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• GSS

Votes for Horn fall short

By Paul Livingstone
Special to the *Campus*

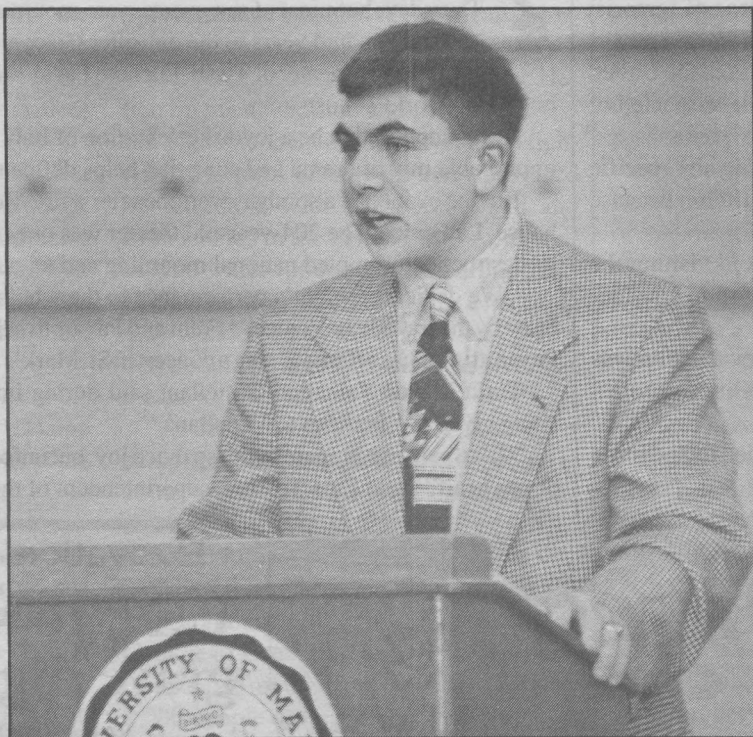
A resolution to allow the student government to manage and maintain the Ram's Horn failed to gain a two-thirds vote, so for now, the building on the far side of campus will remain quiet.

The resolution, originally proposed at the Jan. 23 meeting, was aimed at resurrecting events at the Ram's Horn by amending the 1995-'96 Student Government budget to include a category for programming.

The Ram's Horn is currently closed due to problems in the building's facilities, such as frozen pipes and a broken boiler.

No new funding was proposed; the main purpose of the resolution was to open an avenue for the future of the Ram's Horn. Even so, debate was lengthy, if not heated.

Creation of a programming category in the budget would allow Student Government to manage and maintain the Ram's Horn facility with hopes to schedule entertainment in the future. Dusty Doherty, chair of the Ram's Horn Board, is a co-sponsor of



FEDC Chair Chris Barstow describes the upcoming election to the GSS. (Gagne Photo.)

the proposal.

With this allocation in the budget, she said, "we would be able to do a constant amount of programming."

Some senators were not pleased

about the idea. Disagreements developed over the meaning of the "manage and maintain" phrase, as it ap-

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• Great price

Second-run movies to hit Orono area

By Jason McIntosh
Staff Writer

Some local entrepreneurs wager that Orono might become less boring this spring when Spotlight Cinemas, a second-run movie theater, completes construction.

The university mall theater, whose offering will cost around \$2 a seat, will have six cinemas, five showing mainstream hits and the sixth showing less-publicized films.

Allen and Tammy Moses, the originators of the project, moved to Bangor from Arizona five years ago and were surprised by the lack of movie theaters in the area.

Tammy Moses said their research into the market shows that, while nobody in the area is clamoring for a second-run theater per se, they're likely to find success by filling a void.

"More people are renting vid-

eos, because the price of Hoyt's just goes up and up and up," she said.

Moses and Rick Phillips, who are helping the couple financially back the project, said they noticed Orono has a lack not only of movie theaters, but of recreational spots in general.

"As anyone knows who lives in this area, there's not a lot to do," Phillips said.

Moses said the theater's target audiences are college students and local families.

"I was in college, and I know what it was like to have zero money," Phillips said.

Working families can have as much trouble as penniless students in enjoying a night at the movies, Moses said, since purchasing four or five tickets plus concessions can run up a steep price tag.

Moses said that the Hoyt's

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• Real-life encounters

Anorexia, binge eating plague millions of Americans

By Wendy Churchill
Staff Writer

There were various underlying forces causing her obsessions with food and weight, and wrestling with those forces was the key to freedom from those obsessions, a speaker on eating disorders said.

Performance artist Alicia

Quintano told the story of her real-life encounters with anorexia and binge-eating, two of the eating disorders that plague millions of women and men across the country. Her comedic and honest monologue, given Wednesday night in 100 Corbett, explored some of the reasons why both men and women are controlled by these compulsive behaviors.

sive behaviors.

Quintano said her problems stemmed from trying to please everyone around her and not being able to do so. Her problems were compounded when she lived with her then-boyfriend, named Fosdick, whom she didn't love.

"I got down to 72 pounds before anyone ever noticed I'd

lost weight," Quintano said.

At about age 20, she was up to 94 pounds, which she then saw as the ideal weight.

She said her lowest point came on one of the days that she forced herself onto the bathroom scale. After seeing that she was up to 112 pounds, she felt like dying.

"That was the worst time of my life," she said. "I came very close to suicide that day."

Quintano, whose doctor told her when she was 13 years old that she was too fat at 104 pounds, sees many social factors pushing women and men toward body images that are too small for what their own bodies are meant to be.

"Women are slaves to it," she said. "You can even hear 9-year-old girls saying 'I don't want that cookie because it'll

make me fat."

Quintano's program served as a prelude for next week's activities raising awareness about eating disorders. Cutler Health Center has planned a series of events to respond to the problems they see nationally as well as locally.

Cutler offers group and one-on-one methods of support for those who want to confront their own or their friends' eating disorders.

"Anyone who feels obsessed with food or weight could benefit from just one session," said April Colbourn, staff psychologist at the health center.

Along with over 600 colleges and universities across the country, Cutler will participate in National Screening Day. For this, counselors set up in both the Me-

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Performance artist Alicia Quintano discusses her real-life encounters with anorexia and binge eating. (Gagne Photo.)

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World Briefs

• Fear

American evacuation of Sudan urged

1 CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Washington urged American citizens to leave Sudan on Thursday after ordering American diplomats to get out for fear of terrorist attacks.

A Sudanese official called the security fears unwarranted, and accused the United States of trying to bolster a U.N. demand that Sudan extradite three people suspected of trying to kill President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

The U.N. resolution was passed Wednesday. The same day, without citing any specific threats, the State Department ordered 25 diplomats and guards to leave Khartoum because of "the continuing concern for the safety of American officials in Sudan."

On Thursday, the State Department recommended that Americans avoid visiting the North African country and suggested that Americans living there "may wish to consider departing at this time."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the evacuation was not connected to the Security Council action but based on Sudan's inability to protect official Americans from terrorists.

Burns said there were 2,100 Americans in Sudan. Many of them are married to Sudanese nationals, and about 350 of them work for private aid groups.

• Tragedy

Fire destroys La Fenice opera house

2 ROME (AP) — It was a sell-out crowd for Mimi's gala 100th birthday party Thursday, but most of the guests were mourning.

One hundred years to the day after Giacomo Puccini's "La Boheme" premiered at the Regio Theater of Turin, Luciano Pavarotti and Mirella Freni recreated the opera, one of the world's most-sung.

It was supposed to be a joyous celebration of Italy's quintessential art form — opera, an improbable mix of drama and song that helps define the Italian national soul.

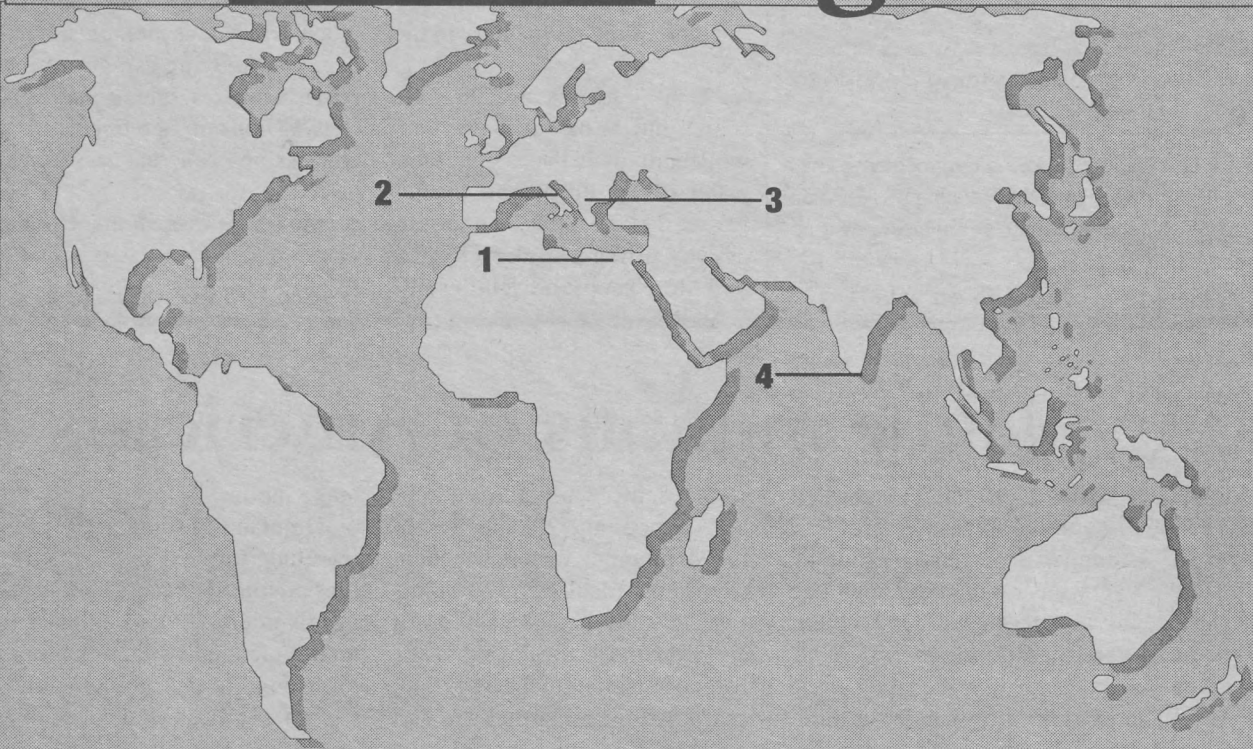
But the event had a somber overtone after a fire Monday night destroyed Venice's opera house, La Fenice. The 204-year-old theater was one of the most beautiful in the world, and its destruction prompted national mourning and an outpouring of offers to help rebuild it.

"We dedicate tonight's performance to the whole opera world, which has been dealt a blow by the tragedy in Venice," Freni and Pavarotti said in a joint statement before the show. Pavarotti also has offered to sing a concert in St. Mark's Square to raise funds for its rebuilding.

Turin Mayor Valentino Castellani said during intermission that the performance was being given in "homage to Venetians."

"It's a party we prepared with so much joy, but unfortunately the fire took away a big piece of our heart," said Elda Tessore, superintendent of the Regio Theater.

World Digest



• Excavation

U.N. to supervise mass grave dig on Friday

3 SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A U.N. investigator surveyed body parts — some with flesh and clothing still on them — in muddy field where thousands of people may be buried, and prepared Thursday to supervise the excavation of another mass grave.

The dig — which would be the first one supervised by the United Nations — could stir desire for revenge and complicate moves toward reconciliation after nearly four years of war.

And it could prove politically problematic as investigators provide more ghastly evidence for an international war crimes tribunal.

But unearthing corpses could also answer the burning questions of relatives over the fates of tens of thousands of people missing in Bosnia's war.

Meanwhile Thursday, two U.S. soldiers were wounded by a land mine in Hadizici, 10 miles southeast of the American base in Tuzla. One suffered a shrapnel wound to the leg and the other was injured in the right foot, the military said.

They were taken to a U.S. military hospital, where they were listed in stable condition. Their names were not immediately released.

• Attack

Sri Lankan government vows to eliminate rebels

4 COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Using everything from small shovels to huge earthmovers, soldiers and construction workers found 13 more bodies Thursday in the scarred landscape of downtown Colombo, and the government vowed to "eliminate" the Tamil rebels it blamed for the attack.

At least 73 people were killed and 1,400 injured Wednesday when a suicide squad rammed a truck packed with explosives into Sri Lanka's central bank.

The attack, one of the worst in Sri Lanka's 12-year war with the rebels, ignited towering fires in the capital's business and tourist district.

Seven injured people died overnight in the hospital, and nearly 100 others were still in critical condition Thursday night.

As darkness fell on Colombo's blackened skyline, floodlights illuminated the devastation. Rescue teams dug into piles of rubble with the determination of worker ants. Some used heavy machinery and some simple shovels, but all said they did not expect to find more survivors.

Heavily armed soldiers kept large crowds at bay. Some onlookers were distraught, believing that a family member was still buried under the shattered glass, twisted steel beams and slabs of concrete.

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Today's Weather

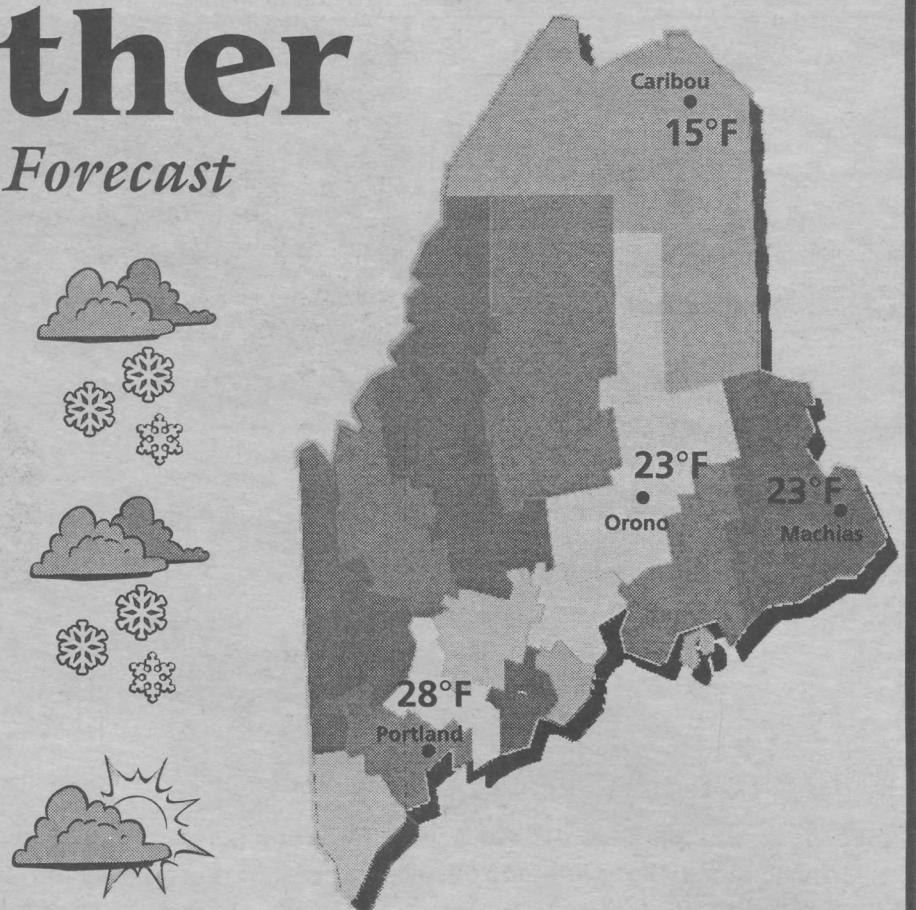
Cloudy with a chance of flurries. Highs 18 to 23.

