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## • Discussion

### Smith biographer gives inspiration to historians

By Krista Marrs  
Maine Campus staff

The author of a recent biography on late U.S. Sen. Margaret Chase Smith urged history graduate students at a luncheon Friday to push forward with their dissertations and not to put the work aside, as they might lose track of a good future publication.

"Whatever you do, do not get sidetracked with your work," said Patricia Schmidt, author of "Margaret Chase Smith, Beyond Convention." "Keep up with your works, or you might regret it in the future if you do not."

Schmidt, a member of the English faculty at the University of Florida, met with Smith in 1983 and started working on Smith's biography shortly afterward. Published by University of

Maine Press and released last fall, the book examines the social and political portions of the life Smith's life.

Schmidt met with the students to discuss the book and to discuss what it takes to write a biography.

"Biographies are one of the hardest books to try to get published," Schmidt said, "but I've had more moments of stress along with emotional bliss than with anything I've ever done in my life."

The author met Smith when the senator was 85. Schmidt continued to meet with Smith until Smith's death in 1995. Schmidt told the students of her many formal, and even informal, meetings and visits she had with Smith.

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Patricia Schmidt, author of the Margaret Chase Smith biography, shares some of her interactions with the former Senator from Maine. Her editor and director of the University of Maine Press, Micheal Alpert, sits to the left. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

## • Competition

### Participants take Odyssey of the Mind

By Misty Edgecomb  
Maine Campus staff

You have one minute to think and two minutes to respond. A regular response is worth one point, a creative response will give you two points. Skipping turns is not permitted – if you are stuck, the team is stuck. Your problem? Rhyme as many words as you can with a type of bird.

Time begins now.

This is a typical example of a

spontaneous, or "short-term" problem given to Odyssey of The Mind participants. The best of this year's Maine OM competitors traveled to the University of Maine Saturday for the 1997 state competition.

OM is an international, non-profit, school-based program involving more than a million students worldwide. Students form teams of five to seven students who can be pre-school age through college. The teams are coached by a parent or teacher.

Any student can participate, regardless of ability or prior experience.

"OM provides a creative outlet," said Will Hall, an five-year OM veteran from Greene.

"I think it provides new ways for students to express themselves," said Alva King, a coach and former judge from Limestone. "I'm extremely proud of my team because they've plugged away in the face of ad-

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## • Condom use

### Variety of STDs threaten fertility

By Lester B. Smith  
Maine Campus staff

The use of condoms, along with getting tested regularly for sexually-transmitted diseases, can protect an individual's fertility, a registered nurse at the Women's Health Center said.

"HIV is the most recent sexually transmitted disease, but individuals should still be aware of chlamydia, which is often symptomless and gonorrhea, which can cause infertility in men and women," Jane Jagels, a nurse at the center said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 477,638 chlamydia cases and 392,848 gonorrhea cases were reported in 1995, which made them the most commonly-reported infections of any kind in recent years.

"Females should also be aware of pelvic inflammatory disease," Jagels said.

Documents from the American Social Health Association say pelvic inflammatory disease is the "hidden epidemic" because it occurs when chlamydia or gonorrhea spreads from the cervix up into the uterus, fallopian tubes and ovaries. This infection can cause scarring in the fallopian tubes, which makes it difficult for a women to become pregnant.

"If treated in its early stages,

chlamydia, gonorrhea and pelvic inflammatory disease can be cured," Jagels said.

Studies from the American Social Health Association show that young people are at high risk for sexually-transmitted diseases because two-thirds of the 12 million reported cases of sex-

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Recycling percussionists perform at the closing ceremonies of the Odyssey of the Mind state competition. (Stef Bailey Photo.)

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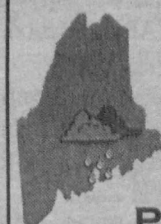
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# World Briefs

## • Political pressure

### IRA scare tactics targeted at Major

**1** BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Commuter trains, London subways, key highways, and now Britain's premier horseracing event: The Irish Republican Army can stop them all with a phone call.

