long, but if it impacted, we would have to deal with the issue of the crap that gets thrown into the air and anyone that gets hit by it," Davenport said.

Until December, the comet will be located part way up the western sky after twilight. It is traveling from the Big Dipper handle through the constellation Hercules. By Dec. 1, it will be in Aquila the Eagle near the bright

star at the bottom of the Summer Triangle.

Davenport said the best dates to view the comet will be the second and third weeks of November where the moon won't be as bright.

For more information on the comet, the

planetarium is offering comet clinics on Nov. 17, 18 and 20 from noon to 1 p.m. at the planetarium. They will be showing how and where to locate the comet and will be handing out star maps.



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Russell

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Limbaugh, the ultra conservative radio talk-show host; Bush's family values—"like the Gotti and Gambino families;" and Murphy Brown's baby.

"George Bush said he was in favor of limiting terms... looks like he got it. I'm waiting to see if he pardons himself for his role in the Iran-Contra Affair.

"I saw Clinton's press conference yesterday. And standing next to him on the stage was one of two things: either a cardboard cut-out of Al Gore, or Al Gore himself.

Clinton's troubles with alleged marital infidelities, and, of course, the "I didn't inhale" marijuana scandal were also commented on.

Ross Perot was a particular favorite.

"And Ross Perot- who IS this annoying little gnome?! Who voted for him? Thank you. Thank you. But have you gotten any counseling yet?"

Russell had done his homework about Maine politics, too. Jabs at local politicians, the anti-gay bill in Portland, and the Neal Snow-ROTC conflict.

"I hear that a referendum was just passed allowing governors' wives conjugal visits," Russell said.

After the show, Russell went back-stage to freshen up and change.

"It is difficult to come up with some local material," Russell said. "I have to do a lot of homework. Sometimes when I arrive at hotels there will be a huge pile of newspapers to go through. I also have a loose working knowledge of politics in several parts of the country."

Russell started out as a jazz pianist working in bars. Working in Washington D.C., he began to do some political jokes and parodies

— and that's how it started.

For the past 30 years, Russell has performing his non-partisan humor.

"Most of my work is loosely scripted. But some is ad-libbed if I feel secure with the audience. The joke about Gore was an ad-lib."

Russell said that developing the jokes and delivery was the point of the shows. He uses his developed material for his shows on PBS.

"The worst part of the job is the travel. I'm on the road most of the year. I travel about 250,000 miles a year. The food is also a problem," he said.

Russell remembers a time when he had to perform in a very small town, where everything closed at 10 p.m., and he and his wife were starving. There was no room service.

"I looked out the window, and across three highways I saw the 'golden arches.' I walked all the way over to find it was closed. Someone inside told me to go through the drive-thru."

"So here I am, walking in a line of cars through a McDonald's drive through, and all the people in back and in front of me start honking. They got out and told me they had just seen my show."

"Also, I have spent all my life finding fault with both parties. Now I can get them both to laugh. That's rare."

There has also been a great change in atmosphere in Washington D.C., according to Russell. He said the adrenaline is really flowing and the restaurants are all busy. "The Democrats are coming back!"

After 30 years, Russell still has no plans to retire. He said there are too many wonderful examples of productive people well into their 80s and 90s.

◆ Ivan the Terrible

Mendelssohn testifies in trial

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A former Justice Department investigator says pressure from Congress and Israel prompted the agency to extradite an Ohio autoworker to stand trial as the Nazi death-camp guard "Ivan the Terrible."

Michael Mendelssohn testified Friday as two days of federal court hearings into the 1986 extradition of John Demjanjuk, 72, came to an end.

Mendelssohn was head of the Nazi-hunting Office of Special Investigations in the Justice Department, which he said was formed after former Rep. Joshua Eilberg urged that the government step up its hunt for Nazis hiding illegally in the United States.

Eilberg, a Pennsylvania Democrat, held public hearings and then asked for accelerated investigations in a letter to then-Attorney General Griffin Bell in 1978. Mendelssohn said the unit was formed soon thereafter and after additional pressure from the Israeli government.

"The Israelis wanted us to handle the case because they were concerned that the United States had lost the Federenko case," Mendelssohn said.

F.D. Federenko, prosecuted in Cleveland, was acquitted, but the Justice Depart-

ment won on appeal and sent him to Israel, where he eventually was executed.

Demjanjuk was extradited to Israel, sentenced to die in 1988 for war crimes and is appealing to the Israeli Supreme Court.

Demjanjuk, a retired auto assembly line mechanic and a Ukraine native, has maintained since his arrest in 1977 that he never was a death camp guard but was a prisoner in another concentration camp.

"Ivan the Terrible" was the name given by survivors at the Treblinka concentration camp in occupied Poland where 850,000 Jews died in the 1940s.

Testimony resumes Dec. 21 as U.S. District Court Judge Thomas A. Wiseman tries to determine whether the Justice Department withheld information that might have cleared Demjanjuk. Wiseman is hearing the case as a special master for the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Demjanjuk's son, John Demjanjuk Jr., 27, of Cleveland, who attended both days of testimony, said after the case recessed Friday that he's optimistic.

"It's just a matter of time now," he said.

The elder Demjanjuk is in solitary confinement in Israel, but calls home about once a week, his son said.

◆ Germany

Protesters demand end to neo-Nazi violence

BONN, Germany (AP) — Shouting "Fascism, No!" "Racism, No!" about 200,000 people from across Germany demonstrated here Saturday against neo-Nazi violence and the deportation of asylum-seekers.

The crowd gathered on the spacious lawn of Bonn University to hear speakers accuse Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government of whipping up xenophobia by evicting refugees.

Live rock music blared from bands playing on a huge stage, and the gathering was a little bit like a German Woodstock. Children wandered among the demonstrators, and young people climbed trees to hear speech-makers and to see above the sea of protesters.

Thousands of anti-fascist banners rippled in the cool autumn wind, and colorful balloons floated overhead.

The message here, as expressed by the banners, was "Foreigners Need Friends,"

"Stop the Neo-Nazi Violence," "Against Hate, Terrorism and Violence," and "Don't Deport Asylum-Seekers."

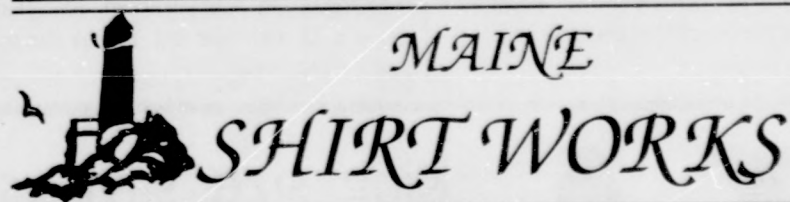
Right-wing extremists this year have carried out more than 1,600 attacks, mostly against foreigners. Eleven people have died.

Seventy-year-old Anton Igel showed up wearing a mock Nazi concentration camp outfit. Igel, a retiree, said he was interned for four years in the Buchenwald and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps during World War II for refusing to serve in the military.

"The government must act now to stop right-wing radicals," he said. "I'm worried that another dictatorship could be on the horizon."

Peter Gingold, a German Jew who escaped the Holocaust by fleeing to France in 1933, came with a group of other elderly Germans persecuted during the Third Reich.

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◆ Arts review

Pavilion presents solid production of COMICS

By Jody Myers
Staff Writer

Last weekend the Pavilion Theatre featured four sold-out performances of the dramatic play *COMICS*, based on the novel by Maine writer Lorraine St. Pierre.

The script was adapted as a narrative theatre presentation, exploring three major themes: working in a mental institute, dealing with the duality of a Franco-American heritage and falling in love with a member of the same sex.



Heather Findlay and Jennifer Nadeau shared the lead role of Theresa Lachance, a woman returning to her hometown, Chesterton, a depressing mill town modeled after Maine's Lewiston/ Auburn area.

Findlay and Nadeau took turns narrating and performing the script; Findlay represented the American side of Theresa, and Nadeau portrayed the French Canadian side. Together, they embodied Theresa's actions, dialogue, reflections.

Theresa, after a failed marriage and several years of college, returns to Chesterton because she needs to "settle up with her past." She takes a job at a mental health



Jennifer Nadeau, the lead of "Theresa" in *COMICS*. (Lachowski photo.)

clinic, a backdrop which proves quite powerful as Theresa examines exactly what it means to be "crazy."

The Chesterton Mental Health Clinic is a referred to by insiders as *COMICS*, hence the play's name. Four other actors and actresses (R. David Tibbets, Brandi Sammons, Michelle Curtain and Jamison York) collectively portray the remaining 35 characters encountered by Theresa.

Overall, *COMICS* was a fine production. The cast was a young one; several members had never previously performed in a UM pro-

duction. And aside from Findlay and Nadeau, all cast members had to perform six or seven different roles — most of the time changing character within minutes.

Findlay was one of the more experienced cast members and it showed. Her performance was nearly flawless; the audience has no problem identifying as Theresa. Jennifer Nadeau is a first-year student and showed a maturity on stage not normally found in students without many college productions under their belt.

R. David Tibbets played a multitude of

roles: a cop, a drunk, a doctor, and a young social worker. His problem was, despite his earnest attempts at being a dynamic presence on stage, that he often over-acted, bringing the same loud, sarcastic qualities to each role. His transition between characters was decidedly blurred.

Nevertheless, he delivered some comical lines with impeccable timing, and the audience seemed to appreciate it.

Brandy Sammons did a fine job portraying simultaneously a power-hungry boss, a cop, and Theresa's glitzy, but vulnerable, childhood friends. She too, is a first year student from Presque Isle; she should have a fine future in the arts at UM.

Michelle Curtain made her debut as Stella, Theresa's lover. Curtain was a steady and calm presence and her transition from warm friend to possibly psychotic, but probably just a beaten down old woman was perfect.

Jamison York is a first-year student from Augusta and he played a number of roles, all of them with charisma and style. With his long, dark hair and rich voice, he should charm many audiences at UM.

Set design was classy and powerfully simple. French-Canadian folk music in between scenes was a marvelous touch; the themes were powerful and provocative.