Saturday's Outlook

Chance of flurries throughout the state. Highs in the teens.

Extended Forecast

Sunday fair, lows 5 to 15 below. 15 to 25 below up north. Monday fair, lows 10 to 20 below in the north and zero to 10 below in the south.



• On the water

Riverkeepers promote Penobscot awareness

By Kathryn Ritchie
Staff Writer

Ever wanted to canoe down the Penobscot River? That, along with the promotion of environmental awareness, is what the Penobscot Riverkeepers are planning to do this May in their fourth annual Riverfest expedition, and they're looking for student involvement.

"The expedition is not built around what we want, but what people want to do with it," said Jo Eaton, Riverfest coordinator and UMaine graduate student who has an assistantship with the Water Research Institute. "We're encouraging people to meet with us and share (their ideas)."

"It's so wide open to what can be done," agreed John B. Mitchell, a junior at UMaine who has gone on the trip in previous years and is on the planning committee.

The Penobscot Riverkeepers are an informal group dedicated to educating others about the Penobscot River. The Riverfest itself consists of a canoe trip down the river from May 14 to June 8, making 20 stops at different towns along the way. At each stop, a Riverfest campfire is held, which brings about a variety of activities. On some stops schoolchildren have come down to the river to learn from the canoers. Canoers have also gone into schools, making a classroom lesson plan and teaching the children about the river and their program.

"The emphasis is on interacting with school kids," said Jeff Hunt from Maine

Bound, who is also on the planning committee. "We try to spur students and teachers into studying the river."

Lesson plans include talks on water quality, water activities, a slide show, and a performance by a Native American drummer.

Mitchell represents the Penobscot Nation on the expedition and focuses his lesson plan on the theme of "River as a Highway." He talks of how the river provided his ancestors with transportation to and from islands in the Penobscot Bay, as well as with water for cooking and drinking.

During stops in other towns, a historian may wander down to the river and give a talk about the area and what the river has meant to it.

At each stop, the Riverkeepers host a campfire. The public is always welcome to come to the campfires, either just sitting and listening to some singing or stories, or even telling tales themselves.

The Riverkeepers received a public service grant from the University of Maine College of Education last year that made it possible to deliver presentations to over 2,000 people during Riverfest 1995.

While Maine Bound lends support and a campus connection to the Penobscot Riverkeepers, they mainly rely on donations. Old Town Canoe company donated the canoes they paddle down the river, and various other restaurants and companies

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• Socialist-Marxist

Luncheon focuses on Quebec

By Paul Livingstone
Special to the Campus

As surprising as its name, perhaps, is the number of years that the Socialist/Marxist Luncheon Series has been active. Ten years have passed since the first luncheon, and the progressive discussion group shows no sign of abating.

Though labeled as a Socialist/Marxist discussion group, topics are not recycled. Instead, a wide range of issues are presented, albeit with consideration to the theme of socialism.

Thursday's topic, "Quebec: 160 Years of Separation and the Referendum" was a timely one, and pertinent to Maine students, considering the state's closeness to Quebec and the recent debate there on whether to remain a part of Canada.

Jacques Ferland, professor of history at the University of Maine, led the discussion. His knowledge of the history of French-Canadian culture, and the country of Canada in general, proved extensive and fascinating.

Ferland, a soft-spoken, dark-haired graduate of McGill University, and a French-Canadian, began enthusiastically by going over the history of the relationship between the two countries.

The dominion of Canada was a British concept designed to shift the balance of power in their favor by uniting French Quebec with rest of British Canada. Ever since the union of the provinces, the expansion of Canada has been motivated by economic concerns, with little regard for cultural preservation, at

least until the last decade.

Ferland was hesitant to express a direct opinion on whether or not Quebec should pursue its bid for independence but did have plenty of comments.

"It is important to me to show that it is not just a whimsical idea... it's a part of our culture," Ferland said, "There is definitely a barrier for us."

He said the two referendums since 1980 have shown that desire for independence in Quebec is not abating, rather, it's steadily increasing.

Ferland also attempted to strike down certain stereotypes associated with French-Canadians, such as the idea that Quebecois always vote together on any issue. He also wanted to discount the long-standing prejudice that French-Canadians cannot reason and are irresponsible.

The relationship with the lecture series topics of Socialism and Marxism isn't direct, Ferland said, but the national question concerning Quebec is expressed in a socialist manner, that is, Quebec's interest in socialism is more than casual.

The audience was large and took an active role in the discussion. Ferland took some difficult questions. The audience's questions reflected French-Canadian or British viewpoints.

The luncheon series is held in the Bangor Lounge in the Memorial Union, on Thursdays, from 12:30-1:45 p.m., and next week's topic is "The U.S. Media and Communist Countries in the Post-War Period."

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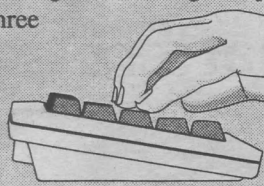
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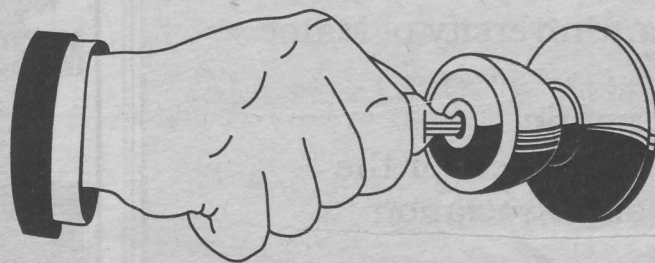
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• Column

Sex Matters

By Sandra L. Caron, Ph.D.



Q: I just don't get it. My boyfriend just dumped me - on the night before our seven month anniversary no less!! I loved him so much - I literally did everything for him. Why can't he see how great he had it with me? I gave him everything. I'm so mad!

Now look: What did I get in the return? Nothing! **Female, Sophomore**

A: Please remember that there are no guarantees in relationships. While we may hope that a relationship will last, it may not. I am somewhat concerned about how you are defining love. Let me just say that love is not about significant self-sacrifice, or specifically, love is not martyrdom. That's what it sounds like your relationship was about. You say you gave him everything or at least more than you received in return. While you may have had good intentions, it sounds like you believe that loving is doing unselfishly for your partner without being concerned about your own needs. A martyr is just that: someone who does more for the relationship - or feels that they do - than do their partners. Although it sounds noble, a person who is in the role of martyr tends to grow angry and slowly build resentment if the relationship is not balanced. You have a right to be angry. You did not get the return you were looking for. However, you learned a valuable lesson to take with you into future relationships, that is: Your needs are as important as your partner's. Next time you are in a love relationship, make sure things are fair and balanced and as equal as possible - make sure you are getting back as much as you are giving to the relationship. You deserve it!! Don't let anyone tell you that you don't! Best Wishes!!

Q: Is it okay to sleep with someone just for sex, you know, to have a one-night-stand? **Male, First-Year**

A: A lot depends on your value system. I can't answer this for you. Some things you might want to consider are: What about sexually transmitted diseases? Do you always use condoms? What is the other person feeling? What are the reasons the other person is sleeping with you? What do you want in terms of a relationship with this person the next morning? Do you want to be friends? Strangers? How do you feel about sharing this intimate part of yourself with so many others? What are you getting out of one-night-stands? Relief? Joy? Confusion? In the long run, think about what kind of relationship you want with another person. Recognize that while sex can be enjoyable in a single encounter, it is generally more satisfying in the context of a meaningful relationship.

Q: Is there any time of the month when it is safe to have sex without a condom? **Male, Senior**

A: No, there isn't any really safe time. You're safest in a monogamous relationship, if you can guarantee you and your partner are free of sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) and not participating in another relationship. In terms of pregnancy, there are times when it is safer and not safer. You are risking pregnancy if you don't use a condom,

since ovulation, the fertile time, can vary from woman to woman.

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Eating

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morial Union and Memorial Gym will give screening devices to anyone who wishes to assess their eating habits. Counseling or any other type of follow-up afterwards, said Colburn.

According to the creator of next Wednesday's video presentation: "Slim Hopes— Advertising and the Obsession with Slimness," 80 percent of all women are not happy with their body images. This unhappiness, said Cutler nurse Lillian Zanchi, is a possible cause of eating disorders.

"We've gotten totally away from accepting food for what it is," Zanchi said.

"Food is fuel and energy. Everyone has gotten away from that."

Zanchi is one of many nurses and counselors at the health center leaving openings in appointment books in anticipation of next week.

"When someone is ready to put that behind them, that's when the counseling center works," she said.

The defeat of an eating disorder requires not only the help of a counselor or psychiatrist, but also the determination and will-power of the person tackling the disorder, said Zanchi.

Quintano agrees, "There is no true rescue until you learn to rescue yourself."

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pears in the Ram's Horn Board's bylaws.

Proponents argued this phrase is irrelevant to the goal of providing students with an on-campus facility.

however, the claim that the board's purpose does not include programming found several backers.

Sen. Chad King didn't like the concept of adding an eighth programming board to student government, no matter how minimal it might be.

"If there was a lack of programming, we'd know about it," he said. "The purpose of the board is not to program."

The disrepair and neglect that the Ram's Horn has fallen into concerned some other senators. They argued that students deserve the opportunity to experiment with and enjoy local entertainment in a locale with a distinct student flavor.

"To restrict them is two-faced; not as an attack, not as a threat, but as a comparison," said Student Government president Ben Meiklejohn, in favor of the resolution.

"Just because that's the mission, it doesn't mean they should be confined to it," he added, speaking of the "manage and maintain" clause.

The support for the resolution could not stand in the face of further arguments from the opposition. Suggestions were made for other avenues of programming. Some were unwilling to spend money slated for events at the Ram's Horn to pay for maintenance.

Some considered the fact that the university owns the building a hindrance because repairs will be costly.

In other business, the Senate swore in three new senators: Kristin Gwinn, Kathleen Burke and Craig Bussey.

The GSS also withdrew a resolution to recognize Greek organizations as official student organizations. The resolution, sponsored by Ben Meiklejohn, was intended to provide Greek organizations with the same legal services that other campus organizations receive.

The proposal was withdrawn due to lack of support.

River

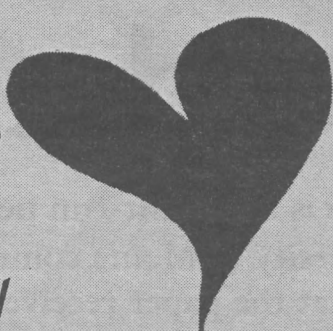
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have provided food and equipment in the past.

Eaton will have a booth in the Memorial Union next Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. selling Riverkeeper T-shirts she designed herself as a fundraiser for the trip.

The Riverkeepers are interested in students who want to volunteer their time to help out with developing the curriculum, getting newspaper advertising for a spring paper they publish and fund raising. Professors and graduate students who would be interested in planning a curriculum are also welcome.

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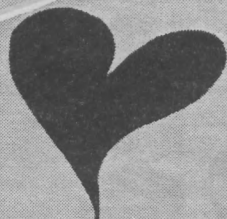
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State News

• Helping out

King makes case for contributions

AUGUSTA (AP) — Maine taxpayers have tightened up on donations to the four "check-off" funds on their state income tax forms during the past several years.

But Gov. Angus King says that with child abuse on the rise, more taxpayers should consider marking the Children's Trust fund box.

"Often people stop me and say, 'Governor, what can we do to help?'" King said during a news conference. "This is so easy ... all it takes is a little check mark."

Maine individual income tax forms include four "checkoff" boxes taxpayers can mark to make donations to the Democratic or Republican parties, the Maine Children's Trust and to the Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund.

The amount donated is added to the taxpayer's liability.

Between the 1986 and 1994 tax years, donations to the Children's Trust dropped from nearly \$97,000 to \$70,000. Donations to the "Chickadee Checkoff" likewise slipped from \$112,319 in 1985 to \$85,768 in 1993. Party contributions also dropped.

But figures from the state Human Services Department show that while donations to the Children's Trust are down, child abuse and neglect are on the rise.

The number of children under DHS care has been increasing steadily since 1991 after remaining relatively stable for several years. The number has risen from 1,763 children in January 1991 to 2,472 this month.

The Bureau of Child and Family Services also said that the number of child protective

cases has risen from 2,979 in 1991 to 4,131 in 1995. Figures also show a rise in the numbers of children removed voluntarily and through court action from their homes.

In 1993 alone, there were 17,000 requests for interventions, and 5,000 children were identified as abuse and neglect victims.

"It's a problem that is more prevalent than we ever thought it could be," said House Speaker Dan Gwadosky, D-Fairfield. "Prevention is the key."

Children's Trust advocates say each dollar contributed for prevention programs saves up to \$6 in future costs of rehabilitation, corrections, medical care, foster homes and counseling.

Programs funded by the trust provide parenting help and advice through home visits. Educational and community based programs are offered in all of Maine's counties.

In Aroostook County, for example, the fund provides grants to a voluntary home-visitation program for all new parents. A grant in York County was used to set up a video resource center and library for parents in Biddeford.

Workshops to build coping skills for parents and introduce new child-raising strategies have been offered in Calais and Ellsworth through the trust.

The Children's Trust was created by the Legislature in 1985 and re-established in 1994 as a private, nonprofit corporation. It has raised more than \$1 million since 1985, and last year generated \$70,000 through taxpayer donations.

• Expansion

Vet clinic gets referrals

BRUNSWICK (AP) — Bailey, a 12-year-old cocker spaniel stricken with severe anemia, underwent three massive blood transplants only to go into life-threatening cardiac arrest each time.

The dog's owner, Donna Briggs of Turner, was about to give up and euthanize her pet, but veterinarian Gail Mason recommended trying one final type of medication.

The drug worked. Today Bailey is "bouncy and as happy-go-lucky as ever," Briggs said.

Five doctors and about 18 assistants at Bath-Brunswick Veterinary Associates have been getting referrals from throughout Maine. The clinic is home to the state's top experts in internal medicine, who offer treatment of such diseases as cancer and heart and kidney ailments.

An expansion project will nearly double the size of the facility, to 8,000 square feet, and make room for a new vet who is an expert in animal surgeries.

Mason's expertise in internal medicine is what attracts many people to the clinic. She is the only vet in Maine who is board certified in internal medicine, meaning that she underwent four years of additional training and testing after veterinary school.

Many veterinarians refer patients to Mason when they are struggling with

a diagnosis.

"When we need extra advice, we will send our patients to her," said Patricia Gaylord, a vet at the Hollis Animal Clinic. "If they didn't go there, they would probably have to go to Boston. It's a great resource to have."

The clinic has diagnostic equipment that most smaller clinics can't afford. The high-tech gadgetry includes a \$16,000 endoscope to probe an animal's intestinal tract and a \$28,000 ultrasound.