The outlawed group's renewed sabotage campaign in England is putting the IRA and its Sinn Fein party allies back in the spotlight — as a thorn in England's side, but with no dead civilians to explain away.

Their eyes are on the Northern Ireland negotiations, which resume after a May 1 election that may well see Prime Minister John Major lose power and Sinn Fein leaders win seats in the British Parliament.

On Saturday, the IRA forced 60,000 people to evacuate minutes before the Grand National steeplechase at Aintree, northwest England, an event being televised live to millions in Britain and Ireland.

The IRA caller to a local hospital warned of a bomb somewhere in the vast Aintree grounds. Another caller repeated the message to a police station. Bomb-disposal experts spent the afternoon futilely probing innocent bags abandoned by racegoers.

The stunt had Major wondering aloud Sunday what the IRA and its Sinn Fein party allies, now courting votes back home in Northern Ireland, could possibly be thinking.

## • New hope

### Missing diplomats held in captivity

**2** TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran claimed Sunday that four missing Iranian diplomats were kidnapped in 1982 and were being held in jail in Israel.

State-run Tehran television quoted Iran's ambassador in Lebanon, Homayoun Alizadeh, as saying that his embassy was trying to get more information on the four.

"The Iranian diplomats are in the prisons of the Zionist regime," the television quoted Alizadeh as saying.

The Iranians, one of whom is a relative of Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani, were long believed dead.

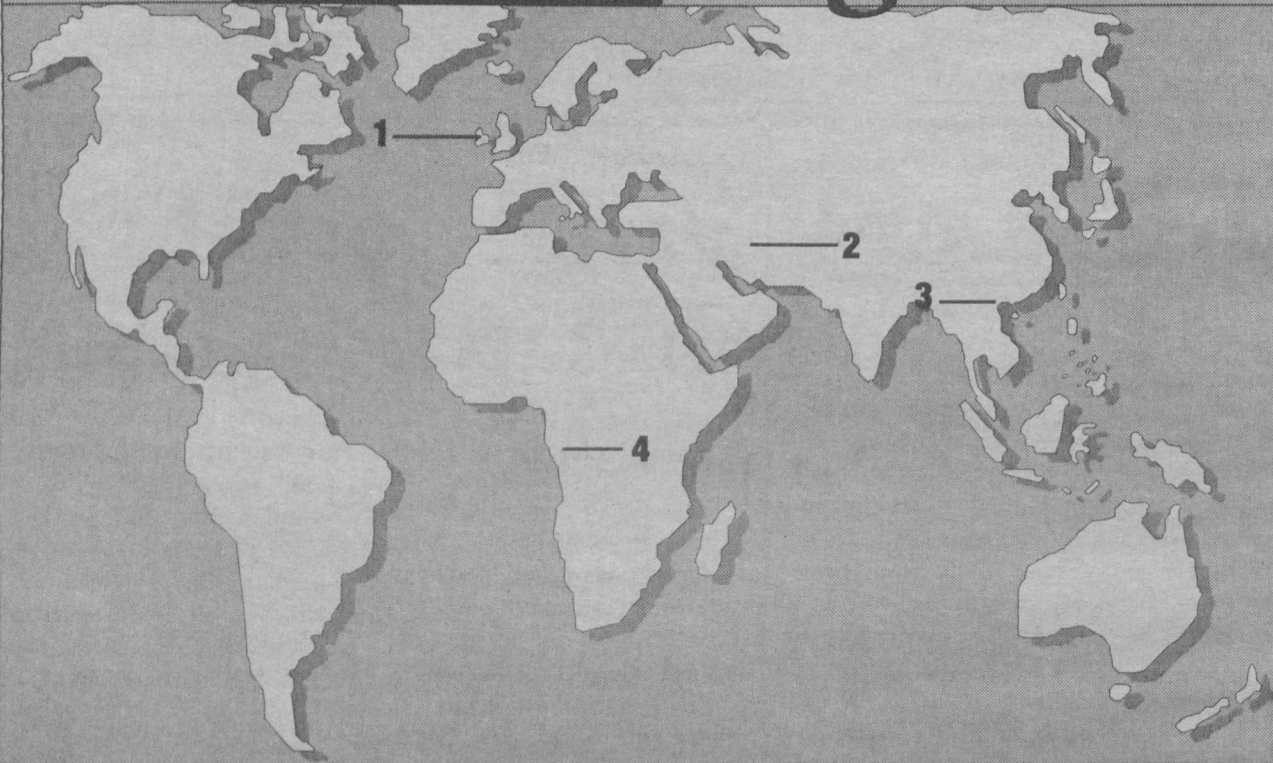
Western intelligence reports have said that the Iranian charge d'affaires Seyyed Mohsen Musavi and the three other diplomats were believed to have been kidnapped and killed by a Christian militia during Lebanon's 1975-1990 civil war.