A complete narrative necessarily distances the audience from the characters; given the emotion provoking, powerful theme content, coupled with the intimacy of a small theatre, but the script just wasn't consistent.

Nevertheless, considering cast, design, content, and ticket sales, *COMICS* was a fine production.

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♦ Risky business

Gender issues often complex in classroom

By Joe Sampson
Staff Writer

The difficulties of approaching and dealing with gender issues in the classroom, and the resistance some students have to approaching gender issues was the topic of discussion Friday afternoon the Thomson Honors Center.

The discussion, "Resistance to Gender Issues in the Curriculum: Likely and Unlikely Sources," was moderated by Ann Schonberger, director of Women in the Curriculum Program and professor of Developmental Studies.

The meeting, which was attended by approximately 30 faculty and staff members, was part of the "Risky Business" seminar series, sponsored by Women in the Curriculum.

"I have met with the most resistance in my sociology of sex roles and sociology of family classes," Sandra Gardner, associate professor of sociology said.

She also said there are different types of resistance, such as spontaneous or prepared, and unexpected resistance to the ideas taught in some classes that deal with gender issues.

Gardner said there are "ways to be productive with resistance" and the resistance could be channeled into positive results.

She stressed the whole idea of generalizations (about people and gender) and the meanings of generalization should also be approached in the classroom.

Gardner also wants the students to be able to see a connection between one's own problems and a broader social pattern that



Associate Professor Sandra Gardner lectures on gender issues. (Sampson photo.)

affect everyone.

One way she does this is the use of free writes in the classroom, to bring up the subject of feminism and discard "all of the negative stuff."

Gardner deals with resistance from some students in that she does not allow herself to get involved in a one-on-one discussion with a student. Instead she redirects the question to the class. She said redirecting the question to the class as a whole involves more students and helps break down the hierarchical classroom environment.

Virginia Nees-Hatlen, associate professor of English, spoke about her experiences teaching a women's studies class.

Nees-Hatlen said she expected to enter the paradise of women, engaged in dialogue with students, not lecture. She appeared disappointed that the class was not as idyllic as she imagined.

When speaking about her students Nees-Hatlen said one "can't make them behave as you would like."

Schonberger said she encountered the most resistance in her class about women and science. She said the "material threatens world view and traditional assumptions (held by students)."

The concept of resistance was also examined by Eric Peterson, chair of the speech department.

"We think of resistance as something that gets in the way. It is something that we start with. How the teacher and the class respond to it may set the model how the person may deal with similar questions in the future," Peterson said.

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◆ South Africa

Zulus battle Zulus in power struggle

PORTSHEPSTONE, South Africa (AP) — Even clergymen are running short of faith and fear for their lives in parts of Natal, a lush province on the east coast where a violent power struggle pits Zulus against Zulus.

Six clergymen sat around a table in a dingy church hall, praying for an end to the violence and for colleagues who had been too frightened to come.

"You don't have answers anymore," the Rev. Danny Chetty said. "You don't even want to open your Bible anymore. We feel totally hopeless."

Two of South Africa's main black groups, the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party, are locked in a war for the loyalty of the 7 million Zulus, the most numerous tribe in South Africa.

The power struggle between Inkatha and the ANC also has spread to other parts of South Africa, bedeviling efforts by President F.W. de Klerk and black leaders to

negotiate an end to apartheid.

About 1,200 people were killed in Natal during the first 10 months of this year, according to police, but social workers say many deaths are not reported. The violence has intensified in recent weeks.

It is a complex, bewildering war that began seven years ago. While Inkatha claims to speak for the Zulu nation and is often described as "mostly Zulu," the support for the ANC in Natal is overwhelmingly Zulu.

Leaders on both sides talk about fighting for the rights of all blacks and replacing apartheid with democracy. Increasingly, the struggle pits conservative, rural blacks against those in the cities who reject tribal values.

There is no tradition of tolerance, no willingness to accept different views. Violence has become the only means of settling differences that range from the future of the country to a squabble over a girlfriend.

"It's easier to buy guns in black town-

ships than a pack of cigarettes," said Chetty, head of Practical Ministries, which aids victims of violence. "It's become fashionable to kill."

Dozens of men, women and children are shot, hacked or tortured to death every week in the Natal countryside; massacres are commonplace. Gunmen burst into homes and mow down entire families, or line their victims up against walls for execution.

Many people no longer sleep in their homes at night, hiding instead in bushes on the hillsides. Young boys carry knives and eagerly await the day they can get a gun to avenge fathers and older brothers killed in the fighting.

The ANC denigrates Inkatha and its leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, as stooges of the white government. Buthelezi, head of KwaZulu, one of 10 homelands set up under apartheid as separate black nations, claims the ANC wants to use "genocide" to destroy the Zulus.

◆ Street stuff

Prostitutes cry 'foul'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A plan to offer streetwalkers lighter punishment for walking different streets was blasted by prostitutes as a violation of their civil rights.

"This is really not going to solve street prostitution. It's just going to push it into certain areas," said Laura Anderson, one of four people at a City Hall rally Friday who identified themselves as current or former prostitutes.

The handful of rally participants included some holding signs reading, "U.S. Out of My Underwear," and "Be Nice to Prostitutes."

But Assistant District Attorney Jerry Coleman said the policy, which would allow repeat offenders to promise to work in other neighborhoods in exchange for lighter sentences, will protect the rights of residents of poor neighborhoods now frequented by prostitutes.

"What about the people living in these neighborhoods? Don't they have rights too?" he asked.

People in the city's Tenderloin and Mission districts, where prostitution is rampant, are being held hostage by streetwalkers, said Warren Spare of the Downtown Vigilance Committee.

"It's a constant battle to clean up after them," said Spare, who added that he counted 23 prostitutes on one Tenderloin block during a recent night.

◆ Jordan

King Hussein recovering, questions remain

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — King Hussein's recovery from cancer surgery has sent his popularity soaring among his people. But it has also been an unsettling reminder of the mortality of the Arab world's longest-serving ruler at a critical time of change.

The inherited throne in 1952 at age 17 after his father Talal abdicated because of mental illness, turns 57 Saturday at a time when he is striving to steer the Hashemite kingdom into the new world order.

He has survived the turbulence of the last 40 years, which threatened to overwhelm his kingdom as well as several assassination attempts and abortive coups, holding his nation together through wars and political upheaval.

At a time of turmoil in the Arab world in the aftermath of the Gulf War, Hussein is pushing through a program of democratic reforms he hopes will ensure the kingdom's future.

The prospect of not having Hussein at the helm is something that many of Jordan's 3.5 million people would rather not contemplate.

"We'd be like a family without a head, and it's terrifying just to think of it," civil engineer Mohammed Karaki said as he and friends sat in an Amman coffeehouse, echoing popular sentiment.

The king's doctors say they excised the cancer found in his left ureter, a urinary duct from the kidney to the bladder. One kidney was removed in surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., this fall.

The king, in his first speech since his return Sept. 24, said Nov. 5 that he will need to return to the United States for regular checkups, which "will confirm that I have, God willing, been cured."

Although visitors to the king's hilltop palace in Amman say he seems fit and relaxed, his speech appeared to hint at some doubt about his health.

"The life of an enlightened people cannot be measured by the life of an individual," he said somberly. "One recognizes that every living soul will meet its destined end."

Many Arabs who heard his emotional oration felt it sounded like "a farewell message," a notion Jordanian officials reject.

All this has raised questions about the monarch's health in a country whose fortunes, more than any other Arab state outside the Arabian peninsula and its ruling dynasties, have revolved around a single family — and Hussein in particular.

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◆ Squabble

GOP rocked by internal power struggle

WASHINGTON (AP) — State GOP officials are accusing the national party's bigwigs of treating them "like mushrooms" as Republicans square off against Republicans in a post-election struggle for the party chairmanship.

"The inside-the-Beltway, non-elected Republicans have taken on all the characteristics of the Democrats," said six Republican National Committee members.

In their Nov. 6 letter, the six members from Alabama, Mississippi, Oregon, Tennessee and Texas said the national organization is an arrogant bureaucracy that has grown too big. The rank-and-file members believe it is time for them to reclaim the party committee.

"All those in the real world outside the Beltway, including Republican volunteers, Republican Party workers, Republican Party officials, Republican elected officials and Republican voters, are treated like mushrooms," the letter said.

The six criticized the national organization for spending millions of dollars on consultants and unsuccessful programs, and believe a grassroots effort that includes teaching and training of local groups is imperative.

"Republican organizations should be taught to fish, not treated as seals and thrown an occasional fish," the six members said.

The letter comes after the Republicans

lost the White House in the presidential election and their disappointing showing in the Senate and House races compared to the high hopes they had last year.

The state GOP officials who signed the letter believe the presidential defeat contributed to RNC Chairman Richard Bond's angry response to their letter.

"Your letter is loaded with inaccuracies, myths and old truths," Bond said in a letter dated Nov. 10 and sent to Ted Welch, a national committeeman from Tennessee and one of the six who signed the letter.

Bond defended the RNC for performing "amazingly well" in trying times, disputes the contention that the organization has grown too big and has too many consultants, and points out that a number of staff people have been laid off.

"While we can all point fingers or assign blame after losing the White House, it serves no purpose," said Bond, who later added: "Frankly, letters such as yours accomplish little, especially when based on little fact and less compassion."

Bond was traveling and unavailable for additional comment on Friday.

Perry Hooper Sr. said he regrets that Bond took the letter as a personal offense. "My concern is for the future of the Republican Party. We have to get back to basics," he said.

◆ Sexual controversy

Abuse allegations ignored

ATLANTA (AP) — Allegations that prison guards sexually abused female inmates were ignored for years until the state finally launched an investigation eight months ago, the women's attorney said.

On Friday, the investigation resulted in the indictments of 14 former Georgia prison officials, including a former deputy warden.

"We knew some very bad stuff was going on for a period of years," said Robert Cullen, an attorney for the inmates. "It was not possible to prove it until some facts began to come forward earlier this year."