"It's all pretty amazing," said Mason, who opened the clinic seven years ago with her husband Mark. "Sometimes I'm surprised by the sacrifices people make to help their pets, but I'm glad that they do, because I know we can help."

Such extensive health care for pets is extremely expensive. One of Mason's primary fields of expertise is chemotherapy, which involves a series of injections with cancer-killing chemicals. She said a typical 15-month treatment for a 60-pound dog costs about \$3,000.

"It's a lot of money, but more and more people are asking for more extensive treatment for their pets," Mason said.

Briggs said that Bailey's initial treatment cost more than \$1,000 and that her ongoing medication costs \$100 a month.

"I would do it again if I had to," she said. "I didn't want to lose my baby."

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• Community

Gardiner youth charged in standoff freed on probation

AUGUSTA (AP) — A teen-ager who fired a shot into the air outside Gardiner Area High School and then held four people hostage pleaded guilty Thursday to juvenile charges of kidnapping and reckless conduct.

Andy Beckim, 17, appeared in Augusta District Court, where he was released from custody and placed on three years' probation under terms of a plea agreement.

Beckim was ordered to perform 500 hours of community service, undergo counseling and stay away from the high school where last October's standoff occurred. He also is barred from possessing weapons, drugs or alcohol.

Assistant District Attorney Paul Rucha said he hoped the outcome of the case did not send the wrong message to the public.

"Hopefully, they don't think this is a slap on the hand. But the juvenile code is written to do what's best for the juvenile, not to send a message to the community."

"We have to work with what we're given and we had to do what's best for Andy Beckim," Rucha said.

Beckim's friends and relatives said the youth had no criminal history and was unlikely to run afoul of the law a second time. They noted that his probation begins with one year of 24-hour-a-day adult supervision.

"He's going to have to be supervised all the time," said his grandmother, Phyllis Doyle. "We're sure we can do it, and you'll never see him in the news again."

Officials said the reason why Beckim entered the school with a rifle remains a mystery.

"In regards to what clicked this off, Andrew is the only person that knows," Rucha said. "I don't know if we'll ever know. Hopefully we can get to the root of the problem."

Movies

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Cinemas at the Bangor Mall currently show some popular films when they move to their second run, but still charge premium admission for them despite the reduced rate the theater acquires them for. She speculated that Spotlight might do them a favor by allowing them to show more first-run movies.

UMaine's Union Board, which regularly features films in on-campus locations such as Hauck Auditorium, currently represents one of the only local vehicles

for second-run and non-mainstream films for the university community.

Brenda Ives, the Memorial Union's program coordinator, said that TUB's showings will continue to offer something for people who have trouble leaving campus to do.

"Maybe a little competition will be good," Chris Richard, TUB's film coordinator, said.

Hoyt's Cinemas could not be reached for comment.

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• Tax changes

Dole visits Maine

WESTBROOK (AP) — Republican frontrunner Bob Dole advised workers at a wood products mill to be wary of tax changes that would shift the burden from the wealthiest Americans to the middle class.

Dole, whose lead in the polls has narrowed as Steve Forbes has strengthened, did not directly mention Forbes' flat tax plan during his lunch-hour appearance Wednesday at the Saunders Brothers dowel-making company.

"One thing that Bob Dole will not do in a Dole administration is shift the burden of taxation from the super rich to the middle income and working people in America. You better check all these plans very, very carefully," Dole said.

The Senate majority leader, making his first stop in Maine since last February, said IRS tax codes must be simplified and Americans need a \$500 per child tax credit because "you can spend the money better than the federal government can on your family."

He told the audience of about 200 that

the mill's switch to a four-day work week was not good news, but that it avoided layoffs during tough economic times.

"What we need now is strong leadership at the top," the Kansan said. Deficit spending, higher taxes and welfare reform have been "left to liberals far too long," Dole said after a tour of the mill.

Dole credited Republicans with pushing a balanced budget into the spotlight.

"I must say President Clinton has come a long way. But had it not been for the Republicans demanding a balanced budget, we wouldn't be talking about a balanced budget today," he said.

Also Wednesday, former Gov. John McKernan endorsed Dole's bid for the presidency, saying Dole understands the need to return power to the states.

"Bob Dole has a proven record of leadership. He has the courage and experience to lead this country into the 21st century," said McKernan.

• Migrant workers

Feds oppose remedy for farm workers

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — The U.S. Agriculture Department is opposing a plan to create a national pool of money for migrant farm workers who were illegally charged rent and utilities as far back as the early 1980s.

"It is unrealistic, unworkable and constitutes an extreme waste of limited agency resources. ... It defies common sense," the department said in a 32-page brief filed this week in federal court in Kalamazoo.

In a case with consequences across the country, a federal judge last summer said USDA failed to check up on more than 1,000 borrowers who had obtained about \$200 million in loans to build housing for workers.

In exchange for getting the loans at 1 percent interest, farmers were, in most cases, barred from charging rent or utilities.

While suing a northern Michigan fruit grower in 1989 over employment violations, attorneys discovered internal USDA audits that found laborers were getting stung.

The Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project sued USDA when the problems were not corrected.

The workers' lawyers want U.S. District Judge Richard Enslen to appoint a special master to oversee the remainder of the case. They want USDA to visit each farm to determine if rent and utilities were charged and to meet workers.

Any recovered money would go into a pool to be shared with people who have legitimate claims, according to their proposed remedy. The head of the Grand Rapids-based legal group says millions of dollars may be at stake.

In its reply, USDA said the group wants an "entire new bureaucracy to address the problems of a past bureaucracy."

It filed an alternative that calls for visits to farms to check up on borrowers. If there's proof that a farmer is at fault, workers could get refunds or rent credits, the agency said.

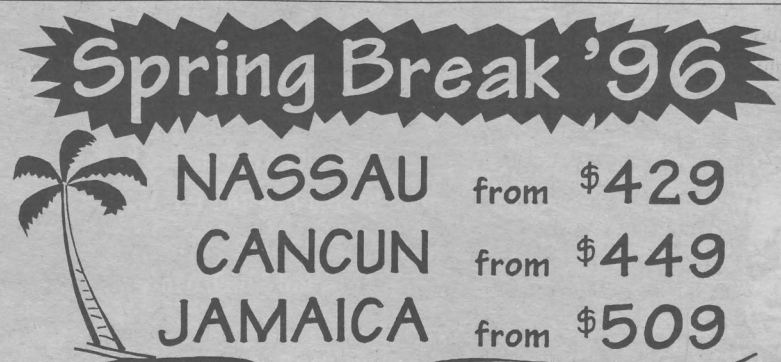
USDA, however, does not want to create a large pool of cash or advertise the case in English and Spanish media, as the migrants' lawyers have proposed. It is also unclear how former workers would be treated.

The department also appears unwilling to go after borrowers if complaints are more than 6 years old.

"That would exclude a large number of loans," said Gary Gershon, head of the Migrant Legal Assistance Project. "Their response is unsatisfactory."

Enslen will have the final say in any remedy.

The bulk of the farmers who participated in the loan program are in 14 states: Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Washington.



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• Crime

Elderly man, wife robbed

AUBURN (AP) — Police were still looking for suspects in a home invasion in which an elderly man and his wife were forced to the floor, tied up and robbed by young thugs.

Police say the robbers took a few items from the home of 78-year-old Clinton Harris and his wife Barbara before stealing the couple's car.

But they crashed the car, a 1992 Pontiac Grand Am, in a snowbank at the end of the Harris' driveway and apparently fled on foot, according to police.

Harris told police that five males and a female burst into his home at about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and threatened him and his wife with a rifle or shotgun. The robbers, whose faces were covered by scarves, demanded money.

Detective Richard Small of the Auburn police said investigators were not sure exactly

what was taken, but said binoculars and a videocassette recorder appeared to be among the missing items.

"Basically it was what they could grab," said Small, "nothing of great value."

The victims, who were not seriously injured, managed to get free about 20 minutes after the robbers left and called police. Tracking dogs from the state police were unable to pick up the scent of the robbers.

Small said investigators planned to interview the couple again Wednesday and speak to neighbors in the rural neighborhood in the outskirts of the city. The car was also being examined for clues.

Small said it was not clear whether the robbers were juveniles or in their 20s.

"It's not something that happens in Auburn all that often," said Small.

• Pistol

Judge says police did not violate rights

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by a Windham man against the Portland police after officers seized the semiautomatic pistol he wore on his hip at a crowded family festival.

Police seized Bruce Mayberry's 9mm Glock pistol at the Deering Oaks Family Festival in a downtown Portland park in 1994. The Portland Police Department then kept the gun for 21 days.

Mayberry sued, saying the seizure of his gun and the failure to return it upon his demand violated his civil rights.

U.S. District D. Brock Hornby disagreed and granted the city's request to dismiss the lawsuit.

Under the circumstances, officers were entitled as a matter of safety to take Mayberry's 9mm Glock semiautomatic pistol, Hornby said.

Keeping the gun for 21 days was reasonable, given the time needed to check criminal records and determine whether it had been

legally purchased, the judge said.

Portland Police Chief Michael Chitwood, named as a defendant in the \$3.9 million lawsuit, said he felt vindicated by the judge's decision.

"Like I've always said, I don't think you can walk around in a public affair crowded with children and display a gun," he said. "All we're trying to do is protect the public."

But Mayberry was unhappy.

"There's going to be another recourse, because I'm not taking this," he said. "Stay tuned."

Mayberry, an electrician who acted as his own lawyer, said the judge did not interpret the law correctly.

He also said the judge's decision isn't legal because Mayberry's name is printed in all capital letters at the top.

"That's not even me," he said. "I didn't file it that way. I didn't sue as an all-capital-letter person."

• Agenda

Democratic lawmakers highlight education

AUGUSTA (AP) — Legislative Democrats yesterday called for the creation of a task force to investigate alternatives for funding public schools.

They also endorsed learning standards, as has independent Gov. Angus King, and expressed support for a new assessment process to gauge student competence.

At a State House news conference, Democratic lawmakers cast the two initiatives as a "Return to the ABC's," stressing accountability, funding for basic services, local control and standards promoting excellence.

"It is only by returning to the ABC's — the fundamental building blocks of our educational system — that we can give our students the necessary skills and knowledge to compete successfully ... for jobs in the global marketplace," said Senate Democratic Leader Mark Lawrence, D-Kittery, in a statement issued by House and Senate Democrats.

Among other spokesmen within a group of several dozen lawmakers were House Speaker Dan Gwadosky, D-Fairfield, and Reps. Shir-

ley Richard, D-Madison, and Michael Brennan, D-Portland.

"If business is the engine of our state economy, then education is the fuel that powers the engine," Gwadosky said in the Democratic statement. "We need to do a better job of providing a better quality fuel to our students."

The lawmakers said they hoped to develop a school funding method that would depend on a new source or at least rely less on local property taxes.

They also urged municipalities to cooperate regionally to reduce administrative duplication and cost.

In addition, the group called for increased efforts to help families afford higher education and to make adult education more accessible.

"In addition to improving K-12 education, we want to stress that education must be considered a lifelong process, in which people of all ages need to be encouraged, enabled and involved," Brennan said in the Democratic statement.

• Nun slayings

Mourners asked to have mercy on accused attacker

WATERVILLE (AP) — Hundreds of mourners who packed a church Thursday were asked to have mercy on the man accused in the bludgeoning slayings of two nuns in a convent three blocks away.

Twin coffins of Mother Superior Edna Mary Cardozo, 68, and Sister Marie Julien Fortin, 67, were draped in ivory cloth marked with crosses, a tall candle burning between them, during their funeral Mass.

Two other nuns were injured in the attack last Saturday night. A man with a history of mental illness and alcohol abuse is charged in the attacks.

Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, Maine Gov. Angus King, legislative leaders and scores of priests and nuns were among more than 1,000 people who heard the Rev. Anthony Schueller describe the slain sisters as "warm and loving women who did not deserve to die in this way."

But mourners at the Notre Dame Church were asked to include the accused man, Mark Bechard, 37, and his family in their prayers. Bechard's parents, Diane and Julian, attended the Mass.

"Let us remember and pray for the young man accused of this crime (and) his family," said Schueller, of Cleveland, Ohio. "We have all been touched by this tragedy. All of us cry out to God for healing and strength."

Bishop Joseph Gerry of the Portland Diocese told the congregation, "I know I can count on you the faithful to extend your hands to them." He said the two nuns would

have been the first to forgive their attacker.

"May we show the face of His compassion, of His love, of His forgiveness," said Law.

Bechard remained at the state psychiatric hospital in Augusta, where he had been admitted at least nine times before. An involuntary commitment process has begun, and he remains under observation.

The nuns were attacked with a knife and beaten with a metal cane and a Virgin Mary statue during the attack Saturday night. The brutal attack lasted a span of 10 minutes.

With his arms restrained, Bechard was arraigned privately in his jail cell Monday on charges of murder and attempted murder.

The crime has brought to the forefront a debate over treatment of Maine's mentally ill and whether the state mental hospitals should be closed.

"I'm going to do everything I can to see that nothing like this ever happens in the state of Maine again," said King, who sat in the front row of the church with his hands covering his eyes for part of the service.

The killings prompted a resolution approved Thursday by the Legislature extending sympathy to the families of the sisters. Condolences were also sent from the Vatican.

One of the injured nuns, Sister Mary Anna DiGiacomo, 72, remained hospitalized in serious condition Thursday. Sister Patricia Keane, 68, was released from the hospital Wednesday but did not attend the funeral.

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Style & the Arts

• At the MCA

'La Traviata' rendition fails to deliver

By Monique Gibouleau
Staff Writer

"La Traviata," Giuseppe Verdi's romantic tragedy brought color, fantasy and some disappointment to the Maine Center for the Arts Tuesday night.

The story is perfect for a grand opera: Girl meets boy. Boy loves girl. Girl loves boy. Boy and girl move to country.

And it would be simple were the girl not Violetta Valery, a courtesan who is well known in the salons and among the lavish society of Paris. It is at a party in Violetta's own salon where the young Alfredo Germont confesses that he has loved her for some time. She falls in love with him and flees her carefree life in Paris to live in love and happiness with Alfredo in the country.

However, Violetta's notorious past follows her into the country where the father of her beloved Alfredo, Georgio Germont, pays her a visit, telling her to leave her son to protect the Germont family honor. The two discuss the effect Violetta's reputation has on the family, and upon the marriage of Georgio's daughter. Because she has such love for Alfredo, and wishes his sister to have the joys an innocent young woman deserves, she agrees to leave Alfredo.

However, the plan backfires and Alfredo, arriving home and finding that Violetta is leaving him, flies into a rage and follows her to Paris where she will attend a ball with an old beau, the Baron Douphol. At the party,

Alfredo insults her in front of the crowd, and upon explaining of how he lived off of this woman's love and kindness for months, asks witnesses to see that he has repaid her. With that, he flings at her all of his gambling winnings. Violetta, shocked, emotionally ravaged and unable to defend herself because of her vow to Georgio Germont, collapses to the floor. At the moment of the insult, the elder Germont enters the party, searching for his son. He then denounces Alfredo, chastening him for insulting a woman. As Alfredo leaves in anger and pain, Georgio realizes the true abhorrence of his act, and Violetta is left alone, broken hearted.