An Israeli human rights activist said Sunday the Iranians were seen by a Palestinian prisoner at Atlit prison in northern Israel in the late 1980s.

Ahmed Habiballah of the Association of the Friends of Prisoners in Nazareth told The Associated Press his information was from a witness account he received in February.

In a telephone interview from Cairo, Egypt, he said the Israeli Defense Ministry had not responded to his request for clarification.

# World Digest



## • Restructuring

### Growing Vietnamese market attracts U.S.

**3** HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Seeking to develop closer economic ties with Vietnam, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin arrived here Sunday to sign a pact obliging the communist government to repay the wartime debts of South Vietnam.

Rubin is the highest-ranking U.S. economic official to visit Vietnam since the war's end in 1975.

Although President Clinton lifted a decades-old economic embargo on Vietnam in 1994, and the two countries established diplomatic ties in 1995, a full trade pact remains elusive.

Rubin's trip is an acknowledgement of Vietnam's economic progress, moving from one of Asia's poorest countries to an emerging economy embracing market-oriented reforms.

"He's here for an opportunity to see some of the changes that have been taking place firsthand," Treasury Department spokesman Howard Schloss said.

In the mid-1980s, Vietnam embarked on a program of economic reform and liberalization that in recent years has catapulted the country's economy to near double-digit growth.

Vietnam's willingness to absorb South Vietnam's wartime debts is a major step toward better economic ties with Washington.

## • Looming threat

### Leader voices objections; U.S. not backing down

**4** GOMA, Zaire (AP) — Rebel leader Laurent Kabila objected Sunday to the presence of American troops on Zaire's border, calling them a threat to his country's integrity.

"They could move in at any time. They don't recognize the sovereignty of our people," Kabila said at rebel headquarters in eastern Zaire.

"For us it is a threat to our territorial integrity," said Kabila, whose forces have taken control of the eastern third of Zaire during their seven-month campaign to oust dictator Mobutu Sese Seko.

Kabila also said there should be no international intervention in Zaire.

About 1,200 U.S., Belgian, French and British soldiers forces have set up camp in Brazzaville, Congo, across the Zaire River from the Zairian capital of Kinshasa, in case Westerners have to be evacuated. The U.S. warship Nassau is also stationed off the coast of the central African nation, with about 1,000 Marines aboard.

While Kabila didn't say specifically that American troops should leave the region, he apparently fears there are more U.S. soldiers than would be needed to evacuate the 500 or so Americans who live in Zaire.

State Department officials in Washington refused to comment Sunday on Kabila's objections, but reiterated that the possible evacuation is the soldiers' sole purpose.

# Weather

## The Local Forecast

### Today's Weather

Cloudy with a chance of showers in the morning...then partial clearing. Highs in the mid 50s.