The women claim they were raped, put into prostitution rings or forced to have abortions, homosexual relationships or sex for favors. They accused 50 prison employees of

physical or sexual abuse dating back to 1972, or of knowing of the abuse and doing nothing.

Officials initially ignored the charges because they were coming from inmates convicted of crimes such as armed robbery.

But in March, the Corrections Department called in the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and hired a special investigator for a probe of sexual abuse at the state's largest prison for women.

"We made a commitment to get to the bottom of the entire issue," Corrections Commissioner Bobby Whitworth said in a statement Friday. "This is another step in the process of discovering any and all wrongdoing at our women's prisons and trying to make sure it doesn't happen again."

◆ Drugs

Drug reduces alcohol craving

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A drug used to fight drug addiction also was found to reduce the craving for alcohol in alcoholics, but scientists cautioned more testing is needed before it is prescribed for that purpose.

Naltrexone also apparently helps keep up to four in five recovering alcoholics from suffering a relapse, according to two reports in today's Archives of General Psychiatry.

"This is very exciting, very promising work," said Dr. Richard Fuller, director of clinical prevention of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. "On the other hand, these are just two studies. I'd be careful about immediately applying the medication. The final word isn't in yet."

The studies also emphasized the drug

should not be considered the sole treatment for alcoholism.

Naltrexone, used in combination with behavioral treatment, reduced relapse from 54 percent to 23 percent.

It blocks release of the brain's pleasure-producing chemicals known as endorphins that produce the "high" alcoholics feel.

Dr. Joseph Volpicelli, a University of Pennsylvania psychiatrist, said his study found the drug also reduces an alcoholic's craving of a drink.

The findings could immediately affect treatment because naltrexone, manufactured by DuPont Pharma as Trexan in the United States and Europe, may be prescribed by doctors for uses other than heroin addiction.

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♦ Gay rights

Clinton may hold key to gays in military

LONDON (AP) — Most U.S. allies allow homosexuals to serve in the armed forces. But Britain and Italy are liable to expel gays discovered in the ranks, while Turkey may send them to jail.

Some of the restrictions, however, could come under pressure for reform if President-elect Clinton goes through with his promise to end the 50-year-old ban on homosexuals in the U.S. military.

"A change in policy by a major NATO ally such as the United States is bound to increase the pressure on Britain to scrap its anti-gay military regulations," Peter Tatchell, spokesman for the British gay rights group Outrage, said Friday.

Keith Meinhold, 30, won a court order reinstating him to his job as a sonar instructor at Moffett Naval Air Station, pending a hearing next week in a California federal court on his challenge to the ban.

Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, reiterated his opposition to allowing gays in the armed forces.

Powell, on a three-day visit to Chile, said admitting homosexuals would damage military discipline. "But the judgment must be made by the political leaders of the United States," he said.

The United States, Turkey and Britain are the only members of the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Alliance that ban homosexuals outright in the military.

Israel drafts men and women regardless of sexual orientation. Japanese authorities say the issue has never come up. But in Russia, where homosexuality is illegal, gays are officially unwelcome in the armed forces.

In June, Britain dropped criminal penalties for homosexuality in the military, but gays are still discharged if found out.

In NATO member Turkey, officers and conscripts found to be homosexual are discharged after serving prison terms of between three and six months. Conscripts are then kept "under observation" in the army until they finish the 18-month compulsory military service.

In Turkey, gays are harassed in civilian life. Homosexual relations are illegal, and police regularly round up transvestites.

Because of the threat of criminal prosecution, homosexuals are not as open about their preferences in Russia as they are in the West. Observers say that the military probably turns a blind eye to discreet homosexual behavior.

In Israel, where men serve three years and women two years mandatory active duty, homosexuals are drafted "like any other Israeli citizen," said a spokesman for the Israeli Defense Forces.

In Japan, there are no specific regulations and the issue has never come up since the Self-Defense Forces were established in 1952, said a Defense Agency official.

In Italy, homosexuals are allowed to join the armed forces but overt homosexual behavior is grounds for expulsion, said a Defense Ministry spokesman.

The Spanish military has no policy excluding homosexuals. A Defense Ministry spokeswoman said soldiers are not asked about their sexual orientation.

A German Defense Ministry spokesman said homosexuals and heterosexuals are given equal rights in the military.

They are no restrictions on gays serving in the French military, although they may be excluded from service if they can make a case for their being adversely psychologically affected.

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Editorial Page

♦ Column

Condom sense



Jill Berryman

Move over stretch pants, here come condoms.

That's right, the latest rage in the fashion world is a latex. They've been spotted on various musical artists and now they have become attached to the clothing of high school students.

OK, so it was one high school student in Elmira, N.Y. who was apparently making a fashion statement, at least that was how it started. The fashion statement then became away to help teens feel more comfortable about condoms.

Thursa Hargrove, 16, was removed from school when she refused to rid herself of the dozen individually packaged condoms from her clothing and hair. She faces suspension if she shows up for class today decked out in prophylactics.

Seriousness aside for a moment, this could become big. The possibilities are endless. With today's variety of condoms, they could become as complimentary to an outfit as earrings. They could be earrings.

Looking for something special to enhance your ball gown? How about a gold coin condom strategically placed at the waist. For the gentlemen, a Trojan Large looks impressive on any lapel.

Condoms could become as popular as the scrunchie. Forget about using elastic strips of cloth to hold back your hair, try condoms instead. This one is a bit tricky but our *Maine Campus* engineers are working hard to come up with just the right design. Perhaps condoms would be better as barrettes.

A string of condoms would make a lovely belt. Not only is it politically correct and socially conscious but practical and convenient as well. Whenever the situation arises, just remove a condom from the belt.

Why stop at clothing, condoms could be everywhere. With the holiday season approaching at a rapid pace, how about a sting of condoms on the Christmas tree instead of that dried up popcorn the cat always tries to eat. You too can be the proud owner of a safer sex tree. Place a hook in the corner of the packaging and condoms become dazzling ornaments.

But back to the girl, she said people need condoms and shouldn't be embarrassed by them. The principal said wearing condoms was distracting for the other students. Why? So they may take some getting used to but hey, mini skirts weren't all that popular at first, especially not by the conservative public but we've learned to adjust.

This reminds me of the girl from Kennebunk High School who tried to distribute condoms in school. The girl wasn't forcing them on anyone, she just let people know she had them if they wanted them. The school put an end to that pretty quick.

Schools are treating condoms as if they are something to be tucked away where no one can see them. Health classes try to educate students about safer sex but that class is about the only place you will see condoms in the classroom.

Having a condom hanging from your shirt really shouldn't be a big deal, that is unless people pull them off as they walk by. How are teens supposed to feel comfortable about using a condom if they are told they will be suspended from school if they are seen wearing them? So maybe wearing them isn't the most practical thing, nor is it a necessity but if a student wants to wear a condom in order to make a statement and remind their peers about safer sex, what harm is there in that?

Jill Berryman is.

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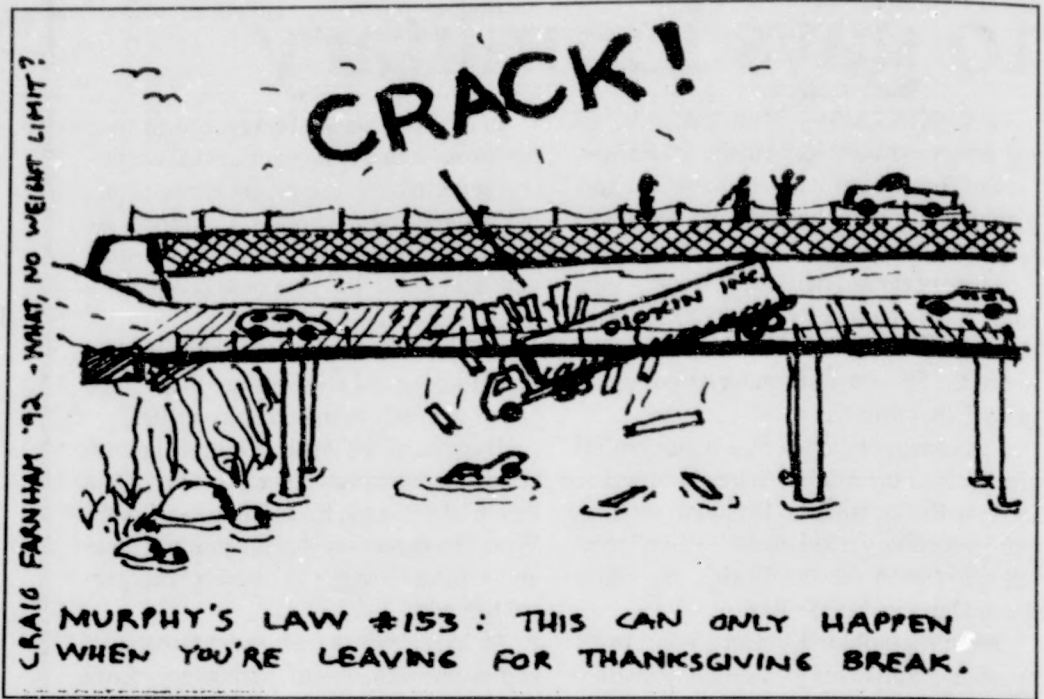
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♦ Public Safety

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While New Webster's dictionary defines public safety as above, University of Maine Public Safety may not be sticking to the letter of the law, or the letter of the definitions.

Last week, a University of Maine off-campus student returned to his car in the a university parking lot at midnight to find his car battery dead.

The student went to a phone, called Public Safety and asked for a cruiser to come out and jump his battery. According to the student the officer refused, stating it was against Public Safety's rules to jump cars. The officer did volunteer a pair of jumper cables, yet they're not much consolation when you don't have another car to jump from.

In the end, the student had to wake up an on-campus friend at 12:30 a.m. and have her come out in freezing weather to give his car a jump.

♦ Dogs

Every dog has his place

It is a common sight to see a dog roaming and frolicking alongside its master on the mall. At times it is even familiar to see a dog accompanying their human companion into university facilities and buildings.