Years later, poverty stricken and dying, Alfredo has found out from his father about Violetta's profound sacrifice and wishes to live out his life with her. His father has realized that he has made a terrible mistake and wishes to accept her into his family as a daughter. It is, however, too late, and Violetta dies in her lover's arms.

To match such a tormenting and touching story, Verdi composed music of great beauty and passion. One of Verdi's most beloved operas, "La Traviata" has a history of inspiring audiences all over the world. Unfortunately, the New York City Opera National Company gave a very uninspiring performance Tuesday, with potentially talented performers giving passionless performances. The entire show lacked verve and spirit, especially the young Alfredo Germont, played by a very stiff Eduardo Valdes,



Violetta Valery returns to Parisian Society after vowing to leave her beloved Alfredo. (Courtesy Photo.)

who apparently had a shot of embalming fluid before hitting the stage. Though his voice was nice, his acting was dreadful if not non-existent. The heroine, Violetta Valery, was adeptly performed by Oksana Krovyska, who managed the difficult arias of the score well. Another fine performance was given by Charles Robert Stephens as Georgio Germont. The sparks and emotion passed between him and Ms. Krovyska were virtually the only sparks that flew all night in this

flat performance.

The highlights of this particular show were the creatively simple and elegant sets and the absolutely stunning costumes, as well as a delightful chorus, which made the evening almost worthwhile. Verdi's music is indeed difficult to not appreciate, no matter who presents it, and this was no exception. Though nothing spectacular, any opera is better than none; and it was better to have seen "La Traviata" than not.

• In the theaters

Sally Field gives powerful performance in 'Eye for an Eye'

By Greg Dowling
Staff Writer

"Eye for an Eye" stars Sally Field as Karen McCann, a mother whose 17-year-old daughter is brutally raped and murdered by a vicious sociopath named Robert Doob (Keifer Sutherland). Due to a mishandling of evidence, he is set free, and Karen, anguished beyond rational thought, plots to knock off this sleazebag because it's the only way to serve justice.

"Eye for an Eye" is a film that exudes controversy on its very premise. The title is, of course, based on the old saying "eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth." Vigilantism is certainly not the most politically correct theme. This film would have probably been a made-for-TV "moment of truth" movie had it not done such an outstanding job of capturing the pain and frustration of the characters. This film aptly portrays the difference between justice on paper and justice in the heart.

The film's terrifying opening shows Karen stuck in traffic talking to her daughter, via car phone, about the details of her other daughter's birthday party, then comes a knock at the door. Karen hears her daughter being attacked, raped and murdered. While listening to her daughter's cries, Karen, stuck helplessly in traffic, runs up and down the street trying to get someone to call the police, but to no avail. When Karen finally gets home, her daughter is found dead with her skull savagely crushed.

She and her husband (played by Ed Har-

ris) try to get through this ordeal as best they can, but Karen is especially tortured, not just because her daughter is dead, but because the man who killed her is walking the streets a free man. She decides to start taking self-defense classes, and she and her husband go to a support group for parents who have lost children to violence. But for Karen, it's not enough.

One night at a group meeting, she overhears other parents planning a vigilante kill. She becomes obsessed with the idea that the only thing that is going to ease her pain is to kill Robert Doob. She starts following him, and, based on what she sees, she comes to the realization that he is going to do it again.

Karen is also terrified that he is stalking her 6-year-old daughter because Karen has been following him. As he tells her in one of the film's many tense scenes, "You stay out of my neighborhood, and I'll stay out of yours." Karen knows what she must do. As the film's ad caption states, "What do you do when justice fails?"

"Eye for an Eye" is one of the most compelling thrillers in years. The topicality is undeniable in light of the O.J. Simpson verdict. It contains some of the stock-thriller, woman-in-jeopardy clichés, but they seem a little fresher and more effective when they are used in a story structure this powerful. The film feels like the longest ad for the death penalty ever, but it can't be overlooked. Strong feelings against such crimes are instantly stirred, especially when at the expense of children.

This film is bound to cause a lot of water

cooler discussions and stir up some very deep emotions. This film is a thriller with some truly heart-stopping suspense scenes, but it is also a moving psychological drama, as there were parts of this film during which tears were held back.

This film was flawlessly directed by John Schlesinger (Midnight Cowboy, Pacific Heights), whose flair for storytelling and fleshing out characters shines in "Eye for an Eye". He never succumbs to what mainstream filmgoers will find palatable.

Sally Field gives a knock out performance as the vengeful mother. She adds an unanticipated level to her character. She reveals that under her anguished exterior, Karen hates everything she is doing. She hates the guns, the self-defense classes and the madness with which she is intoxicated. This is what makes Field's performance so moving. It's not what she is planning to do that's so disturbing, as much as it's the fact that she is compelled to do it.

The supporting cast is very strong as well. Keifer Sutherland is thoroughly creepy as Robert Doob. He is so reprehensible and emotionless that his presence on screen turns stomachs inside out. Ed Harris is great as Karen's husband who thinks that his wife is going over the edge. Joe Mantegna offers a sturdy performance as the detective who tries to persuade Karen to move on with her life.

Vigilantism is hardly an agreeable subject, but there is an overwhelming sense of sympathy for Karen McCann, for she symbolizes the thousands of distraught parents

who have had to deal with violence. A peaceful night's sleep is impossible when justice remains unserved.

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• Television

'Gulliver's Travels' leads February sweeps bonanza

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Something appealing, something appalling. Something for everyone — it's the February sweeps bonanza.

From a lavish adaptation of "Gulliver's Travels" to the return of "The Thorn Birds" to irresistibly schlocky TV movies like "Co-Ed Call Girl," the broadcast networks are intent on chasing away our winter blahs.

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To that end, NBC, ABC, CBS and Fox are heaping magic, mayhem and miniseries on us. They're even spiffing up regular series with sly come-ons, like "Law & Order" and "Homicide" crossover episodes and big-name guest stars.

Here are highlights (all times Eastern): MINISERIES

"Gulliver's Travels," NBC, 9-11 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Feb. 4-5. Ted Danson stars in this adaptation of Jonathan Swift's satirical tale of a wanderer who finds extraordinary lands. Mary Steenburgen and an international cast co-star.

"The Thorn Birds: The Missing Years," CBS, 9-11 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, and Tuesday, Feb. 13. Richard Chamberlain returns as Father Ralph de Bricassart and Amanda Donohoe plays Meggie O'Neal in a "critical period" omitted from the 1983 miniseries based on the Colleen McCullough novel.

"Seduced by Madness: The Diane Borchart Story," NBC, 9 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Feb. 25-26. Ann-Margret stars in a fact-based drama about an abusive woman who manipulates three students into committing murder.

"Gone in the Night," CBS, 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 27. Shannen Doherty, Edward Asner, Dixie Carter and Kevin Dillon star in this drama based on the ordeal of a Chicago family whose father is accused of his young daughter's murder.

MOVIES:

"The Boys Next Door," CBS, 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4. A "Hallmark Hall of Fame" adaptation of Tom Griffin's play about four developmentally disabled men trying to make it in the world. With Nathan Lane, Tony Goldwyn, Robert Sean Leonard, Michael Jeter, Courtney B. Vance and Mare Winningham.

"Co-Ed Call Girl," CBS, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6. Tori Spelling stars as Joanna, a college student seduced into the upscale call girl life. Suggested by actual events, so voyeurism is permitted.

"If Looks Could Kill," Fox, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6. Antonio Sabato Jr. plays a hustler who orchestrates a million-dollar murder. "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh co-stars, relating the manhunt for the killer.

"In the Line of Duty: Smoke Jumpers," NBC, 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. Adam Baldwin and Lindsay Frost star in the story of a mountain man who risks his life and marriage fighting fires.

"Robin Cook's Terminal," NBC, 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12. Doug Savant, Nia Peeples and Michael Ironside are featured in this thriller about drug company corruption based on Cook's novel.

"A Brother's Promise," CBS, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14. Matt Keeslar stars as Olympic speed skater Dan Jansen and his quest to overcome personal tragedy, the death of his sister.

"A Case for Life," ABC, 9 p.m. Sun-

day, Feb. 18. Valerie Bertinelli and Mel Harris portray sisters whose close relationship is tested by the divisive issue of abortion.

"Generation X," Fox, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20. Matt Frewer and Finola Hughes star in a science fiction adventure based on the Marvel comic book X-MEN.

SPECIALS:

"Lance Burton: Master Magician," NBC, 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5. Elephants disappear, fake horses turn real and women levitate with help from Burton, a World Championship of Magic winner.

"The Greatest Shows You Never Saw," CBS, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7. Faith Ford hosts a look at moments from television pilots that never made it to the air, including "Madame Sin" with Bette Davis.

"National Geographic Special: Cyclone!" NBC, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. Daring scientists capture some of the earth's fastest winds on film as they track a killer storm.

"The World's Funniest Hypnotist," ABC, 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12. Paul McKenna is helped by Gena Lee Nolin ("Baywatch"), Chuck Woolery and Richard Roundtree as McKenna hypnotizes audience members.

"The Late Show with David Letterman Primetime Video Special II," CBS, 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19. Letterman for those who can't stay up late anymore.

"Wynonna: revelations," CBS, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23. The singer's recent wedding ceremony, songs from her new "revelations" album and chats with her mom Naomi and sister Ashley are featured.

"Neil Diamond, Under a Tennessee Moon," ABC, 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. The singer showcases his new album of original songs in a performance taped at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium.

"Skate International Champions Series," Fox, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. Top contenders in the competition in Paris include America's Michelle Kwan and Todd Eldredge and Canada's Josee Chouinard and Elvis Stojko.

"The Mysterious Origins of Man," NBC, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. Charlton Heston hosts this examination of new information about prehistoric man.

"Goosebumps' Night in Terror Tower," Fox, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. In a primetime episode of the children's series, a vacationing family is rattled by strange sounds and a mysterious hooded figure.

SPECIAL VISITORS:

"Living Single," Fox, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1. Father and son Mario and Melvin Van Peebles get involved in a romantic triangle with Regine (Kim Fields Freeman).

"Roseanne," ABC, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6. Shelley Winters, as Nana Mary, pays a visit to Roseanne and family.

"Law & Order," NBC, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, and "Homicide," 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9. A gas attack in a New York subway station links the series in this two-part, crossover episode.

"New York Undercover," Fox, 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8. Singer Luther Vandross visits the police drama.

"Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman," ABC, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. Tony Curtis guest stars; Lois and her superhero are set to be wed in a pre-Valentine's Day ceremony.

"Home Improvement," ABC, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 13. Columbia space shuttle astronauts Ken Bowersox, Catherine Coleman, Fred Leslie, Al Sacco and Kathryn Thornton appear on "Tool Time" with footage of their trip.

"Frasier," NBC, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13. Shelley Long reprises her "Cheers" role as Diane Chambers, the woman who once jilted Frasier (Kelsey Grammer).

"Friends," NBC, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15. Tom Selleck guests as Monica's (Courteney Cox) middle-aged love interest.

"Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," CBS, Saturday, Feb. 17. It's a beautiful day in the Wild West as Fred Rogers of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" makes his first guest appearance on a TV series, playing a reverend.

Local Music

Anne Dodson, a local singer-songwriter, performed at Peabody Lounge Tuesday night for students. (Lachowski Photo.)

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• Commentaries

He's no hero

The dribble and no-look passes look the same, but it just doesn't feel the same to see Magic Johnson's familiar smile in the media.

The hoopla of ESPN sportscasters and an editorial in the *San Francisco Chronicle* had a common ring to them: welcome back Magic. It seems everyone from the fans in L.A. to the man on the street are happy to see "show-time" back to his old tricks.

How quickly we forget. Wasn't it Magic Johnson who bragged to Barbara Walters and a national audience about the number of women with whom he had sex with at once? With all of the hype about his return and a handful of positive responses from players throughout the league, maybe we have let the past slip our minds too easily. Maybe it is our uncanny ability to easily forget the past that makes it easy to portray Johnson as a saint.

Johnson tried to come back in 1992, but decided against it because of play-

ers' fears and concerns. Supposedly, mandatory AIDS/HIV education programs by all NBA teams have educated the players about how difficult it would be to catch AIDS from Johnson. The education may have worked, but certainly not everyone is happy with his return. It should n't be surprising when players refuse to guard the new power forward. There are players, who have not been outspoken this time around, who certainly are not comfortable with Johnson on the court.

The *Chronicle's* editorial said "Johnson's personal example of grace in adversity is an inspiration to all."

But Johnson is not an inspiration for this part-time basketball fan and should not be portrayed as an American hero. He is a man who unfortunately contracted AIDS from excessive promiscuity. His actions led to his contracting HIV, a virus that is too risky for others to allow Johnson to play and write his own final chapter in the NBA. (J. Teunisen)

Survive or die trying

There is a saying: desperate times call for desperate measures.

With AIDS being the number one killer of adults age 25 to 44, we are indeed in desperate times. Desperate measures seem to be the only way to combat a disease killing many people close to our age group.

Jeff Getty indeed undertook a desperate measure when he received a bone marrow transplant from a baboon, a species as yet resistant to AIDS.

Doctors hope Getty's immune system will be restored because of the transplant.

Many feel, however, that this transplant will only expose humans to new diseases. The origin of AIDS is unknown, and some scientists are afraid that placing a baboon's bone marrow into a man could cause a new disease or begin an offshoot of the AIDS virus.

When Jonas Salk proposed and be-

gan injecting strains of the polio virus into uninfected humans, critics shrieked with fear, but in the end his efforts were successful.

Getty's transplant is not a cure but could be a step in the right direction. "If you don't take some chances, you won't survive," Getty told a reporter triumphantly.

Getty is taking all the precautions he can. He is threatening no one but himself. It is a dangerous and life-threatening step Getty is taking, but one he chose to help himself, other AIDS victims and science.

One man challenged what seemed a hopeless and desperate situation when he injected humans with the polio virus. Thankfully, he succeeded. Today, another disease is crippling our nation. It is time for critics of these desperate tests to quiet down: when you're dealing with a killer, its victims will try anything to survive or die trying. (K. Brennan)



• Editorials

HIV testing at Cutler

Right now there are any number of people walking on this campus, perhaps reading this editorial, who are HIV positive. Many of them might not even realize it.

Though there are a number of ways to contract AIDS, it is most commonly transmitted through unprotected sex. Though the university, with the help of Cutler Health Center, purports to provide health and counseling services to the university community, the message is not hitting home. Perhaps more troubling: their callous attitude that masquerades as hypersensitivity to client privacy may in fact be endangering the lives of the students they serve.

Clearly, it is time for the university to take action. But in an example of truly flawed logic, Cutler has decided to shirk its duty to protect students from the leading killer of adults age 25 to 44. In a recent interview, Associate Director of Student Health and Prevention Services Dr. Robert Q. Dana cited two reasons why the university cannot perform HIV testing — the existence of local testing facilities and the possibility that on-campus testing might actually encourage promiscuity.