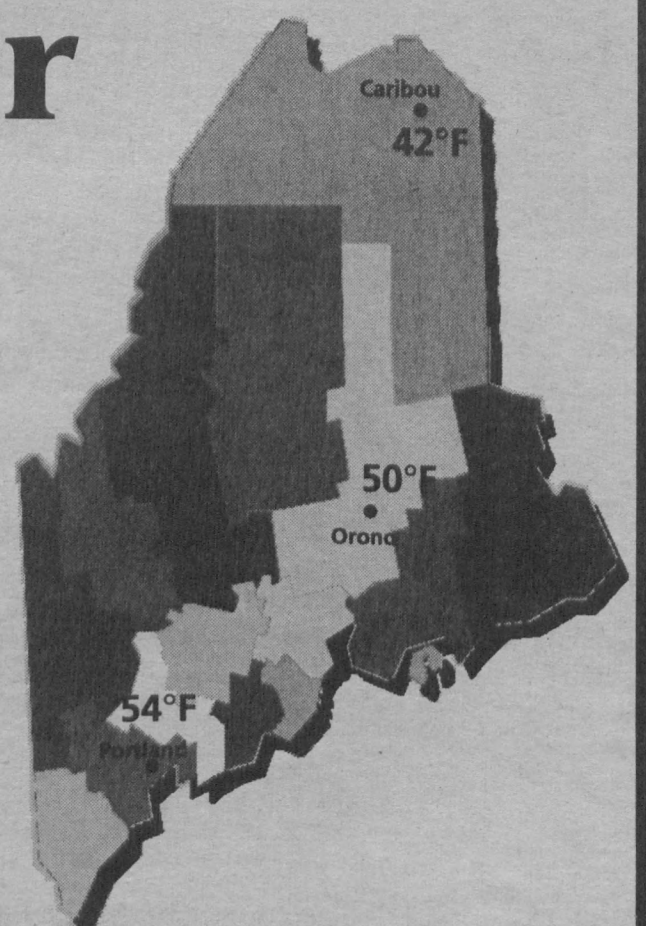
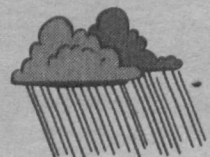
### Tuesday's Outlook

Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s to lower 50s.



### Extended Forecast

Wednesday... Chance of snow showers or flurries. Thursday... Fair. Friday... Fair.





## • Legacy

# University worker brings pride and skill to campus

By Katie Little  
Maine Campus staff

It's noon and while most people at the university rush to the union for tacos and some time to relax, Barbara Guay can be found at her desk sipping on her Cup of Soup and fighting her way through the piles of messages and paper work before her.

Among the papers is a picture of her son and two granddaughters. She also has a picture of her poodle, Babe, next to a large box of Kleenex that she keeps on hand for the cold season.

"Barbara baby-sits us every now and again," Professor of Agronomy Mary Wiedenhoeft said.

Barbara is an administrative assistant for applied ecology and environmental sciences in Deering Hall. She performs a variety of departmental tasks, such as keeping records and requests in order, scheduling meetings, and answering questions from staff and students. Because many of the professors in Deering are involved in research she also answers any questions the public may have about departmental disciplines.

"In this day and age it is necessary for workers at the university to wear many hats because of downsizing," Barbara said. "This is the trend all over campus."

Although Barbara stays busy, she is always friendly and willing to help anyone who needs it. Anyone who walks into Room

105 is greeted with "Can I help you?" accompanied by a sunny smile. She also encourages anyone to help themselves to the candy jar she keeps stocked with chocolates and jelly beans.

Barbara has worked for the university since 1952. She began in the chemical engineering department, for Lyle Jenness, where she typed a paper trade journal. She began working in Deering Hall in 1965.

Since working in Deering, she has worked under eight different chairpersons, including President Frederick Hutchinson.

"I've been around here a long time," she said, smiling. "It's been enjoyable, though, because the people here are nice."

Barbara tries to make life easier for everyone who needs her and is quite successful.

"I've worked with Barbara for 21 years," said applied ecology and environmental sciences chairman Ivan Fernandez. "She's always been exceedingly loyal and helpful."

It is obvious Barbara is fond of co-workers as well. Whenever anyone retires or leaves, for any reason, she organizes or helps with an office party to let them know they are appreciated and will be missed. Fernandez described her as a master of ceremonies.

"If she didn't do this for a living, she could have been a caterer," he said. "She loves to organize functions."