Many times when the animals enter the buildings, there is an automatic understanding that the animals will remain directly alongside their owners at all times to enable health codes and university policies to remain intact.

Most who are accompanied by their dogs are fully aware that the animal is their responsibility. However, there are a few bad seeds that can ruin it for the dog accompanying people out there.

While his friend was getting her car in another lot, two cruisers appeared by the student and his car (obviously disabled with its hood up) and drove by without missing a beat.

This situation is unnerving in more ways than one. First, why wouldn't an officer stop and help an obviously disabled car and driver, especially late at night? From a department whose primary function is student safety, this action makes no sense.

Second, why wouldn't the officer on the phone offer to call a tow truck, or ask if they can call help in another way? Granted while cruisers can't jump cars (it reportedly interferes with the cruiser's radio equipment), the officer could assist in other ways.

Lastly, where was the M.A.P. (Motor Assistance Program) truck? Even though it may operate only during the daytime, couldn't it be available during the night for emergencies?

Public Safety should review their overnight motor assistance policy and procedures, so other students won't be left stranded in the middle of a cold winter's night.

ResponsePage

♦ ROTC

University reaffirms support for disenrolled officer

To the Editor:

I am writing to reaffirm my support and that of the University for Neal Snow who was recently disenrolled from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program. Specifically, the University's position is that Mr. Snow should be allowed to continue in the full range of AFROTC courses available to other University students.

As most members of the campus University are aware, the University strongly objects to the Department of Defense's policy of discrimination against homosexuals. The University is currently working through national organizations to change this policy. All

indications are that it will be changed in the very near future.

A second, but related issue is Neal's ability to continue in all academic courses in which he is enrolled. Currently, Neal is being denied the right to participate in AER 325, the AFROTC Leadership Laboratory. It is an academic course listed in the University of Maine Catalog and the description of the course lists no special entrance requirements or restrictions. A change in the Catalog listing requires a procedure through academic channels which has not been followed in this case. Nonetheless, The United States Air Force representative, Colonel Richard Shapiro, Commander of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps,

Northeast Region, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio has directed the local detachment to disallow Neal's enrollment and participation in AER 325. The University has been working with Neal to bring this matter to a successful conclusion that would allow his participation in AER 325.

I should add that I appreciate all the support the University community has shown Neal Snow in his efforts to remain in AFROTC courses. I hope we can continue to work together for a successful resolution of this conflict.

While the stand taken by Neal Snow has focused immediate attention on the issue of discrimination because of sexual orientation,

it is important to continue to be sensitive to instances of discrimination or harassment of gay, lesbian or bi-sexual students after the publicity fades. We must remember that the less publicized cases of this nature nonetheless cause great pain to the individuals concerned and tear at the fabric of our community. Observing such behavior, community members should report it to the Office of Equal Opportunity in accordance with University guidelines.

Sincerely,
Frederick Hutchinson
President

♦ Superman

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's... a coffin?

To the Editor:

I'm about to say something my father might say. Something that would cause a big argument, ending with my accusing him of being close-minded, or telling him to wake up and smell the nineties. It's one of those times when you ask yourself, "Hey am I getting the whole picture here, or am I just getting old?"

This month DC Comics is going to kill everyone's favorite extra-terrestrial - Superman. The Man of Steel will die a violent death at the hands of Doomsday, a super-villain like no other.

So what?

Well, I'd like to think that it's nothing to get excited about. That this little development is simply an ingenious ad scheme created to sell more comic books. I'm sure that's part of it. But I can't help thinking there's something more.

In 1992 it seems there's little room for good guys who are just good. There's no more black or white. Today's heroes are composites of goods and bads, they're emotional, and more human. Whether it's a world championship fighter, or the next president, there's always the adulterous affair, or the displaced aggression, which taints our view of a once perfect hero.

Superman was the last of the fictional heroes who stood for more than just vigilantism. He was Shane in a flashy leotard. But now, Batman, the Dark Knight, has burst upon the American psyche, and with him, he has brought a dim view of urban America. He has emerged as a man driven by passion, punishment, and vengeance, instead of truth, justice, and the American way.

The whole thing reeks of "family values" as well. Superman, who crash landed on earth as a child, was brought up by two loving parents in Smallville, USA. Clark Kent turned out OK. He became a news reporter, and occasionally saved the earth from nuclear war.

Batman's parents were brutally murdered before his own eyes, victims of the violent streets of Gotham. Bruce Wayne, although a successful captain of industry, spends his evenings in black cape and cowl, pounding on muggers and murderers.

Superman became a hero to protect the innocent, to uphold justice. Batman's heroism is fueled by his desire to punish the guilty, and dole out his own, personal justice.

Batman is an alter-ego, a persona who vents the pent-up aggressions of billionaire Bruce Wayne. While mild mannered Clark Kent walks old ladies across streets and res-

cues cats from trees. The contrasting metaphors go on and on.

The gist of this little tantrum is: What's going on here America? Are we telling kids that it's OK, to hold grudges and go off on personal vendettas? Is it cool to beat up on bad guys if it's within the realm of our own "crusade"? And if so, who the hell are the "bad" guys these days? It seems like being a kid is a lot harder in 1992. There's more to think about.

If the "new hero" is supposed to be more real, more human, then that's good. But we should let kids know these heroes aren't always on a basketball court or in a comic book. Sometimes our heroes work at the corner market, collect our garbage, or deliver our mail every morning. They don't all have to wear capes.

Maybe I'm reading too much into the death of Superman. Maybe I'm just a little too grief-stricken to think clearly. But America is losing an icon, a fictional character who always saved the day, a flying Lone Ranger. After next week, he's gone.

Call me a sap, but I think that's pretty sad.

Alex Pierpaoli
DTAV

♦ Film

Students do have minds of their own

To the Editor:

Last Thursday night I drove from Bangor to Hauck Auditorium in what I thought was may car. When I entered Memorial Union to see the movie "Europa Europa," I realized I hadn't been in my car at all, but a time machine. I was now in the 1960's.

As I looked around at the living museum of people wearing drab clothes, long hair and love beads, one question coming to mind, Why? Why bring back the '60s? I lived through the '60s, and can't imagine why anyone would want to bring those days back. Could it be the lack of morality, the sexual revolution, care-free pot smoking, acid dropping, or just plain belligerence and defiance of authority?

The attraction is probably all of the above with a few additions for the '90s, including the accep-

tance of homosexuality and the antagonism toward the right to life movement (the unborn die at the rate of 4,000 a day in this country.) Isn't it ironic that it is illegal in this state to ship a pregnant lobster?

It seems that these students are trying to find identities for themselves by resurrecting an old identification which existed before most of them were born. Most of its original members long since traded in their Nehru jackets and VW buses for three piece suits, BMWs and jobs in corporate America.

This failure for the students to discover their own identity, however, is not so much their own fault, but the fault of their professors. Many of today's college professors lived through the '60s and now want their students to carry on their tradition. Indeed, you can walk into almost any classroom and find that professors are using their lectures to propagate their own beliefs,

rather than teaching students to form their own.

For example, the speaker introducing the movie not only gave away the plot and the ending, but used his time on stage to influence our beliefs. He hinted that the American military are no different than fascist Nazis, for their exclusion of people based on their sexual orientation, which is a behavior (i.e. sodomy), not a race or a sex. I'm sorry, but excluding gays from military service has no comparison to the murder of six million Jews during the Holocaust. Once again thanks to UMaine, I didn't have to think for myself. Someone else did it for me.

It's sad to think that an institution of higher learning has come to believe that knowledge cannot exist with independent thought. But it is more than willing to pay lip service to the idea.

Renee Bennett

♦ Peabody Lounge

Open area to students

To the Editor:

There has been a growing conflict between users of the Coffee Shop on the third floor of the Union and the half-dozen or so users of the adjacent Peabody Lounge. The Coffee Shop has turned out to be a popular meeting place for a variety of people: undergraduate students as well as graduate students, faculty as well as staff, commuter as well as campus residents. Sometimes, this diverse crowd fills the Coffee Shop and for lack of space enters the Peabody Lounge which states that it is designated for faculty use only grows larger. Yet whenever I look into the Peabody Lounge, there is no one there, or maybe a handful of grey-suited bodies using a tiny fraction of the space available in the room.

The question is: Do we need to have this permanently exclusive meeting place in our already crowded common space? I don't mean expensive and fancy as a definition of exclusive. I'm talking about excluding brothers and sisters of the university community. The Faculty Club concept is dead: few used it when it existed and it was losing money. The Peabody Lounge seems to be the last vestige of this class-defining hierarchy-promoting fraternity. This space should be available as a common lounge, particularly since we will lose the Coe Lounge downstairs to a commercial eyesore called Taco Bell.

I encourage all concerned members of the university community to bring this question to the attention of the Faculty Senate.

Andy Radin
Department of Entomology

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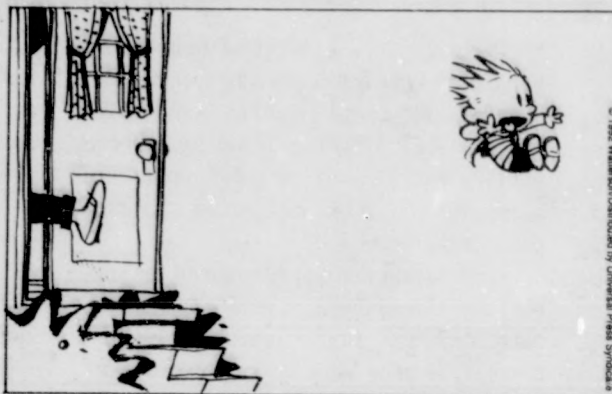
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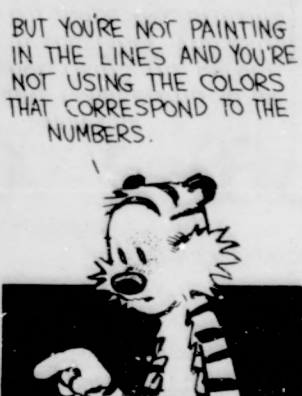


NOT THINKING ABOUT IT WON'T MAKE IT GO AWAY, YOU KNOW!