While it is true that there is a clinic in Bangor that conducts HIV testing, Cutler Health Center exists on this campus to provide accessible health care for students who otherwise might not be able to access or afford it. Yet their apparently contradictory justifications for not offering testing give one pause. In Monday's *Maine Campus*, Dr. Dana

indicated that his intense concern surrounded the issue of client confidentiality, stating that the university's billing system and small community would make it difficult to promise anonymity to a HIV-positive student. While this is certainly a valid concern, it is hard to believe that other universities, hospitals and managed-care programs have not encountered similar hurdles, while nonetheless managing to offer this valuable service to their clients. Why should the students of the University of Maine expect, or be offered, any less? Indeed, in Wednesday's *Maine Campus*, Dr. Mark Jackson, Director of Student Health and Prevention Services, responded to Monday's article, stating "Confidentiality of service at Cutler is not the problem." If confidentiality isn't the problem, then what, is?

Perhaps clarification lies in Dr. Dana's statement that HIV testing plays no part in Cutler's educational or preventive mission. In fact, Dana insinuated that if the university tested a student who was HIV negative, the student would most likely continue practicing unsafe sex.

As stated, this is perhaps one of the most atavistic and wrongheaded attitudes to be publicly spoken by a health care professional in years. Although Maine usually is a step behind the rest of the country, Dana's implication that a student would, after receiving "negative" results, continue acting promiscuously pushes efforts made to encourage sexual responsibility through education and awareness back into the Victorian era.

A welcome addition

In the fall of 1994 federal scientists issued dire warnings that ground fish levels off the coast of Maine — haddock, flounder and cod — had sunk to an all time low. The New England Fishery Management Council was formed shortly thereafter with the goal of restoring fish stocks. Seventeen months later, the commission is, if somewhat reluctantly, ready to act. Last Friday the commission determined the fate of thousands of New Englanders who earn their livelihood from the sea. By an 11-3 vote, the council approved a plan to tighten fishing restrictions and close some waters off the Gulf of Maine to fishing vessels. The plan, known as Amendment 7 to the Magnuson Fishery Conservation Act, includes the provision that all ground fisherman, with the exception of gill-netters, will see their days at sea cut by a third

between 1996 and 1997.

Academia is sadly, here again, leaving its benefactors to sink. UMaine's recent announcement of establishing their own School of Marine Sciences is long overdue, and may be, too little, too late. Perhaps the greatest hurdle UMaine administrators and staff cleared leading up to the decision was the resistance by an incensed Maine Maritime Academy, who previously held a monopoly on an established school of marine sciences.

By going ahead with plans to create the school from existing faculty, facilities and additional resources, UMaine has made the correct decision not giving in to the selfish and defeatist logic of MMA. The School of Marine Sciences is a welcome and necessary complement to the educational and research facilities of Maine's flagship campus.

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Letters to the Editor

When I was in the sixties

To the Editor:

I don't know where K. Edward Renner ("The New Age Gap," *Maine Campus*, Jan. 26 1996) was during the Sixties. The history he presents in his "Another view" piece suggest, he was not on this planet.

I guess I am tired of all the old sixties myths. These misleading yarns bombard you from the left and the right. Like most legends, there is only a thin strand of truth.

Mr. Renner's first mistake painted "the youth of the time" with one broad brush stroke; As if the entire youthful population was together, or of one collective mind. Do the students of today really believe that all the youth of the sixties opposed racism and

foot and pregnant." He had a bumper sticker, on his Pontiac GTO that said "America, Love it or Leave." He was a Christian evangelist who refused to separate his personal views from course content. He was anti-abortion before it was a large political issue. This was not a generational gap, as he was 26.

During the sixties, a loud revolutionary minority of people, from William Kunstler to Abbie Hoffman, stole the public discourse. Don't believe this was ever a "liberal" country. One hundred miles inland from either coast, the people of the sixties were as conservative as they are today. The difference was their lack of voice. These were the people President Nixon mobilized under the banner "Silent Majority."

The division in my youth was not between my parents and me, it was between good and evil (as I perceived it). My mother marched in the anti-war crowd. My brother worked for Robert Kennedy's election. The phones in our home were tapped because my father was an oil company executive, and my mother was a radical tax resister.

I went to college, studied business management and spent my spare time at the drag strip. Diverse interests, just as today. Incidentally, some verifiable facts: During the sixties, the best selling record was Sergeant Barry Statler's "Ballad of the Green Beret." The best selling book was the Bible.

That sounds rather un-radical to me.

Harry H. Snyder III
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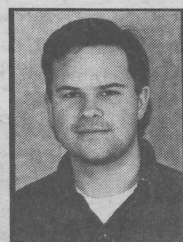
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the Vietnam War? If this is true, who were those young enlisted men who I waved to when their ship left New York Harbor? Who were those young men who stood in the schoolhouse door when Governor George Wallace blocked James Meredith's entry into Old Miss? Did those students cheer when he said "segregation now and forever"?

When I went to college the first time (67-70), my professors were all in their fifties and graduate students were invisible. They did not necessarily share the student's views likes or dislikes. My English professor was an 80-year-old compatriot of the late Robert Frost. While he leaned liberal (Kennedy voter) he was fiercely loyal to the United States and its form of government. He was mildly pro-Vietnam War, but radically pro free-speech. My economics professor was a registered communist. He hated capitalism and big business. He displayed anti-government slogans on his office door, and on his 15-year-old Studebaker. He later moved to Cuba where he is very happy. My core professor espoused the line "Women should stay home bare-

Out of the woods

A film's responsibility



Nate Geyerhahn

When I hear people analyze photographs in the newspaper or magazines, I wonder if they consider how or why the photographer chose the picture.

Most critics don't consider the photographer, they automatically associate the photo with the publication and skip over the photographer's role in its creation. All too often, audiences critique a controversial photo by face value. A particularly graphic image tends to evoke a negative response, often due to shock value, before the person has a chance to think about why the photographer took the picture. Why the picture was taken is important to consider because the photographer has spent many hours thinking about what they want to capture. After the shooting is finished, equal time is spent editing and choosing the correct image. These pictures are visual interpretations of events, intentionally printed to better graphically explain stories and happenings. Photographers are liaisons between the action and the public, and their message must accurately describe what happened.

While we all want to see the truth, many of us aren't ready to see the truth graphically portrayed. The truth doesn't have to be graphic, but often it is. Wars, for example, generate piles of graphic images. Many of these pictures never reach the public's eye, but those that do are carefully chosen. Which means that you can be offended, but you should consider the meaning of the photo. Most of these images are examples of an event, frozen emotions or even the reality of death. They can be hard to look at, but consider the great service the photographer performs. They are often risking their lives to tell you a story. It's easy to pick up the weekend paper and take 30 seconds to decide the cover picture is gross and you don't want to look at it. But what if you were a photographer in the midst of a war, trying to decide how to present what is going on to those that aren't there. It's not easy without showing some blood. That's not to say that gore is the only thing happening, there are other pictures to be taken, but to leave out violence would impoverish the story. The problem is which violence, blood and guts do you

run and that's up to discretion. It's the part the people get all worked up about, blaming editors, publications and sometimes photographers. I can sympathize with these complaints because people are sensitive. They may have small children or could be affected personally. However, the pictures are of real things that happened due to a photographer's efforts to get them. Whether or not the images will run is a matter of opinion. If they are important to the story, they should run.

Looking at a photo should be like reading an article, the viewer needs to spend time analyzing the contents of the photo and thinking about why the shooter composed as they did. I don't want to imply that all photos need to be interpreted, some are only worth a glance. For example, you can only look at Bill Clinton in front of a podium or a picture of a quarterback throwing to

Photographers can shoot anything that you can see from public property.

a receiver so many times. But for those pictures that warrant a second look, try to put yourself in the photographer's shoes. They are all competing, to some extent, for interesting images, ones that go beyond "a glance." That's why complex photos deserve some thought and interpretation from the reader. Like stories, viewers can disagree with the opinions or content expressed in a photo, but they should at least try to interpret where the photographer is coming from.

Although it may seem hard to believe, I have faced many of these issues as a photographer on this campus. Although we don't have wars, we encounter provocative, even graphic events on a daily basis. For instance, when I shoot a ambulance call, there are issues to keep in mind. The ambulance staff is cooperative, but they make it clear to keep the patient's face out of the photo. In most cases, accidents are minor, and I don't have a problem not including a patient's face, however, the situation depends on how newsworthy the story is. If there was a airplane accident or some other mass casualty in our vicinity, I wouldn't be as concerned about avoiding faces because the event is newsworthy and deserves to be documented. That doesn't mean it has to involve identities or gore, but I wouldn't hesitate to run them if they were germane to the story. News photographers can shoot and run anything that they can see from public property. This freedom should be used to inform people of the news, and not abused. That's why it is the responsibility of every photographer to use judgment on the material in their images based on the story and the circumstances.

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Entertainment

Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Friday, February 2

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You need to temper your dreams with a hard dose of reality, otherwise your achievements — however spectacular — will never quite be enough. Don't aim for riches; aim for self-mastery. That way you'll control your destiny.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You may find it hard to work today because your mind is preoccupied with problems of a romantic or emotional nature. There is little to worry about in reality, but you won't get much done until you convince yourself all is fine.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Because Venus, your ruler, is overshadowed by Saturn today, you cannot afford to ignore what someone older, wiser, and more experienced than you suggests, even if it means changing your strategy completely.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Someone in a position of authority may offer you a deal to die for today, but you should think carefully before signing on the dotted line. What you are expected to give up in return could be greater than you think.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You have been amazingly generous with your time and energy in recent weeks. Now you have every reason to demand that partners and loved ones give back something in return, namely, the space to do your own thing for a while.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): You are better off going it alone today. For some reason those close to you are being very critical and will belittle your efforts. Don't bother asking for an honest opinion, it's the last thing you will get.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Hopefully you haven't been too critical of loved ones recently, or Venus close to Saturn in your opposite sign Pisces could cause friction or resentment. This might highlight areas of your life you'd rather keep in the dark.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): You seem unusually restless at the moment as if you know you should be doing something but for the life of you, you can't figure out what it is. The answer: do nothing at all. The answer will come to you when you least expect it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): You are tired of being told to watch and wait, so here's good news for a change. Venus, the planet of love, is close to Saturn, the planet of wisdom. This means a new love is about to enter your life or an old one invigorate it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Feelings and emotions you thought had been conquered come flooding back today. This time, however, you know how to deal with them. So don't worry if someone close seems determined to upset your equilibrium.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You don't know whether to control your desires or indulge them fully. Venus, the planet of love, close to Saturn, your ruler means it's simply a matter of listening to your conscience and adopting the right approach at the right time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Conflicting influences are at work in your solar chart today. Set a schedule that allows plenty of time for thinking. It may seem unproductive in the short-term, but eventually you will get more done.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You will be offered two opportunities today, one involves spending money, the other involves saving it. The first will bring momentary pleasure the second will bring lasting satisfaction.

Schizofunia!

By Jason McIntosh



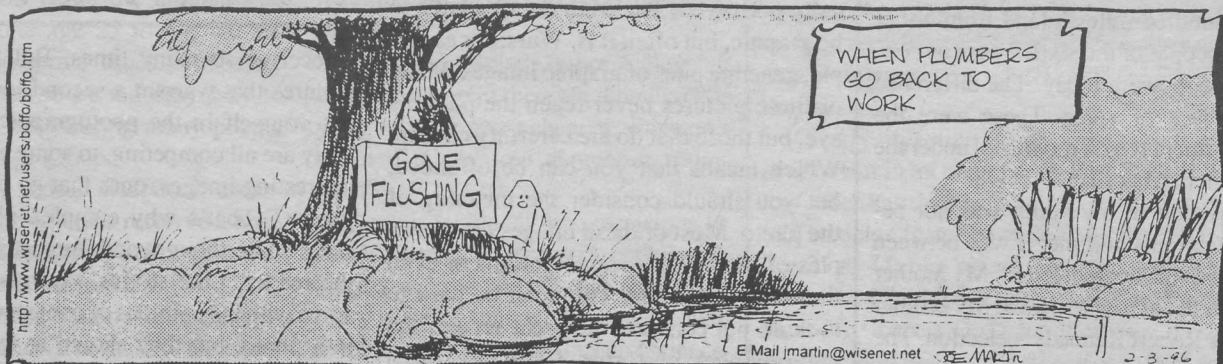
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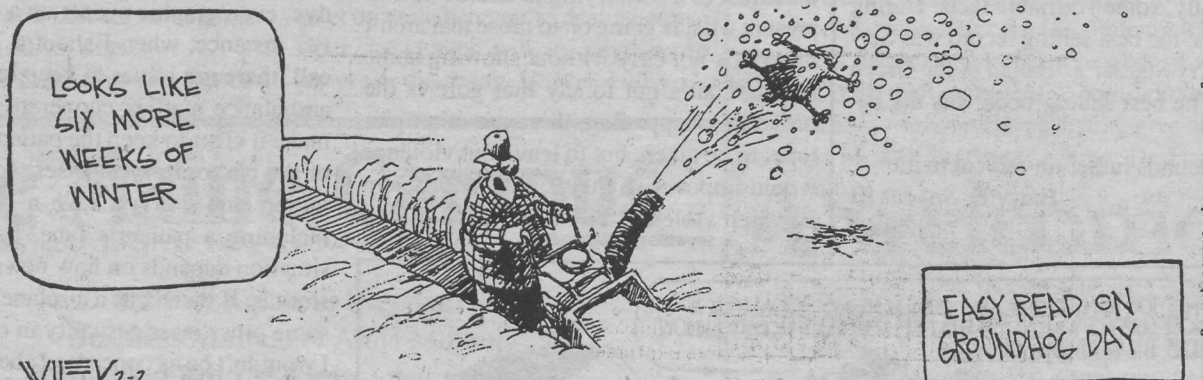
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Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Saturday, February 3

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY: You may feel you've missed out because others are quicker off the mark than you. Life, however, is a marathon, not a sprint. Even though you may have started later, the extra learning time will enable you to close the gap.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You may not want to take on extra responsibilities this weekend, especially if it means less time to yourself. But you don't want to leave someone in distress. Perhaps you should make it clear this is the last time you will ride to the rescue.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Work and career issues have been uppermost in your mind, and you have drifted a bit off course where an important relationship is concerned. Fortunately, one or two minor adjustments should do the trick.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): If you are bored with your life, start something new this weekend, something you've wanted to do for some time. You won't get far to begin with, but soon you will find it easier than expected.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Full moons affect Cancerians more than most. Because tomorrow's sun-moon opposition cuts across the financial angles of your chart, you should postpone major decisions about money and investments until early next week.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): At times you are autocratic, but you would give the shirt off your back for someone in need. Nothing quite so dramatic will be required of you this weekend, but you may be asked to give up something you enjoy to make a loved one happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Jupiter in Capricorn will boost your confidence and creativity this year. You may receive what appears to be divine inspiration this weekend but should wait a day or two before making big decisions. Make sure that what you do has a practical application.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): A sense of calm satisfaction should descend on you this weekend as you realize how much you've accomplished in the first few weeks of 1996. However, don't relax your grip, the higher you climb the farther there is to slip.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Tomorrow's full moon in Leo means you will be preoccupied with long-term ambitions rather than domestic issues. Be that as it may, you must find time for partners and loved ones this weekend, if only to let them know what is going on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): An idea which comes to you out of the blue could lift your spirits and give you something to aim for. But don't get too carried away: It may be a brilliant idea that works, but there's still much planning and leg work to be done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Avoid making sudden purchases this weekend because you will regret them almost immediately. The full moon in Leo is an extravagant influence and especially dangerous when, as now, a lean spell or depression is coming to an end.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A full moon in your opposite sign of Leo means you will be entangled in partnership issues this weekend. If you are too pushy others will dig in their heels. Charm will work better than coercion.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Venus close to Saturn in your birth sign makes you vulnerable to those who can sense your indecision. In short, you are easily exploited. However, those trying to take advantage of you are easy to spot: They may be the only ones being nice to you.

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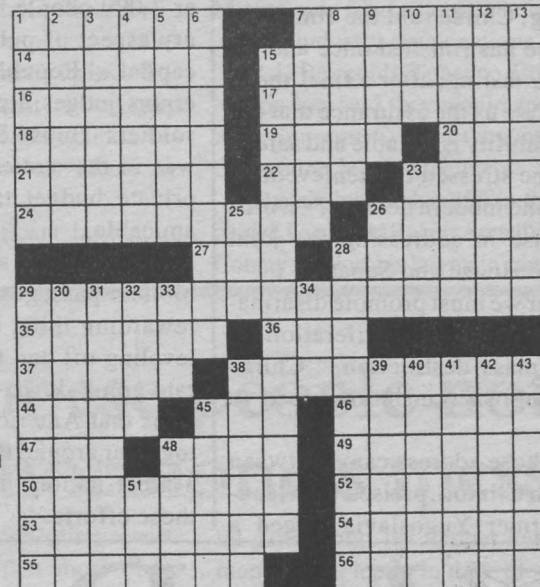
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National News

• Democrat hostility

Chirac says France will end nuclear tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — French President Jacques Chirac assured Congress Thursday that France, “an ally you can count on,” has ended nuclear testing forever. Many House Democrats boycotted out of anger over testing France already has done.

Despite the hostility of Democrats in the House, however, President Clinton gave a warm reception to the first French president in 12 years to make a state visit to Washington.

He greeted Chirac at the White House as “the leader of a great nation and great people.” Clinton focused on the two nations’ long ties and did not mention the nuclear dispute.

Only about 30 of the House’s 197 Democrats attended the speech, but it was uncertain how many were participating in the boycott. Blue-jacketed teenage congressional pages and young staff members were rushed in at the last minute to fill some of the empty chairs on the Democratic side. Still, many remained empty.

Asian-American, black and Hispanic members organized the boycott to protest French nuclear testing that ended last Saturday with the most powerful blast of the latest series.

Applause was limited during the speech, but Chirac received a prolonged ovation when he made the anti-nuclear pledge and again at the end.

Using language slightly different from his announcement Monday in Paris of an end to testing, Chirac told the congressmen, “France has finished once and for all its nuclear testing, after a final series designed to give us the assurance that our deterrent capability is reliable and safe.”

In Paris, he stressed the achievement of a “viable and modern defense,” words he did not use in addressing the joint session of the House and Senate.

“Together we must promote disarmament and combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction,” Chirac said in an English translation piped to members.

Chirac, whose address came between meetings with Clinton, praised U.S. leadership in former Yugoslavia, urged a

strong U.S. role in reconstruction of Bosnia and hailed the strength of the two-century-old U.S.-French alliance. He also stressed the need for aid to poor countries.

“Naturally, our interests do not always coincide,” Chirac said, “but since the very beginning France has always been, and will always be, the ally of the United States, on the basis of equal rights and obligation. A firm ally, an ally you can count on.”

Chirac noted that he studied in the United States and worked as a driver and a soda jerk, but he used no English in his speech.

Chirac urged the United States to make 1996 “the year of the signing of the complete and definitive test-ban treaty, with the ‘zero yield option’ that France and the United States were the first to propose.”

He praised the Senate for ratifying the START II treaty last week, which he said will lead to further progress in disarmament.

The “zero yield” option bars the smallest of nuclear explosions, even those intended only to ensure the safety and reliability of nuclear weapons.

Just prior to the speech, Rep. Patsy Mink, D-Hawaii, said a news conference with nine other boycott supporters that she hoped the boycott would be extended to Clinton’s state dinner for Chirac. Eni Faleomavaega, delegate from American Samoa, reminded her that none of the group had been invited.

• Pray

Clinton asks for better attitude

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lamenting rising cynicism, conflict and mistrust, President Clinton today asked a cross-section of Washington leaders to “pray for us to have a more charitable attitude toward one another.”

Addressing the annual congressional prayer breakfast, Clinton put some of his political themes in a religious context, calling for greater personal responsibility and suggesting that divorces should be harder to obtain.

“We’ve got a lot to pray about here in Washington,” the president said. “We’ve got a lot of conflict. We’ve got an abundance of cynicism. We’ve got to worry about a loss of trust in our public institutions all across the country.”

The interfaith gathering brings together 3,000 people representing nearly every aspect of public life in the nation’s capital — Republicans, Democrats, governors, judges, diplomats, bureaucrats and soldiers. House Speaker Newt Gingrich was in the audience when Clinton said private budget talks were surprisingly amicable.

In an address salted with references to biblical passages, Clinton said, “It is a rewarding thing to see the divorce rate leveling off and the teen-age pregnancy rate going down — and the first indications that America may be coming back together around the values that made this a great nation, but we need to support those efforts.”

He referred to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton’s book, “It Takes A Village,” that says married couples don’t always work hard enough to stay together.

“It may be it ought to be a little bit harder to get a divorce when children get involved, but whatever we do with the law we know that ultimately this is an affair of the heart,” Clinton said.

He quoted two Bible passages — “bear one another’s burdens” and “Let everyone bear his own burdens” — and said: “Would God, through St. Paul,

have given us such contradictory advice? I don’t think so. I think being personally responsible and reaching out to each other are the two sides of humanity’s coin.”

Looking out over the crowd, the president said, “So I ask you ... to pray for us here in Washington to make the right decisions about how we should enlarge and strengthen the family of our communities, our nation and our ties to the world.”

“Finally,” he said. “I ask for you to pray for us to have a more charitable attitude toward one another — leaders and citizens alike.”

• Chicken factory

Feather pluckers sentenced

MACON, Ga. (AP) — Two men who illegally plucked the tail feathers from two golden eagles were sentenced to work in a chicken processing plant.

“You’ll have your fill of feathers — and, hopefully, you’ll never want to be around another feather in your life,” U.S. Magistrate Claude Hicks told them Wednesday.

John Kevin Cooper, 24, and Douglas Grant Rustay, 25, were also placed on 18 months’ probation, fined \$500 each and ordered to make \$600 in restitution.

Cooper, a student, and Rustay, a convenience store manager, were ordered to work a 40-hour week at a chicken plant to

help them pay the fine and restitution.

In 1993, the men broke into an eagle cage at a wildlife center and stole the feathers. Possession of golden eagle feathers is a federal offense.

Lawyers for Cooper and Rustay said they were interested in nature and Indian culture and stole the feathers for themselves.

Golden eagle feathers are sacred to Indians.

“It’s like going into a church and stealing the altar,” said Ernie Dockery, a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and commander of the Native American Veterans Warrior Society.



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• Virtual lawsuit

Man accuses wife of on-line adultery

SOMERVILLE, N.J. (AP) — A man filing for divorce accused his wife of carrying on a "virtual" affair via computer with a cybersex partner who called himself "The Weasel."

Diane Goydan's relationship with the man apparently never was consummated, but her husband, John Goydan of Bridgewater, claimed the pair had planned a real tryst this weekend at a New Hampshire bed and breakfast.

Goydan filed divorce papers Jan. 23 that

included dozens of e-mail exchanges between his wife and a married man she met on America Online. The man, whose on-line name was The Weasel, was identified in court papers only as Ray from North Carolina.

In a Nov. 23 message, The Weasel wrote: "I gotta tell you that I am one happy guy now and so much at peace again anticipating us. I love you dearly. XXOOXX."

Goydan is now seeking custody of the couple's two children, ages 3 and 7.

Goydan's lawyer, Richard Hurley, said Mrs. Goydan apparently believed the e-mail messages could not be retrieved, but her husband was able to pull them off the computer and store them on a disk.

That raises some privacy concerns, such as what rights spouses have to each other's communications, said David Banisar, spokesman for the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington.

"If it's a shared computer, then the spouse has equal rights to get on it and share what's on it," Banisar said.

If the husband gained access to her e-mail on line, that could violate her privacy rights, similar to a husband tapping his wife's telephone.

"It's still pretty undefined in the law," Banisar said.

The divorce papers do not say exactly

how Goydan retrieved the messages. Goydan began saving his wife's e-mail every day after surprising her as she was printing out something on the computer when he came home from work early.

When Goydan later switched on the computer, it told him there was something waiting to be printed, and he discovered a message to his wife from The Weasel. The lawsuit claims Mrs. Goydan promised that day to end the relationship but later that night sent The Weasel a message that they had been caught.

Weeks later, she messaged: "I just have to learn to be more careful. ... I want so badly to be with you that I am willing to chance it."

Reached by telephone at home Wednesday, Mrs. Goydan said, "You're kidding me" and hung up.

• Rover

NASA to explore Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Three years after the \$1 billion Mars Observer was lost in space, NASA is sending an unmanned, microwave oven-sized rover to roam across the red planet's surface to analyze rocks and the weather.

The rover named Sojourner is part of the Mars Pathfinder mission set for a Dec. 2, 1996, launch at Cape Canaveral. Once Pathfinder lands on July 4, 1997, its tulip-shaped petals will unfold to release the six-wheeled rover.

Like an honored guest stepping out on a red carpet, Sojourner will roll down an unfurled 6-foot runway. No bigger than a microwave on a small kitchen cart, the remote-control rover will give scientists their first look at Mars' composition.

Pathfinder, which cost less than \$300 million, is part of a flock of small Mars-bound spacecraft designed to make up some of Observer's losses. NASA also will launch Mars Global Surveyors late this year and in 1998.

Observer stopped communicating with Earth just as it was about to go into orbit around Mars on Aug. 21, 1993, leaving puzzled space experts to ponder whether it exploded, continued on its outward journey or simply had a radio failure.

Pathfinder would be the first U.S. spacecraft on Mars since NASA sent two Viking missions to the planet in 1976.

Engineers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory on Wednesday showed off the rover and the Pathfinder that will protect it during the launch and seven-month journey to Mars.

They invited reporters to vacuum off and suit up before entering the spacecraft assembly clean room where Pathfinder, its rover,

parachute, antennas and landing airbags are being prepared for additional pre-launch testing.

"This is actually the first and last time that we will see Pathfinder and Sojourner completely assembled until just before launch," said Brian Muirhead, Pathfinder flight system manager and Wednesday's tour guide.

The Pathfinder lander weighs 772 pounds and stands 3.2 feet tall. Three solar panels unfold to reveal the stowed rover inside, along with antennas, a panoramic-view camera and even tiny wind socks that will take part of a planetary weather report.

When Pathfinder lands during the Martian summer, daytime temperatures will be about freezing, while at night they slip a couple hundred degrees.

If all goes according to plan, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington could be putting out a daily Martian weather report with information gleaned by Pathfinder, said David Dubov, Mars Pathfinder project secretary.

Once on Mars, the rover will be guided by a laser navigation system that tells it when to avoid deep depressions and big rocks. For anywhere from seven to 30 days, it will roll up to rocks, where an instrument called an alpha proton X-ray spectrometer will shoot out alpha particles whose bouncing paths tell scientists what the rocks are made of.

"The entire history of the planet is held in rocks," said Howard Eisen, lead mechanical engineer for the rover.

Although Pathfinder won't be sampling for life, it will seek out the kind of complex carbon molecules that might show if Mars ever could have been hospitable to life.

• Tobacco

Court affirms class-action for lawsuit

MIAMI (AP) — In a major blow to the tobacco industry, an appeals court ruled that all Florida smokers can join a lawsuit that seeks billions of dollars in damages from cigarette makers.

The lawsuit, filed by a man who had his last cigarette while being wheeled into surgery to have his larynx removed, can now include any state resident who is addicted to cigarettes or whose health has been damaged by smoking.

In addition to the money, the suit seeks to force the industry to create a fund to diagnose and treat smoking-related illnesses.

Similar lawsuits have been filed in Minnesota, Mississippi and West Virginia. Tobacco companies have fought hard to keep lawsuits from becoming class actions because court battles against individuals are easier to win.

"This is a very significant lawsuit ... because it opens the way for class-action

lawsuits in most of the other states," said John Banzhaf, a George Washington University law professor and executive director of the anti-smoking organization, Action on Smoking and Health.

A federal district court in New Orleans has certified a lawsuit against the tobacco industry as a class action, but an appeal is pending. If the ruling is upheld, millions of smokers around the country could join the suit.

The Florida lawsuit, certified as a class action by the 3rd District Court of Appeal in Miami, was filed against 13 cigarette makers and industry organizations.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Philip Morris Inc. said they would appeal to Florida's Supreme Court if they are unsuccessful in other legal maneuvers.

The six initial plaintiffs in the lawsuit include 61-year-old Robert Angell of North Dade County. He lost his larynx to cancer in 1984.

• Health

Study: obese people not getting hormone's message

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists reported new evidence today that most obese people are not getting a "slim-down" message from a hormone.

A study of 139 obese people and 136 volunteers of normal weight found that the

fat participants had higher levels of a hormone called leptin in their blood. Leptin is created by fat cells, and scientists believe it lets the brain keep tabs on the body's fat level.

In some fat mice, injections of leptin lead to weight loss. But the new work, like a pair of studies published last August, raises questions about whether giving fat people additional leptin would do the same for them.

The new study appears in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Scientists say the problem in fat people may be that the brain is not properly hearing the "slim-down" message leptin is trying to deliver. Whether that can be overcome by providing additional leptin will have to be tested directly, they say.

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• Breakthrough

New AIDS drug shown to prolong life

WASHINGTON (AP) — An experimental medicine in a powerful new class of AIDS drugs can prolong life and reduce complications in people in advanced stages of the disease, researchers said today.

The drug, called ritonavir, cut the death rate in half when given over a seven-month period.

This medicine is another in a group of compounds called protease inhibitors. On Monday, researchers presented promising data about a competing brand called indinavir.

The findings on ritonavir are especially noteworthy, because they are the first to show that protease inhibitors actually make people live longer.

Abbott Laboratories, which makes ritonavir, released the findings today at the annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections.

In their study, overseen by doctors at

the University of Ottawa, either ritonavir or dummy pills were randomly given to 1,090 AIDS patients at 67 hospitals in the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. All of the patients had ominously low levels of helper T cells, the main target of the AIDS virus in the bloodstream.

The patients continued to receive whatever AIDS drugs they had already been taking and were followed for seven months. By that time, 13 percent of the patients getting ritonavir had died or gone on to develop new AIDS-related illnesses, compared with 27 percent in the comparison group.

The death rate was 4.8 percent in the ritonavir patients and 8.4 percent in the comparison group.

Showing an actual benefit on disease progression and survival "is a first among

drugs in this class," said Dr. Andre Pernot of Abbott.

The company has applied to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for approval to sell ritonavir. Until then, it is making the drug available to 2,000 AIDS patients worldwide in a lottery.