Calvin and Hobbes

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by Bill Amend



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Shoe

by Jeff MacNelly



For Monday, November 16

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Curious as a cat, you enjoy experiences which increase your knowledge of different regions and cultures. A broad range of interests gives you insight into routine problems which those around you lack. You are a firm believer in taking good care of yourself, emotionally and physically. Because of this, you have a powerful constitution that is resistant to most ailments.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Attempts to bring two antagonistic friends of yours together will only annoy them both. Oil and water don't mix, so accept the situation for what it is.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Guard against a tendency to take all the responsibility on your own shoulders. Once assigned a task, delegate authority and divvy up the work like the leader that you are!

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): A warm smile directed toward an attractive stranger may seem like innocent flirtation as far as you're concerned, but your mate may take a different position on the matter! Focus your attention closer to home.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): It behooves you to show up for work on time and go about your business in an efficient manner since your boss may be in a foul mood this morning. Don't give him a reason to direct his wrath towards you.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Bringing personal baggage into the office hinders your performance and raises doubts about your ability to get the job done, whether valid or not. Keep your private and professional lives separate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): A paranoid associate may attempt to draw you into their web of intrigue. Ignore their ramblings and focus on the task at hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): A stressed out colleague's emotions are running out of control, so they may snap at you for no apparent reason. Give them a break because you'll probably need one someday too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Your intuitive feelings regarding the true motivations of others at work have not gone unnoticed. Perceptiveness is rewarded by those who understand its value.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): The romantic in you may see things differently than they actually are, especially when it comes to affairs of the heart! Stay grounded in reality and don't fall in love with an illusion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) With the beginning of the work week comes a period of increased responsibility. Focus your energy on getting ahead on the job by showing what you can do when given the chance!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Getting involved in group activities may take up more of your time, but it's time well spent. The contacts that you make could open up some valuable doors in the near future.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Take everything that is said at a business meeting at face value and you could miss some crucial points. Consider what wasn't said and whether there are any angles you failed to examine.

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Your Daily Horoscope

By Carl Paul

For Tuesday, November 17

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The fact that you care so deeply about some issues can sometimes cloud your judgement. You have trouble giving up the idea that simply wanting something bad enough will make it happen. You're not afraid of the hard work needed to achieve your goals, but the sheer strength of your enthusiasm can cause you to overlook reasonable objections and important limitations.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): A burst of creative energy can enhance your career, but time taken away from your lover or spouse is a source of friction at home. Don't ignore those you love!

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Domestic turbulence plagues your close relations during this cycle. Friction between roommates is so great that someone may decide to move on, or a dispute with your lover could threaten your relationship!

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): A misunderstanding at work could easily get blown out of proportion, so clear communication is essential. Don't let a battle on the job detract from your home life by robbing your family of your attention.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A creative idea may have to be put on the back burner due to financial constraints or it may be necessary to forego the purchase of non-essential items in order to make ends meet. Stick to your budget.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): In your haste to consummate a business deal you could inadvertently toss a wrench into the proceedings. Pay attention to the details and let the timing take care of itself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Matters long forgotten bubble to the surface now, initiating a disturbing pattern. Keep your cool as this trend will pass. Read the fine print on any contracts in order to avoid surprises down the road.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Money can become a divisive issue if you let it. Take even your most trivial financial responsibilities seriously. By not taking care of business, a minor issue could quickly snowball.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Regardless of who is right or wrong, you're the one who winds up looking bad following a disagreement with your boss. With your career at a crossroads, bad publicity is the last thing you need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You can expect some serious turbulence should your lover discover that you've been hiding something from them! A lot of bottled up anger is likely to get vented now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A loved one may take exception to the amount of time you are dedicating to a group or organization, drawing the line when it comes to financial contributions. Give them equal time!

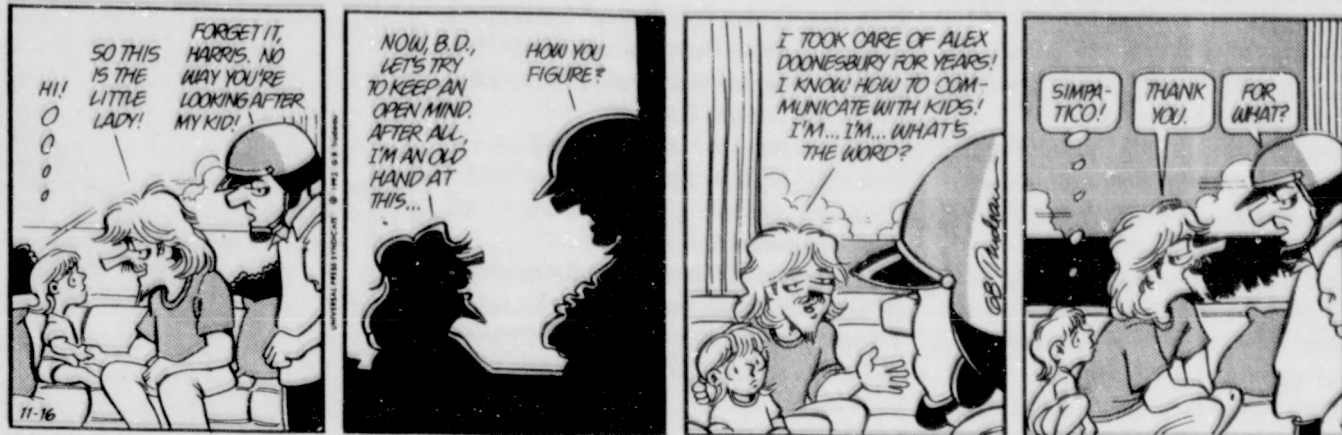
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PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your intuitive powers and people skills are so refined that you'll be tempted to find a way to use them in your work. Students find themselves swamped, and should attack the mountain of work immediately!

Entertainment Pages

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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◆ Civil rights

ERA votes based on lies

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—The Equal Rights Amendment was leading in the public opinion polls and had the support of popular politicians like former Republican Gov. Robert Ray.

But come Election Day, voters rejected the amendment by a margin of 52 percent to 48 percent. What happened?

Conservatives like Phyllis Schlafly and Pat Robertson joined the fray, telling voters that the amendment would broaden access to abortion and bolster gay rights.

ERA opponents say their victory provided important tactical lessons at a time when some had hoped to revive the effort to write an ERA into the U.S. Constitution.

"The pro-family movement has developed a very powerful infrastructure at the grassroots level," said Ralph Reed, executive director of the Virginia-based Christian Coalition, founded by Robertson.

"We attribute it to the dedication of our workers and the intervention of God," said Donna Lepore, head of the Iowa chapter of Schlafly's Eagle Forum.

Cynthia Terrell, leader of the Iowa Women's Equality Campaign, had another explanation.

"People voted out of fear," Terrell said. "The lies have worked again."

The Illinois-based Eagle Forum helped bankroll the ERA opposition, which Reed estimated called 43,000 Iowa voters. The day-to-day campaign was managed by long-time Robertson associate Marlene Elwell.

The campaign included advertisements portraying openly affectionate homosexu-

als. Catholic bishops issued a statement of alarm over the ERA.

Robertson weighed in with a fund-raising letter accusing "radical feminists" of pushing a hidden agenda that "encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians."

The evangelist and former presidential candidate later denied writing the letter, saying an aide was the author, but he affirmed its sentiments.

Sixteen states have equal rights provisions in their state constitutions, including Wyoming, which enacted one in 1890. Massachusetts was the last state to add an ERA, in 1976.

The Iowa amendment was modeled on the national Equal Rights Amendment, which narrowly failed to get the needed support to become part of the U.S. Constitution. The time limit to ratify the national ERA ran out 10 years ago, on June 30, 1982.

Iowa's proposed state amendment would have added "and women" to Section 1 of the state constitution that says "All men are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights."

The proposed amendment also would have added a sentence that said, "Neither the state nor any of its political subdivisions shall, on the basis of gender, deny or restrict the equality of rights under the law."

Before the vote, feminist Gloria Steinem had told a group of Iowa women that Iowa was in a position to start another drive for a national ERA.

The Pied Piper?



Native American flute maker, Hawk, performs his skill for youngsters at the Maine Center for the Arts. (Lachowski photo.)

With all these intelligent college people around, you'd think someone could just tell us why.

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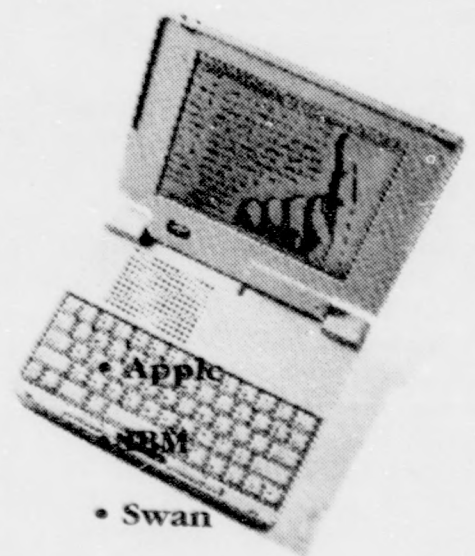
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◆ Long Island

Casco Bay islanders separate from Portland

ABOARD THE FERRY ABENAKI (AP) — Rebellious Long Islanders who became Portland's first breakaway republic say their newly obtained independence is the key to saving a disappearing lifestyle on the Casco Bay islands.

While the rest of the nation watched a new president being chosen on Election Day, residents on the small island 4.5 miles from mainland Portland were severing 206-year-old ties with Maine's largest city.

Now, the new Town of Long Island — population 160 — is preparing for life without a safety net. Residents must set up a government, tackle state and federal rules and regulations, take responsibility for a two-room school house.

"We're looking at three to five years of hell," says Cynthia Steeves, an islander making the 45-minute trip from the mainland to her home aboard this Casco Bay Lines ferry. "We're willing to stay the course."

On the windy ferry deck, Steeves was not alone in her excitement or her apprehension. These ocean commuters are entering a new era of self-rule aimed at preserving the simple lifestyle of fishing communities passed on for generations.