The most common side effects of the drug were diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fatigue and a tingling sensation around the mouth.

Earlier, researchers showed that Merck & Co.'s indinavir could eliminate all measurable traces of the viruses in 90 percent of patients for at least six months when combined with two other AIDS medicines, AZT and 3TC.

The first protease inhibitor to reach the market was saquinavir, a Hoffman-LaRoche drug approved by the FDA last month. Experts believe that indinavir and ritonavir are considerably more powerful.

• Law

Lesbian mom appeals child's custody to killer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A judge considering a divorce case awarded custody of an 11-year-old girl to her father, who murdered his first wife, because the girl's mother is a lesbian.

Circuit Judge Joseph Tarbuck said the girl should have "the opportunity and the option to live in a non-lesbian world."

Last week, the mother, 46-year-old Mary Ward, asked the 1st District Court of Appeal to reverse Tarbuck's order. Her lawyers said it will be Florida's first opportunity to rule on whether sexual orientation can be a deciding factor in custody cases.

"We think this case is very important," Charlene Carres, a lawyer representing Ms. Ward, said Wednesday. "We feel sexual orientation is not relevant to someone's ability to raise children well."

The father, John Ward, 44, has not yet filed a response, and his attorney did not return a telephone call.

Supreme courts in eight other states have said a homosexual parent should not automatically be denied custody, The St. Petersburg Times reported. Five others have ruled the reverse. The U.S. Supreme Court has never addressed the issue.

The Wards married in 1983 shortly after the husband was released from prison for the 1974 murder. They broke up nine years later. Their daughter lived with her mother since the divorce in 1992 until last September.

Ward pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for shooting his first wife in the parking lot of a Pensacola restaurant, reportedly after they argued over custody of their children.

"I done my time for it, and it was something that shouldn't have ever happened," Ward said during the custody hearing, according to a transcript Ms. Ward's lawyers made available to the Times. "It was stupidity, jealousy and anger."

Ward said he has told his daughter about the killing.

Tarbuck did not comment on the slaying when he ruled on the custody question, but he said Ward would give his daughter "decent living accommodations" and that nothing derogatory had been said about his new wife, Rita.

Tarbuck made his August ruling in an order modifying the final divorce judgment by giving the father primary custody and the mother standard visitation rights.

• Republican race

Dole shrugs off new poll

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — Eager to halt Steve Forbes' New Hampshire surge, Bob Dole labeled his rival's flat tax plan "snake oil" Thursday and enlisted the state's popular GOP governor for a TV ad warning Forbes would raise middle-class taxes.

Ending a two-day New Hampshire swing, Dole tried to project a picture of confidence, shrugging off a new poll showing him trailing Forbes and calmly predicting victory. "If I worried about every poll, I'd probably have an Excedrin headache," Dole said.

But the decision to put Gov. Steve Merrill's prestige on the line in the effort to blunt Forbes reflected the volatility of the GOP race just 18 days before New Hampshire's leadoff presidential primary.

"The Steve Forbes income tax plan increases the deficit and raises our taxes," Merrill says in a 30-second spot that began airing Thursday. Merrill says the average New Hampshire household would pay \$2,000 more in federal taxes under the Forbes plan because it would end deductions for mortgage interest and local property taxes.

Dole and Merrill weren't the only ones targeting Forbes' 17 percent flat tax.

In Iowa, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander said the Forbes plan would raise middle-class taxes and suggested it would hurt local education financing because property values would plummet and most school money comes from property taxes. "It makes about as much sense as something out of the Wizard of Oz," Alexander said.

Forbes, also in Iowa, brushed aside the criticism as sour grapes from professional politicians — "all those who have a vested interest in perpetuating this monstrous status quo."

Sending Merrill into battle against Forbes is part of a calculated Dole campaign effort to leave sharp attacks on Forbes to surrogates or other candidates and have Dole offer a more upbeat message focused on contrasts with President Clinton.

He mostly stuck to that script during a discussion at a Nashua car dealership Thursday, but he used a question about the flat tax to take issue with Forbes' claim that everyone gets a tax cut under his plan.

By exempting investment income from taxes and granting generous exemptions to lower-income families, Dole said, a greater tax burden inevitably would fall on the middle class.

"There may be some snake oil here somewhere," he said.

Dole aides expressed confidence they still had time to stall the Forbes effort before primary day. They said if nothing else, polls showing a tighter race would bring Forbes increased scrutiny.

But even many Dole backers in the state were marveling at the chaos Forbes has brought to the race, and said the past offered few clues on how to combat a candidate who is willing to spend millions of his personal fortune while Dole and others adhere to spending limits.

"He's a new face and he's got a lot of money," said former Gov. Hugh Gregg, a Dole backer. "That's a very powerful mix."

A WBZ-TV/Boston Globe poll showing Forbes leading Dole conflicted with Dole campaign polling showing the senator clinging to a narrow — but shrinking — lead in New Hampshire. Forbes' own polling shows the race a statistical dead heat. Other public polls also have offered a confusing picture of the race.

And despite Forbes' surge, there was data in the new survey suggesting his vulnerabilities: Support for the flat tax fell to 37 percent, down from 54 percent three weeks ago. In addition, 58 percent of respondents said the multimillionaire should release his tax returns and even 69 percent of Forbes' supporters said they needed to know more about his views.

There was sobering data for Dole, too, underscoring how many of the attributes that for months have served as his strengths are now potential weaknesses.

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Sports Page

Sports Briefs

This Olympics, Lewis last

HOUSTON (AP) — Carl Lewis has won many races during his brilliant track and field career. Now, he's headed toward the finish line.

Lewis, who will be 35 July 1, says this year will be his last Olympic Games. He won't be in Greece for the 1997 World Championships or in Australia for the 2000 Olympics.

"No Athens, no Sydney," he said.

On Saturday, Lewis, winner of nine Olympic gold medals and nine World Championship gold medals, will face some of the world's best sprinters, including world outdoor record-holder Leroy Burrell and Olympic 200-meter champion Mike Marsh in the 60 meters at the Gallery Furniture Games at the University of Houston.

In the race, Lewis will be looking for indications of how he'll do while trying for his final Olympic team.

"It will show me where I am in terms of my start and the first part of my 100 (meters)," he said. "I still have my speed; the first 30 meters is where I was getting killed last year."

Last season was the first time since high school that Lewis failed to rank among the world's top 10 in the 100. His No. 7 ranking in the long jump was his lowest since high school.

After several months of weight training and other conditioning, Lewis figures he has improved his body strength by 40 percent over last year. He weighs 185 pounds, close to the 179 he weighed when he set the then-100 world record of 9.86 seconds in 1991.

Following the Houston meet, Lewis' first indoor meet since 1992, Lewis plans to run the 60 meters next month at the U.S. indoor championships at Atlanta.

Tyson gets June date

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mike Tyson has a new fight date, and Nevada boxing regulators have new plans to prevent the scheduling of major fights on the same night.

Tyson's promoter, Don King, wasted no time in asking for a June 22 date for a heavyweight title unification fight in light of a new regulation by the Nevada Athletic Commission on fight scheduling.

The June 22 fight at the MGM Grand hotel-casino would reportedly match Tyson against either WBA heavyweight champion Bruce Seldon or whoever holds the disputed IBF crown at the time.

Tyson, however, must first beat WBC heavyweight champion Frank Bruno in their scheduled March 16 fight at the MGM Grand.

King asked for the date well in advance because of a new state regulation designed to avoid a reoccurrence of Nov. 4, when the Riddick Bowe-Evander Holyfield fight at Caesars Palace was to go up against the Tyson-Buster Mathis Jr. bout at the MGM Grand. The Tyson-Mathis fight was postponed because of Tyson's broken right thumb.

• Men's basketball

Rose, NAC leader's Drexel face Maine Sunday

By Scott Martin
Sports Editor

In its last nine games, the University of Maine men's basketball team has had two three-game winning streaks with a three-game losing streak sandwiched between them. The Black Bears are currently on a three-game winning streak and would like to end their win three, lose three trend this weekend.

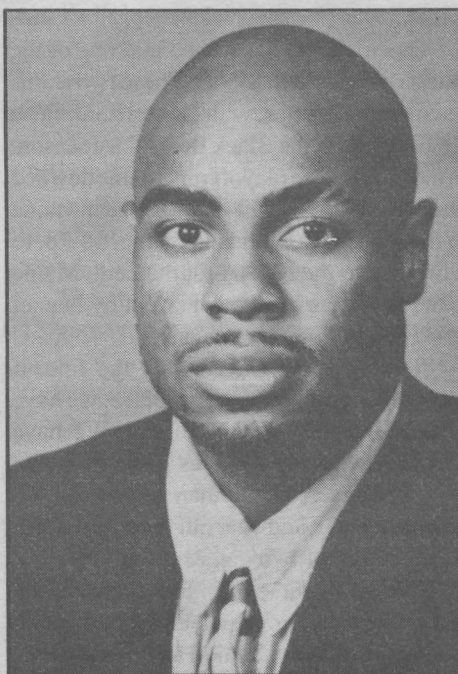
Maine has two of its most important games of the season this weekend, when it plays a pair of North Atlantic Conference home games: Friday night against Hofstra at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday against Drexel at 12 a.m.

Hofstra is only 4-6 in the conference but handed Maine a 51-64 loss in the team's first meeting of the season.

"I don't think we played particularly well, but I think part of that was they make you play ugly," said Black Bear head coach Rudy Keeling. "There's always a revenge factor when you lose the first time around."

The Black Bears played that game without the services of guard Matt Moore who was out with a hip pointer. Dutchmen guard Darius Burton took advantage of this, scoring 14 points. Burton leads the conference in steals, averaging 2.4 a game and is second in the conference in assists with 5.8 a game. He is also averaging 11.3 points a game. Black Bear Casey Arena has very similar stats to those of Burton, averaging 13.1 points, seven assists and 1.6 steals a game. Keeling feels this matchup will be a key to Maine's success.

"I think it's a hard matchup for Casey because Burton is so quick," said Keeling.



Hofstra's Darius Burton and Drexel's Malik Rose lead their respective teams into Orono for weekend games with the Black Bears. (File Photos.)

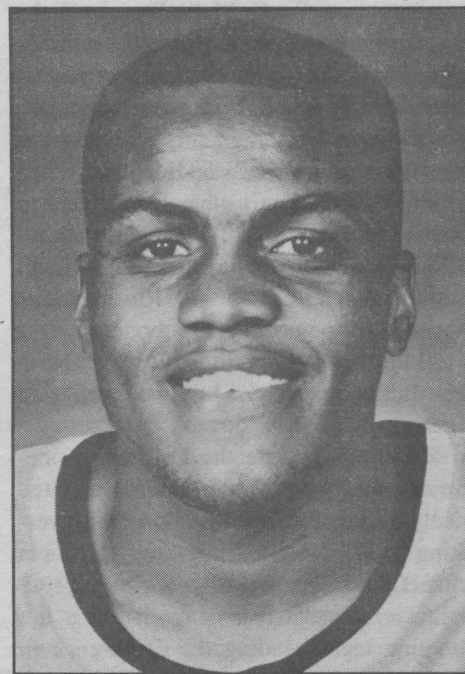
"On the other end, when Burton guards Casey, he's so strong, he get right up into Casey and bothers him a little bit.

"I think it will be a determining factor if Casey can have a good game and protect the basketball and control Burton, I think we have a great shot at winning."

Lawrence Thomas (15.4 ppg) and Seth Meyers (13.4 ppg) give the Dutchmen additional scoring punch.

A Maine win Friday would make Sunday's game with Drexel that much more important. The Dragons are currently first in the NAC with a 9-1 conference record, while the Black Bears are third with a 7-3 record.

"The most important game is the Hofstra game because it's the next game," said Keeling.



ing. "If we lose the Hofstra game, even if we beat Drexel, it sort of negates it a little bit because we've already lost that game."

"I'm sure if we both take care of business tomorrow night (Friday), at this point in the season this is a big game," said Drexel head coach Bill Herrion. "They're right on our heels, we're trying to hold on to first. I expect nothing more than a real difficult game."

The Dragons are winning games by an average of 17.5 points. Most of that is due to their tight man-to-man defense. Drexel is allowing an average of 66.1 points a game, good for second in the NAC.

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• Women's basketball

Black Bears hit the road for two

By Stephen Campbell
Sports Writer

The University of Maine women's basketball team will take its eight game winning streak and undefeated conference record on the road this weekend to face Hofstra University Friday night and Drexel University Sunday afternoon.

The Black Bears are coming off a 90-41 win against the University of Hartford, which was the second time in five games where Maine has doubled an opponent's score, extending its overall record to 16-4 and 10-0 in the North Atlantic Conference.

Friday night, the Black Bears will face the Flying Dutchwomen of Hofstra University. Maine squared off against Hofstra at Alford Arena on Jan. 12 and handed them a 35 point loss.

"We made a lot of mistakes," said Hofstra head coach Leslie Schlegel. "We lost because we fouled too much, and we turned the ball over too often. If we can cut our turnovers in half, that's a lot more opportunities we'll have to score."

Hofstra sports a 1-9 conference record, 4-13 overall, including losing seven games in a row. Hofstra's only NAC win came against Drexel.

The Black Bears will have to contend with 6-0 center Kate Gordon. The soph-

omore was named to the NAC's All-Rookie team last season. Gordon averages just over 15 points per game. She is also ranked 20th in the nation in rebounding, averaging 10.3 rebounds per outing.

"We need Kate to put the ball in the basket and we need the other players to do the same," said coach Schlegel. "We need everybody to step up and do the right thing."

Another threat will be 5'8" senior Colleen Montague who averages 12 points per game. Montague is also among team leaders in steals with 40.

Sunday afternoon, The Black Bears will take on Drexel University. Maine destroyed the Dragons 107-53 on Jan. 14. In that game, Cindy Blodgett scored a career-high 41 points.

Drexel has put together an overall record of 4-12, 2-8 in the NAC. Its only two conference wins came against Boston University.

The Dragons are led by junior Jen MacNeill. MacNeill is averaging 18.6 points per game, third best in the NAC. MacNeill can also rebound, grabbing 9.3 boards per contest, fourth best in the conference.

Kim Koschineg is also a force for the Dragons, scoring nearly 14 points per game. LaTasha Rice is the conference's

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• Track

Women's track home opener Saturday

By Bill Stewart
Sports Writer

The University of Maine women's indoor track team will be in action this weekend as it competes in its first home meet of the season against Central Connecticut. With only two weeks remaining until the North Atlantic Conference Championships, the Black Bears look to bounce back from a slow start and try to gain momentum heading into the spring.

The women's team is coming off of a fourth-place finish last Friday in Rhode Island, in which UMass edged out St. John's for the victory. They returned to action the next day, in a dual meet with Boston College. The men's indoor track team is idle this weekend. Their next meet is Feb. 10th at Dartmouth.

In Rhode Island last week, Maine only piled up 19 points, finishing fourth behind the Rhode Island Rams, who earned 36 points. St. John's finished second with 48 and UMass won the meet with 49.

Despite the overall finish, several individuals placed well for the Black Bears.

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"What I don't want anyone to overlook is our defense," said Herrion. "That's our staple, that's our constant and that's what we preach is going to win us championships, is our team defense."

Drexel's offense isn't too shabby either. Drexel is scoring a conference leading 83.6 points a game. Center Malik Rose leads the way for the Dragons, scoring 20.1 points a game. He is also the nation's second leading rebounder, averaging 12.8 boards a game.

"I think everything starts with him because he's a presence," said Herrion. "When he steps on the court other teams have to prepare for him."

In their first meeting this year, Drexel beat the Black Bears, 88-70. Rose lead the way with 22 points and 12 rebounds.

"I think we were a little bit shy of Rose and didn't attack him like we can," said Keeling.

By no means are the Dragons a one-dimensional team. Rose is complimented nicely by forward Jeff Myers, who is averaging 18.5 points a game, and freshman Mike DeRocckis, who is pouring in 13.7 points a contest. The Dragons are a hot shooting team, leading the conference in

field goal percentage (48.7 percent) and three-point shooting percentage (40.3 percent.)

"We have more guys who can score, and Malik may not be our leading scorer every night," said Herrion. "I think because of that whether he has a good game or not, we can win."

This matchup has turned into one of the finest rivalries in the NAC. These two teams have met 17 times, with Drexel holding an 11-6 edge over the Black Bears. Last season, in the midst of the playoff run, Maine downed Drexel, 81-74. In 1994, Drexel beat Maine in the NAC Championship game, 86-78, to win a trip to the NCAA tournament. Maine is the only team not to get swept by Drexel at least once in three seasons.

"I think somewhere along the line, if we're ever going to win first place, we have to beat Drexel," said Keeling. "We have played Drexel as even as anyone in the league, in fact, better than anyone in the league. Year in and year out we beat them at least one out of two games."

"We've had a really nice rivalry in the last five years, we've played in a lot of big game atmospheres," said Herrion.

• Baseball

Griffey signs \$35 million deal

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners made center fielder Ken Griffey Jr. baseball's highest-paid player. Now they're prepared to build their team around him.

"The name of Ken Griffey Jr. has become synonymous with the Mariners," said Chuck Armstrong, president of the ball club.

"Ken will be the man around which this team will move forward," Mariners chairman John Ellis said Wednesday.

The four-year, \$34 million contract extension has an average annual value of \$8.5 million, topping the \$7.29 million annual average of the six-year deal Barry Bonds

signed with San Francisco in December 1992.

Armstrong called Griffey the best player in baseball and recalled fondly the 1987 draft when he was the team's No. 1 pick.

"Ken is our own player," Armstrong said. "He goes a long way to enhance the attractiveness of our franchise."

Griffey insisted salary was not the top consideration in his decision to remain with Seattle.

"I've always told the Mariners it's not a

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• NFL

Los Angeles Seahawks?

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks are joining the growing list of NFL teams to abandon their home, saying they will play next season in Los Angeles, which last year lost both its pro football franchises.

Citing the high cost of renovating the aging Kingdome, team sources said Thursday the Seahawks would play in the 102,083-seat Rose Bowl after 20 years in Seattle.

Seahawks owner Ken Behring met with King County officials at an undisclosed location to notify them of the move. County officials said an announcement was planned for later in the day.

The Seahawks would be the fifth NFL franchise to change cities in the last year. The Raiders and Rams moved out of Los Angeles last year. The Cleveland Browns have announced they will play next season in Baltimore and the Houston Oilers will move to Tennessee.

Since the Rams and Raiders moved out of Los Angeles, the nation's second-largest TV market was left without an NFL team.

There was no immediate response from Pasadena's Rose Bowl Operating Committee. A message requesting comment from its president, Alfred Moses, was left with his office.

KIRO-TV in Seattle said Seahawks coaches were told Wednesday to be ready to move to the Rose Bowl.

It seemed unlikely the 74-year-old Rose Bowl would be the team's permanent home, however.

Several groups in Los Angeles have expressed interest in building a new stadium for an existing or an expansion NFL franchise. Among them were R.D. Hubbard, chairman of the Hollywood Park racetrack; Dodgers owner Peter O'Malley; and Disney chairman Michael Eisner.

Franchise instability has been increasingly troublesome for the NFL in the last 12 months, and commissioner Paul Tagliabue as recently as Sunday decried it, saying the league "shares the emotions of fans" losing their teams to other cities.

"It is incoherent to destroy what it took 75 years to build," he said. "We want to maintain continuity and tradition."

Tagliabue blamed the NFL's problems on a competitive marketplace and

escalating player costs. He wants the league to have at least a limited antitrust exemption that would allow it to battle franchise moves.

Other teams still considering moving include the Arizona Cardinals and Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello, reached in Hawaii at the Pro Bowl, said he was not familiar with the situation. But he noted league owners voted last year that "the LA franchise opportunity would be controlled by the league — the 30 clubs collectively."

The Seahawks would be the second major pro sports franchise to abandon Seattle. The Seattle Pilots played the 1969 season and then left in 1970 to become the Milwaukee Brewers. The Seattle Mariners, formed in 1977, decided to stay last year only after a winning season won them legislative support for a new stadium that had been rejected by county voters.

The Seahawks, who were 8-8 last season, have repeatedly complained about the 20-year-old Kingdome they share with the Mariners.

Behring, a California developer, reportedly had a study indicating it could cost as much as \$90 million to fortify the Kingdome against earthquakes — at least three times more than earlier estimates.

That amount, along with other improvements sought by the Seahawks, could send the cost of renovating the domed stadium past \$200 million.

Earlier estimates of seismic repairs to the county-owned stadium have been \$10 million to \$30 million.

If the county couldn't afford to make those improvements, Behring conceivably could use it as an excuse to break the team's lease, which runs through 2005.

Behring has said the Kingdome is not the first-class facility guaranteed in the team's lease and has pushed for \$150 million worth of improvements.

Behring's call for Thursday's meeting had prompted a session Wednesday night that included King County Executive Gary Locke and Councilman Peter Von Reichbauer.

HOK Sports Facilities Group of Kansas City has been hired by the county to study the dome. A report is due next month.

The Seahawks joined the NFL in 1976 in the expansion that also brought Tampa Bay into the league.

Seattle's NBA and major league baseball teams either have or are getting new venues.

The city-owned Seattle Center Coliseum was redesigned as Key Arena for the SuperSonics. A firm was chosen this week to design a new baseball stadium for the Mariners, whose owners had vowed to sell the team if it was forced to keep playing in the Kingdome.

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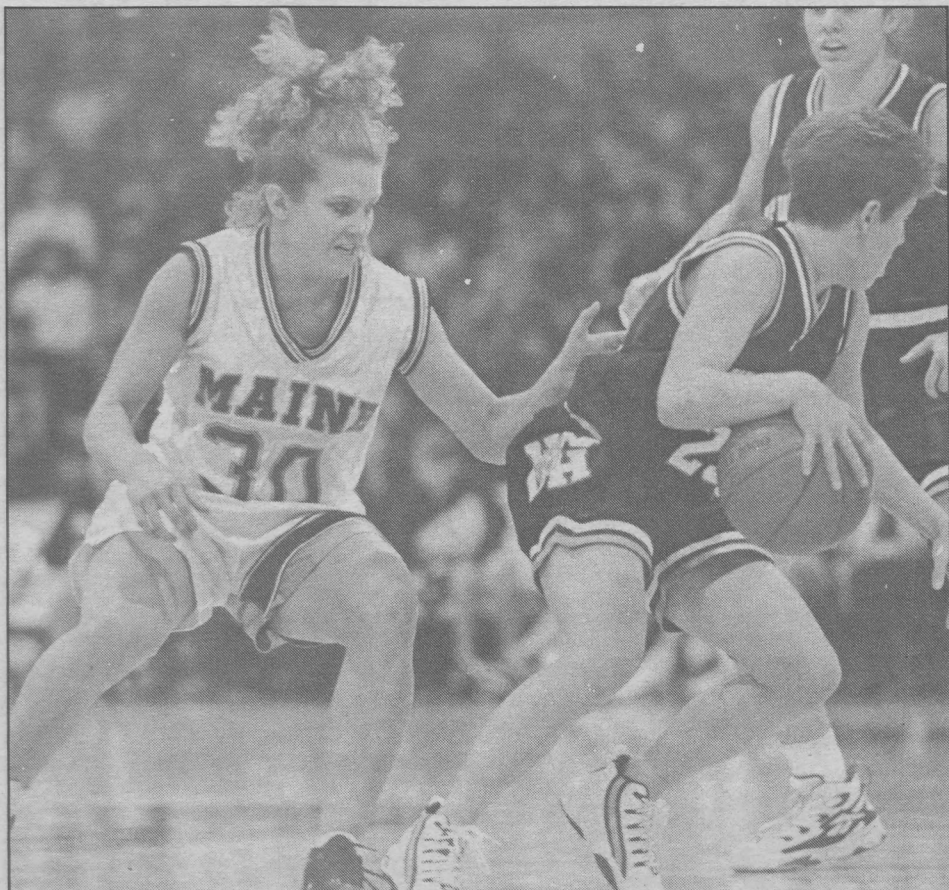
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Women's hoops

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Stacia Rustad and the UMaine women's basketball team look to up their NAC record to 12-0 this weekend. (Geyerhahn Photo.)

fifth best rebounder, pulling down 8.6 boards per game.

Black Bear Notes: The University of Maine women's basketball team received one vote in the latest USA Today/ CNN Top 25 women's basketball poll.

The Blodgett Watch: Cindy Blodgett is currently the leading scorer in Women's NCAA Division I basketball. Through 20 games she is averaging 27 points a game. Gina Somma of Manhattan is second, averaging 25.2 points a game.

Griffey

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matter of the money," Griffey said in a telephone news conference from Orlando, Fla. "I've always wanted to be on a winning team, to have something to shoot for in September and early October."

Griffey gets a signing bonus of \$2.5 million. In 1997, he will be paid \$7.25 million; in 1998, \$7.75 million; in 1999, \$8.25 million, and in 2000, \$8.25 million.

He is also eligible for a number of other bonuses, including \$100,000 if he is named World Series MVP.

The extension starts with the 1997 season, meaning Griffey will be under contract with the Mariners through the 2000 season.

"We've gone a long way in the last couple of years. We're going to field a good team in '96. We're going to be competitive," Griffey said.

The Mariners reached the American League Championship Series for the first time in their history last season, beating the New York Yankees before losing to the Cleveland Indians.

Faced with a player payroll of \$35 million this year, the Mariners traded first baseman Tino Martinez, third baseman Mike Blowers and reliever Jeff Nelson.

"I hated to see us break up a good team and a good bunch of guys," Griffey said earlier this month. "I care a lot about who I play with. It hasn't helped to see Tino and Blow go, or Nellie."

"The guys they're bringing in may be good players, but we just don't know how it will all fit together. It's like we're starting over. The Mariners are always starting over, and that gets old."

• NBA

Chris Webber opts for season-ending surgery

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Washington Bullets forward Chris Webber put an end to his most frustrating NBA season by undergoing surgery on his left shoulder Thursday.

Webber, who signed a six-year, \$57 million contract before the season, had been playing in pain since he dislocated his shoulder in a game against Golden State in December 1994.

The third-year star appeared in only 15 games this season, averaging a team-high 23 points and eight rebounds. The Bullets were 9-6 with him in the lineup.

Dr. Russ Warren performed the operation at the Hospital For Special Surgery in New York. Team doctor Steve Haas was also present in the operating room.

The rehabilitation process is expected to take around six months. Webber opted to have the operation so he would be healthy at the start of next season.

Webber said Saturday night, "If we make the playoffs and the surgery is put off until May, I may not be ready for next season, which would be hard to take."

There was also a good chance Webber could have dislocated the shoulder again.

"He wouldn't have been able to continue without having it fixed," said Dr. John B. O'Donnell, an orthopedic surgeon in the Sports Medicine Center of the Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore.

O'Donnell, who played basketball at North Carolina under coach Dean Smith, added, "The operation would be more career-threatening for a baseball pitcher — a guy who once threw the ball 99 mph could only throw around 91 mph after surgery. But in this case, it shouldn't effect his shooting, passing or dribbling if he successfully rehabilitates it."

Webber missed 19 games last season after dislocating the shoulder while diving after a loose ball. He reinjured the shoulder during a preseason game against Indiana on Oct. 21, left the injured list on Nov. 27 and played in pain before straining the shoulder in a Dec. 29 game against

the New York Knicks.

He missed the Bullets' next 10 games, then returned to score 25 against New Jersey on Jan. 19. He had 23 points and 11 rebounds at Indiana two nights later in what turned out to be his final game of the season.

Having already played the majority of their schedule without Webber, the Bullets (21-21) are prepared to continue without him.

"Last year we had a lot of nights where we couldn't get all the guys healthy," forward Juwan Howard said. "You can't concentrate on what you don't have; you have to go with what you have. Every guy has to step it up."

Howard, a second-year player selected Tuesday to play in the All-Star game, has been the main reason why the Bullets have remained in playoff contention despite getting limited playing time from Webber.

"With the absence of Chris we've asked Juwan to do many different things, and he's stepped it up every night," coach Jim Lynam said.

Webber and Howard were members of the Fab Five at Michigan, a talented group of five freshman who began college together and took the Wolverines into the NCAA championship game in 1992 and 1993.

Webber left Michigan after the 1993 season and became the first sophomore to be picked No. 1 overall since Magic Johnson in 1979. Webber was selected by Orlando and immediately traded to Golden State, where he played one season before his disagreements with Warriors coach Don Nelson.

Golden State traded Webber to the Bullets on Nov. 17, 1994 for Tom Gugliotta and three first-round picks. Webber led Washington last season in scoring (20 points per game), rebounding (9.6), steals (1.54) and minutes (38.3). He finished second in assists, blocks and field goal percentage.

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Track

Johanna Riley won the high jump event with a height of 5'4 1/2". Teammate Nicole Moti finished third with a 5'4 1/4".

Riley qualified for the ECAC tournament in the high jump.

"I have qualified for the ECAC in the high jump, my big goal for the year," said Riley. "If I do my best I should fare very

well."

In other events Patricia McCormick won the 3000 meter with a time of 10:16.89 and Heather Pola finished second in the mile.

In a dual meet with Boston College, the lady Black Bears were beaten 129-169. Although many individuals placed

well in the event, freshman Susie Herrick highlighted the Black Bear effort as she set a new school record in the 200 fly with a time of 2:09.70. The old record of 2:10.66 was set by Jill Abrams in 1990.

The men's track team competed against Rhode Island last weekend where many individuals placed well, despite a Rams victory. Among the most notable performers was Derek Treadwell, who won the mile and the 1000 meter. Maine also swept the 3000 meter with Sheldon Young finishing first followed by Steve Hedlund and Mike Rice.

The men's team compiled 136 points to B.C.'s 162, in a loss to the Eagles.

As the indoor track season begins to

wind down and with the outdoor season just on the horizon, the Black Bears look forward to repeat as conference champions, said captain Jeff Amos.

"We're looking to repeat as conference champions outdoor," said Amos. "We'll be at top no matter what."

In just two weeks, the NAC Championships will be held at Boston University, where the Bears look for another solid performance.

"In the past we have fared well. We have a very strong team compared to last year, I think we'll do well," said Allison Dall of the NAC events.

Senior Kirk Carter agreed, "I think we should fare really well. I'm hoping for a top three finish."

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