Long Island residents led a revolt after the city's revaluation doubled, tripled, even quadrupled, property taxes of some islanders and ignited fears that long-established communities would be transformed into vacation havens for the rich. Long Islanders voted 3-to-1 in favor of secession.

"These are simple lobstermen and fishermen," says Steeves. "This isn't Nantucket."

The five inhabited islands that are part of the city of Portland are among hundreds dotting the Maine coast, each with its own natural beauty. No other state on the East Coast has so many islands inhabited all year.

But the number of islands with year-round communities in Maine has dropped from about 300 at the turn of the century to just 14 today, says Phillip Conkling, executive director of the non-profit Island Institute in Rockland.

Conkling says the vote on Long Island assures its affordability for future generations. The big question is whether Portland's other islands will follow suit.

"What this vote means is that the debate on each island will increase in its seriousness because Long Island has acted as a catalyst. Other decisions will be made," says Conkling.

The Town of Long Island will officially incorporate on July 1, supplanting Ogunquit's claims as "Maine's newest town" since its incorporation in 1980.

Long Island — measuring 2.6 miles in

length and 0.9 miles at its widest point — has a summer population that swells to 900, but that number drops to 160 when the weather turns cold.

The center of the community is a two-room school house with wooden floors, where 21 students through the fifth grade receive lessons from two teachers. A sign greets ferry-board visitors: "Welcome to the Town of Long Island."

Residents aboard the ferry run the gamut. Shirley Conner is a teacher at Jack Elementary School in Portland. Barbara Larrabee works for UNUM. Lynn Johnson is the wife of a lobsterman. Steeves fell in love with the island and moved from Massachusetts.

The road ahead won't be easy.

Long Island escaped Portland's rule, but not its indebtedness. An arbitration panel ruled that the new town must shoulder its share of Portland's short- and long-term debt, about \$1.6 million. That'll make their first-year taxes about the same as those in Portland and much more than other island towns in Maine, such as Swan's Island, Monhegan and the Cranberry Isles.

Obstacles are nothing new for the tight-knit community of Long Island.

The islanders banded together when an oil company threatened to set up a tanker terminal on the small island in the 1960s and twice fought the city's efforts to close its school.

Residents say that's just their nature as an island family. They have to look out for each other and use their ingenuity when a trip to the nearest hospital means waiting for Portland's fire boat, about two hours altogether.

"You're a different person if you live out here. You have to be innovative," Steeves says.

In the end, islanders who contend they've been ignored by city government decided they couldn't do any worse on their own.

"The city has never appreciated the islands for their uniqueness and they have never appreciated the islands as an asset," says Nancy Jordan, a co-leader of the secession movement.

City Manager Robert Ganley says the island's isolation is a function of geography. He says the city has tried to balance the interests of its 1,300 islanders with 60,000 mainland residents.

Ganley, who hopes a change in state law will allow the creation of a special tax district to give islanders some relief, says he understands the frustration over taxes and the desire to be independent.

"I think they exercised their right to do what they want to do. Time will tell whether it works out," Ganley says.

◆ Friendly wager

Diamond wins voter bet

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Having the nation's highest voter turnout was one thing, but for Maine Secretary of State Bill Diamond, beating Montana meant food on the table.

Diamond and his Montana counterpart, Mike Cooney, had a surf-and-turf bet on which state would have the biggest turnout Nov. 3.

If Montana won, Diamond would send lobsters west. If Maine won, Cooney would send steaks east.

After the votes were tallied, Maine's turnout was more than 73 percent, the highest in the country. Montana wound up in

third place with a 70 percent turnout.

Diamond feigned disappointment over his victory.

"I guess we get the steak," he said. "The problem is finding people to eat them."

No less the wiseguy, Cooney suggested Diamond's methods were less than pure.

"Bill did a great job," he said. "I understand he only had to pay voters \$20 each, but we have budget constraints here."

Diamond said he would give the steaks to the winner of a raffle drawn from the 70,000 voters who registered through a "motor voter" program at motor-vehicle offices.

◆ The homeless

Newcomers find times tough

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — Karen Hunt and her boyfriend came to Branson dreaming of a country music career. Now they live in a shantytown of campers at the \$5-per-night Oak Hill park, a few miles north of this neon-lit boom town.

"I've got my birthday coming up next month. I didn't want my 23rd birthday to be like this," said Ms. Hunt, who came from Durham, N.C., with musician Jimmy Ray.

She got a waitress job after arriving about a month ago but soon lost it because her broken-down car left her stranded.

"If I don't get a job soon, it's going to get worse," she said.

Branson is challenging Nashville as the place to hear live country music. More than 4 million people visited Branson last

year to catch shows by such stars as Willie Nelson and Mel Tillis.

The town's growing reputation has also lured people like Ms. Hunt, people in search of a better life who instead found a shortage of housing and of permanent, full-time jobs.

Oak Hill park owner John Brown worries many residents of the site's nearly 50 campers will have trouble paying for food and heat this winter.

"As work slacks off, more and more of them are finding it harder to make ends meet," Brown said.

Relief groups aren't sure how many people are in inadequate housing at campsites and run-down motels around this town, which has grown from a population of 2,500 in 1980 to around 3,700.

Public Notice:

At Tuesday's GSS meeting, two resolutions will be voted on by the Senate. Both concern ROTC and discrimination. Students who wish their views to be heard should attend the meeting. The GSS meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in 100 Neville Hall.

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◆ Prison

Guard files claim after inmate's death

THOMASTON, Maine (AP) — An attorney filed a \$500,000 notice of claims on behalf of the Maine State Prison guard who was fired after an internal investigation of the death of inmate Larry Richardson.

The prison investigated the conduct of guards after court testimony indicated some of them knew Richardson had been beaten but failed to intervene before he was found hanging in his cell in March 1990.

The investigation resulted in the dismissal of Peter Brooks of Washington on May 28. Another guard quit. The state attorney general's office is conducting a separate investigation.

The notice of claims — the first step in filing suit against the state — was filed Friday by Rockland lawyer Joanne Kroll against Warden Martin Magnusson and the state Department of Corrections.

The court document notes that Brooks was unfairly fired almost two years after the Richardson's death. "The actions by Maine State Prison were willful, wanton and motivated by malicious intent," it said.

Richardson, a convicted child molester, was killed after several days of torture in which his fellow inmates conducted a mock trial and sentenced him to death as a "skin-

ner," or molester.

Roger L. Smith, Richardson's cellmate, was convicted of the murder and sentenced to an additional 70 years in prison. The Maine Supreme Judicial Court upheld the conviction in October.

A second inmate, Randy Tenggren, was found innocent of murder at a separate trial in April. He has since been released from the Maine State Prison.

At Smith's trial, inmates testified that prison guards knew that Richardson was being beaten in the prison's segregation unit but that guards took no steps to protect the inmate.

◆ Assault

Abuse trial continues

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — The state is ready to proceed with its case against two former mental health workers charged with tormenting and abusing four mentally retarded men at the Pine-land Center.

Christopher Mingo, 38, of Buckfield and Daniel Beggs, 24, of Auburn have pleaded innocent. The trial is scheduled to begin Monday in Cumberland County Superior Court.

Both men are charged with four counts of endangering the welfare of an incompetent person. Mingo is also charged with an additional two counts of assault.

Assistant District Attorney Megan Elam said the case is unusual because charges are rarely brought in such instances because the victims usually are mentally incapable of testifying.

In this case, however, two co-workers of Mingo and Beggs will be the state's key witnesses. William Sharpe and Debra Lowe say they saw the two men mistreat four residents in 1990 and early 1991.

Mingo and Beggs are accused of making one resident stand on milk crates even though he was terrified of heights. They also allegedly burned a wristband that was a "security blanket" for another resident. Mingo is also charged with forcing the same resident to repeatedly hit himself in the head.

◆ Hunting

Weekend hunting death judged accidental

WISCASSET, Maine (AP) — The accidental shooting of 49-year-old Wiscasset hunter Saturday marked the first hunting death in Maine in two years, authorities said.

George S. Sproul apparently shot himself with a 7mm Magnum rifle while hunting with his two sons less than a mile from his home, said Paul Fournier, spokesman for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

"It looks like the guy was walking. It was slippery underfoot and the gun discharged," Fournier said. "It appears to be accidental. They think he slipped and fell."

Sproul was hunting with his son Dennis Sproul and stepson Kenneth Morse. The three had positioned themselves apart to watch for

deer when the sons heard two gunshots, Fournier said.

The sons, in their 20s, stayed put for several hours until they were ready to leave about 9 a.m., Fournier said. They told authorities they found their father lying on the ground with a gunshot wound to the chest, he said.

Fournier said the sons speculated that Sproul had fired at a deer from a tree stand, then shot himself after climbing down to look for the animal.

"Probably no one will ever know exactly what happened," he said.

An autopsy was completed Saturday, but tests on the bullet and Sproul's clothing were deferred until the state crime laboratory re-

opens Monday, Fournier said.

The shooting marked the fourth hunting accident since Maine's hunting season began on Oct. 31.

In previous incidents, a Waldoboro man was struck in the cheek with buckshot, a Hamlin teen-ager accidentally shot himself in the leg and a Norridgewock man was shot in the arm while hunting without a license.

The weekend fatality ended a two-year streak of no hunting fatalities in the Maine woods.

Fournier said there has been a trend toward fewer hunting accidents because of greater awareness of hunting safety since the death of Karen Wood, a woman shot outside her Hermon home in 1988.

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SportsNews

- Black Bear football shocks UMass, 21-13
- Hockey squad sweeps pair from overmatched Warriors

The Campus Sports Ticker

UMaine men split, women drop, swim openers

The University of Maine women's swimming and diving teams dropped its opener at Burlington, Vt. Saturday, losing to the Universities of Connecticut and Vermont.

The men meanwhile fell to the Huskies 99-41 but defeated the Catamounts as Maxim Maximov paced the Black Bears with a win in the 200 Breaststroke. Eight UMaine swimmers placed second in the meet with UConn.

On the women's half, UConn defeated the Black Bears 119-20 while the Catamounts swam away with a 88-53 advantage.

Laurie Deputy (50 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle) and Katherine Jenkins (200 Breaststroke and 200 I.M.) garnered first place finishes for UMaine.

Both teams return to action Dec. 5 when they will host Northeastern.

Blue downs White in men's scrimmage

Behind 41 points from guards Kevin Terrell and Deonte Hursey, the blue team beat up on the white to the tune of a 89-68 beating in Sunday's UMaine men's basketball scrimmage.

Rookie Chris Collins led the white squad with 19 points while Terry Hunt (11) and Kenny Barnes (10) were other double figure scorers for the losers.

Francois Bouchard (15), Casey Arena (12 and eight rebounds) and Dan Hillman (11) topped double digits for the blue guys.

The Black Bears open their season Nov. 20 when they host the Kazakhstan National Team in Portland.

Aftermath of the Bowe victory

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Bowe knows boxing.

And Riddick Bowe's manager, Rock Newman, says he knows the boxing business. So he wonders why it wouldn't be good business to delay a showdown with top contender Lennox Lewis.

Let that fact (Bowe being the champion) sink in with the public and let Lewis, of Britain, become better known on this side of the Atlantic. That's what Newman would like to do.

"Early this morning I started talking to Dan Duva about what it might take to fight Lennox Lewis in Riddick's first or second defense," Newman said Saturday.

Duva has options on Bowe's next three fights. He also has options on Lewis, who stopped Razor Ruddock in the second round of what the WBC called a title elimination match Oct. 31 at London.

◆ UMaine football

Black Bears pull off upset of the season

By Chad Finn
Sports Editor

The University of Massachusetts football team came into Saturday's game with the University of Maine boasting of a 7-1 record and the nation's second-ranked defense in Division I-AA.

The Minutemen had giving up a minuscule 136.4 yards per game in stifling the

top offenses in the Yankee Conference, and they had planned to do the same versus the Black Bears.

UMass defense, meet Ben Sirmans.

The Black Bear senior tailback, who came into the game needing only 15 rushing yards to reach the 1,000-yard milestone, plowed his way through the Minutemen defense for 165 yards in carrying UMaine past UMass, 20-13, Saturday in

Amherst, Mass.

The win gave UMaine, now 6-4 (4-3 in the YC), their first road victory in 15 tries, dating back to Nov. 11, 1989. The Black Bears, with one game remaining, are also guaranteed their first winning season since '89, when they went 9-3 and made an appearance in the I-AA playoffs.

"This means a lot to us," Sirmans said. "It's still a disappointing season because we wanted to win the conference and make the playoffs. But it's good that we didn't finish up losers."

The Black Bear offensive line of Dan Jones, Paul Fuller, Dick Donahue, John Pourby and Chuck Keegan completely dominated the line of scrimmage, rolling up 240 yards on the ground. Senior fullback Gordon Willey complemented Sirmans' attack with two rushing touchdowns of his own.

"We know, we're going to leave with a winning record," Donahue said. "We had a back that ran for 1,000 yards, we beat UMass, a nationally-ranked team (16th). I'd say it's been a pretty good year."

The UMaine defense also did their part in shutting down the Minutemen attack.

Because their defense has been so dominant the season, the UMass offense was primarily a grind-it-out, ball-control attack that hid the inexperience of first-year quarterback Andrew McNeilly.

But the Black Bears shutdown the Minutemen running game and forced McNeilly to put the ball in the air 25 times, more than twice as much as he had been averaging.

And the young signal-caller didn't come through, throwing three interceptions (two by UMaine senior cornerback Larry Jones) as the UMass offense committed six turnovers.

"We played with a lot of pride," UMaine senior safety Lance Boston said, describing his teammates' hard-nosed defensive effort.

Willey gave the Black Bears a 7-0 lead at the 9:45 mark of the second period, plung-

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UMaine senior tailback Ben Sirmans led UMaine's upset over UMass Saturday with a career-high 165 yards rushing. (Kiesow photo.)

◆ UMaine hockey

Kariya, UMaine maul Warriors in weekend pair

By Chad Finn
Sports Editor

The University of Maine hockey team's early-season pattern of offensive fireworks continued this weekend versus Merrimack College.

Actually, the fireworks exploded in Alford Arena Friday and Saturday nights, leaving a pair of charred Warrior goalies and a glorious UMaine hockey powerhouse poised at the top of the national rankings.

The Black Bears blasted Merrimack 14-1 on Friday, then sent the Warriors packing with an equally-humbling 11-2 win Saturday. Now 6-0-1 on the season, UMaine has outscored their opponents by a staggering 63-14 margin over the course

of the seven-game old season.

"We just had it all going this weekend," UMaine Coach Shawn Walsh said in a major understatement. "We were rolling, and it looks like we're getting better."

The thought of the Black Bears improving on this weekend is almost unfathomable. It's almost impossible for a hockey team to look better than UMaine did this weekend.

Granted, Merrimack (4-3-1) isn't the equivalent to a Boston University or Michigan, but they did beat two Top 10 teams this season and were expected to make a better showing than they did.

"We played very hard," Merrimack Coach Ron Anderson said. "We have to give credit where credit is due. They're (UMaine) a real good team and they are

playing real well."

Several Black Bears posted dazzling numbers in the two-game series. Senior center Eric Fenton posted a hat trick Friday, then came back with a two-goal, three-assist effort Saturday. Junior right wing Cal Ingraham added three goals and an assist in the series, and senior winger Kent Salfi posted a hat trick Friday.

Walsh also saw encouraging signs from junior left wing Patrice Tardif, who had been mired in an early-season mini-slump after a spectacular second half a year ago. Tardif tallied a hat trick and a pair of assists Saturday after netting only one goal in the first six games.

"I put too much pressure on myself

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UMaine hockey team pounds Merrimack

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early on," Tardif said. "We have some great players on this team, and I proved last year that I could play well at this level, so I decided to go out, work hard and see what happens. It worked out well."

But perhaps the most outstanding performer of all the Black Bears' weekend stars was gifted first-year winger Paul Kariya. The No. Vancouver, N.B., native scored a pair of goals and dished out seven assists in the series, lifting his season point total to 25 and impressing even his usually-understating coach.

"Paul is just playing unbelievable," Walsh said. "And the scary thing is that he is continuing to get better. He's very unselfish, keeps an even keel, and plays very smart. He's done just a terrific job."

Ingraham got the Black Bears off on the right foot Friday, taking a Kariya pass and beating Merrimack first-year goalie Dan Millar just 14 seconds into the contest.

Goals by Fenton, Chris Ferraro, and Mike Latendresse gave UMaine a 4-0 lead at the end of the first.

The Warriors switched goalies for the second period, bringing in experienced veteran Mike Donaghey, but it was to no avail. Donaghey let in six goals in the period, two by Salfi, to extend the lead to 10-0, UMaine.

Dave LaCouture scored his first goal of the season to make it 11-0 early in the third, but Merrimack winger Bryan Millar broke UMaine goalie Mike Dunham's bid for a shutout 5:25 into the period.

Dunham was soon replaced to a rousing ovation by backup Greg Hirsch, and the Black Bears added three more goals for the final 14-1 margin.

Saturday was much the same, with Ingraham once again notching the game's initial tally.

UMaine scored five more times in the

first two periods to take a 6-0 lead before the Warriors' Danny Gravelle netted Merrimack's first goal of the evening at the 14:21 mark of the second.

Gravelle would score again in the third period, but it would be the Warriors' only other score of the night as Kariya, Fenton and Co., finished off the massacre.



UMaine left wing Kent Salfi skates in on Merrimack goalie Mike Donaghey during weekend action at Alford. Salfi had a hat trick in the Black Bears' 14-1 win on Friday. (Lachowski photo.)

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◆ College football

Miami remains in top spot in Associated Press poll

By Rick Warner
AP Football Writer

No. 1 Miami and No. 2 Alabama remained on course for a Sugar Bowl showdown, while Florida State re-entered the national championship picture by jumping to third in Sunday's Associated Press college football poll.

Miami maintained its solid grip on the top spot with a 48-0 victory over Temple. The Hurricanes received 61 first-place votes and 1,549 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Alabama, which beat Mississippi State 30-21, was the runner-up again with one first-place vote and 1,483 points.

If Miami (9-0) and Alabama (10-0) remain undefeated and 1-2 in the poll, they will meet for the national title Jan. 1 in the Sugar Bowl. Miami has games remaining against Syracuse and San Diego State, while Alabama must play Auburn and either Florida or Georgia in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

Florida State (9-1) climbed two spots after trampling Tulane 70-7. The Seminoles, who lost to Miami 19-16 on Oct. 3, could get a rematch with the Hurricanes in the Fiesta Bowl if Alabama loses.

Florida State is three points ahead of Texas A&M (10-0), which remained No. 4 after downing Houston 38-30 Thursday.

Washington (9-1) rose one notch to No. 5 with a 45-16 victory over Oregon State. But Michigan (8-0-2), the Huskies' opponent in the Rose Bowl, fell three spots to No. 6 after

tying Illinois 22-22.

Notre Dame (8-1-1) jumped one place to No. 7 with a 17-16 victory over Penn State. Syracuse (9-1), which meets Miami next Saturday at the Carrier Dome, rose two places to No. 8 after defeating Boston College 27-10.

Florida (7-2) and Georgia (8-2) also moved up two spots. Florida rose to No. 9 after beating South Carolina 14-9, and Georgia climbed to No. 10 following a 14-10 victory over Auburn.

Colorado is 11th, followed by Nebraska, North Carolina State, Stanford, Southern Cal, Arizona, Ohio State, Mississippi State, Boston College, Tennessee, North Carolina, Kansas, Penn State, Mississippi and Wake Forest.

Wake Forest (7-3) gained its first ranking since 1979 after beating Georgia Tech 23-10 for its sixth straight win. Mississippi (7-3), ranked earlier this season, moved back into the Top 25 after defeating Louisiana Tech 13-6.

Washington State (7-3) and Hawaii (7-2) fell out of the Top 25. Washington State, No. 21 last week, lost to Stanford 40-3. Hawaii, No. 24 a week ago, was beaten by San Diego State 52-28.

Nebraska (7-2) and Arizona (6-3-1) dropped out of the Top 10. The Cornhuskers slipped five notches to No. 12 after losing to Iowa State 19-10, and the Wildcats plunged seven spots to No. 16 following a 14-7 loss to Southern Cal.

◆ Major League Baseball

Rockies, Marlins select rosters

By Jim Donaghey
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For the past few days, the Florida Marlins and Colorado Rockies have been mapping out their expansion strategies. It seems they have both decided to go for youth and economy.

Both teams have the right to go after big-ticket free agents such as Barry Bonds, Kirby Puckett and Joe Carter. But they have chosen to spend their millions carefully at the start and will depend on Tuesday's draft to build their teams.

The expansion teams can go after players like Carlton Fisk, Eddie Murray, Danny Tartabull, Vince Coleman, Shawon Dunston and Bob Walk. But even they may be too expensive for the expansion clubs.

More likely, the Marlins and Rockies will go after the top available prospects left unprotected by the other 26 major league teams.

When Houston and New York entered the National League in 1962, the Colt .45s went for youth while the Mets chose to pick older players with name recognition.

Houston finished eighth in its first season at 64-96, while New York finished last with an all-time worst record of 40-120 under manager Casey Stengel.

The last expansion came in 1976 when the Toronto Blue Jays and Seattle Mariners joined the American League.

The Blue Jays selected several players who went on to have respectable major league careers, including Bob Bailor, Jim

Clancy, Pete Vuckovich, Ernie Whitt and Garth Iorg.

The Toronto organization has been more successful than Seattle's from the start, culminating with this season's World Series title, and it all started with the expansion draft.

The most successful expansion team at the start was the 1961 Los Angeles Angels, who finished eighth at 70-91 under manager Bill Rigney. The next season, the Angels stunned baseball by finishing third at 86-76.

One of the Angels' selections was 18-year-old shortstop Jim Fregosi from the Boston Red Sox. Fregosi went on to set many club offensive records before being traded to the Mets in 1971 for Nolan Ryan.

With their 26th pick, the Angels selected 19-year-old Dean Chance out of the Baltimore organization. In 1964, Chance was 20-9 with a 1.64 ERA and won the Cy Young Award. He pitched 11 shutouts that season, including six 1-0 victories.

The other AL expansion team in 1961 was the Washington Senators. The Senators drafted for experience and got burned when players such as Dave Sisler, Johnny Klippstein, Tom Sturdivant, Dale Long, Bobby Klaus and Gene Woodling didn't produce.

The Senators never really recovered from their poor start, and in 1972 moved to Arlington, Texas. The Senators finished 63-96 under manager Ted Williams in their final season in Washington.

Football team upsets UMass

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ing in for a score from five-yards out, but a McNeilly-to-Matt Stefanski two-yard touchdown pass evened the score just before the half.

The Black Bears took control in the third period, thanks largely in part to a 27-yard scoring catch by reserve tight end Adam Knudsen on fourth-down and four.

It was only Knudsen's second reception in a career that has seen him play such varied positions as fullback, defensive end and linebacker.

"It was a great effort," UMass Coach Kirk Ferentz said. "It wasn't supposed to be a deep play, but it got the job done."

Willey added another touchdown, this one from one-yard out, for a 21-7 lead. A

blocked punt recovered in the end zone by UMass's Jason Mumford resulted in the final margin.

Black Bear Notes:

•Sirmans is only the third back in UMass history to gain 1,000 yards rushing in a season. The others? Carl Smith in 1989, and Lorenzo Bouier in 1980.

•Dan Girard intercepted his fourth pass of the season versus UMass, giving the Black Bears 20 picks on the season. Girard, linebacker Jemal Murph, safety Lance Boston and cornerback Bill Curry all have four. The school record for interceptions in a season is 25, set in 1990.

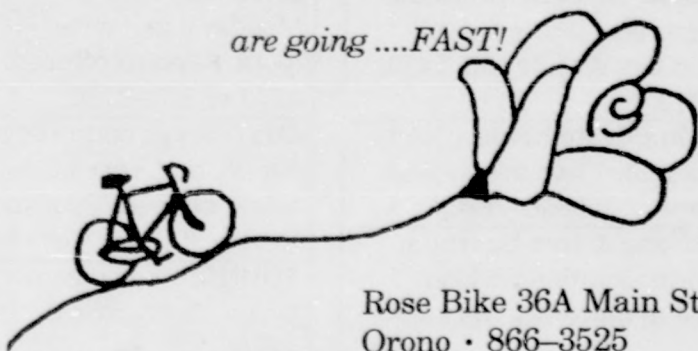
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◆ Pro football roundup

Patriots beat Colts in OT

(AP) On a day when almost every game ended with a frenzy, the New England Patriots ended their frustration.

The Patriots became the final NFL team to win this season, beating the Indianapolis Colts 37-34 Sunday on Charlie Baumann's 18-yard field goal 3:15 into overtime.

The game was tied five times, the last when Baumann kicked a 44-yard field goal on the last play of regulation. The victory at the Hoosierdome made the Patriots 1-9 and dropped Indianapolis to 4-6.

"You have to embrace opportunities like this," Baumann said. "If these situations scare you, you really don't belong in this profession."

The winning points were scored in the last three minutes in six games on Sunday. Only Kansas City's 35-16 victory over Washington was decided by more than four points.

Scott Zolak, making his first pro start because of injuries to the Patriots' other quarterbacks, passed for 261 yards and two touchdowns. New England picked off three passes by Jeff George, returning two for touchdowns and the last one setting up the overtime field goal. After Jerome Henderson's interception gave the Patriots the ball, Zolak threw a 24-yard pass to Jon Vaughn, setting up Baumann's winning kick.

"Words can't describe it," Zolak said. "I've never been involved in a more emotional game, because the odds were against us. We've been looking for something good to happen to us, and it finally did. Everybody should be emotional."

Assistant Dante Scarnecchia, acting

as interim coach for the ill Dick MacPherson, guided the Patriots to victory. MacPherson underwent surgery on his colon Friday.

"The defense did a great job of making plays. They scored 14 points and got the interception at the end to help us win it," Scarnecchia said. "Scott Zolak was amazing. He made plays out there, he is a fun guy to watch."

In other games, it was Houston 17, Minnesota 13; Pittsburgh 17, Detroit 14; New York Jets 17, Cincinnati 14; Green Bay 27, Philadelphia 24; Atlanta 20, Phoenix 17, and San Diego 14, Cleveland 13.

Later Sunday, it was the Los Angeles Rams at Dallas, Chicago at Tampa Bay, New Orleans at San Francisco, Seattle at the Los Angeles Raiders and the New York Giants at Denver.

On Monday night, Buffalo is at Miami. Oilers 17, Vikings 13

Moments after quarterback Warren Moon left with a broken arm, Lorenzo White ran a yard for a touchdown run with 48 seconds left as Houston surprised Minnesota at the Metrodome.

The Oilers drove 80 yards for the winning score, and avoided their first three-game losing streak in six seasons. Moon, knocked out of the last two games, left with a fractured upper arm after he scrambled 5 yards for a first down at the Vikings 21. Moon is expected to miss 3-6 weeks.

Moon completed 28 of 38 passes for 243 yards. Cody Carlson relieved, completed one key pass and handed off to White for the victory.

Houston (6-4) held the Vikings (7-3) to 174 yards and no offensive touchdowns.

◆ Column

The opinion editor offers his opinion on boxing



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The boxing world crowned a new heavyweight champion last Friday night and let's hope this newest

owner of the belt can bring the charisma and attention back to the title that it once had.

Something has been missing in the field of professional boxing over the past few years because we have not seen the presence of any of the heroic-type gladiators who once dominated the ring in the past.

Perhaps the one boxer who epitomized what a true heavyweight champion should be like was Muhammed Ali. "The Greatest" was indeed just that in every way. Not only was he talented in the ring, he was also a sight to see out of the square circle. Ali could intimidate his opponents before his matches by calling the rounds he would knock them out in and then follow up on his promises by sending them to the canvas.

The only other boxer that I have seen who carried some of that same cockiness and razzle-dazzle was Sugar Ray Leonard.

Leonard fought in lighter weight divisions, but he has been called the best pound-for-pound fighter in history. Anyone who has watched his classic battles with fighters such as Marvin Hagler, Thomas Hearns and Roberto Duran couldn't help but agree.

When talking about the greatest boxers in recent history many people would, of course, bring up Mike Tyson's name.

There is no doubt that Tyson could pack one heck of a punch; just ask one of his many opponents who never saw the second round.

However, Tyson should have visited "The Wizard Oz" because he needed a brain. Whenever Tyson opened his mouth he sounded like Michael Jackson and made as much sense as Admiral Stockdale. Instead of saying "Gridlock" though, Tyson is now saying things like "Cell block."

Eventually Tyson's lack of intelligence got the best of him and after Robin Givens used him to go to the "Head of the Class," Buster Douglas came along and kicked his @\$\$.

Douglas was like the "Mr. One-Night Stand" of boxing and he wasn't really around long enough for me to form an opinion on him. The most significant thing about him is that he helped Evander Holyfield to get the belt, without having to face Iron Mike. I'm not sure that Holyfield ever really would have held the title if he had fought Tyson.

The outcome of Friday's night fight was not much of a surprise to me. Holyfield looks like he was sculpted from the same mold as Marky Mark, but a fighter he is not. This was obvious to me when an overweight and past-his-prime George Forman took on Holyfield.

Although he managed to pull out the victory in this match, Holyfield had a hard time taking the hamburger-powered punches of old George and the punches he delivered rarely phased the veteran of the ring.

So now we have a new heavyweight champion by the name of Riddick Bowe. Bowe did win the title, but by beating Holyfield, I really don't think he has earned it yet. It will be interesting to see how long Bowe holds onto the belt, but I wouldn't be surprised if he hears the final bell on his reign before too long.

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