Barbara's family is also important to her. After graduating from Orono High School, she married Dick Guay and moved to Old Town. She has one son, who is the chief engineer on a boat in the Great Lakes. Her

daughter-in-law and two granddaughters live nearby.

Through the years, Barbara has dealt with the loss of friends and loved ones. Despite these losses she has always retained her kindness and support in the workplace.

"It's not anyone's fault when these things happen. Just because you're upset over a personal problem doesn't mean everyone else has to be. If we didn't have bad days it wouldn't be normal," she said.

It is this attitude that makes Barbara popular among the people who come in contact with her.

"She's really sweet," said graduate student Jeffrey Jaros-Su. "She knows us all by name and knows when anyone is sick."

For Barbara, the worst part of her job is losing people in the department with whom she is close. Other than that, she has enjoyed her stint at the university.

"There are many opportunities for a person to further their education or improve on a vocation," she said. "I have always been proud of the fact that I grew up in Orono near our state university."

As for retiring, Barbara doesn't plan on it anytime soon.

"I'm not ready to become a retired television junkie," she said, laughing.

Although she is a small lady physically, she has a big heart and is a diamond in the rough at this university.

"Don't make me sound too important," she said with a look of concern. "There are a lot of exceptional people who work hard at this university. I just happen to be one of the elder ladies."



Barbara Guay in her office in Deering Hall. (Stef Bailey Photo.)

## • Strategy

## Local leaders encouraged by campus spiritual response

By Jason Cunningham  
Special to the Campus

Area religious groups are pleased with their level of spiritual involvement in the campus community, but they hope to improve their efforts in the near future, according to local religious leaders.

"In terms of our presence on campus, I'd say we are effective," said Father Joe Koury, of the Newman Center. "People know who we are and people feel comfortable with us."

On College Avenue in Orono, the Newman Center is a Catholic house of worship. There are 17 religious groups registered as student organizations at the University of Maine.

Historically, campus religious organizations have generally remained passive by letting students come to them. These religious groups are now trying to become more involved in students' spiritual lives, religious leaders said.

"In the past, the approach of the Wilson Center has been passive," said the Rev. Dana C. Reed, of the Wilson Center. "But I'm going to a workshop in Illinois in May that helps you to go out and talk to people."

We're trying to become more proactive."

Other leaders expressed similar intentions.

"We want to be intentionally involved with people," said Scott Brill, of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, an interdenominational Christian organization on campus.

"There's a very strong realization that we have to be active in students' lives," Koury said. "We have to go into the world of the students, not wait for them to come to us."

The religious groups on campus are using a wide range of activities and strategies to reach the campus community.

"We have dorm Bible studies and group discussions," Brill said. "We also have a group called the Witness Team that meets once a week in order to figure out ways to demonstrate the Christian faith to others. Our primary focus is to reach out individually."

Koury said, "We reach out spiritually by being available to serve on campus committees, such as Campus Living and Student Affairs, and participating in campus pro-

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## INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED???

# Elections for President & of OFF CAMPUS BOARD

April 11- Nominations Close

April 21- Absentee Voting

April 22- Election Day

### Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology will

sponsor a colloquium by Dr. Marie Caulfield entitled

"Personal and relationship predictors of dating violence" on

Thursday, April 10, 1997, 4 p.m. in 115 Donald Corbett Business Building. A reception will be held after the colloquium in Peabody Lounge of the Memorial Union. Dr. Caulfield is a Research Clinical Psychologist at the Women's Health Sciences Division at the National Center for PTSD, Boston VA Medical Center. In addition, she is an assistant clinical professor with the Department of Psychiatry at Tufts University School of Medicine.



## • United Sisters

# Equal rights a major priority for teen-age girls' group

By Tricia Lagasse  
Special to the Campus

Portraits of power, leadership and confidence cover the wall. The eyes of the women in the photos seem to keep vigil over the conference room. Their dreams of a society in which women are equal to men today are being carried on by a room full of teen-age girls and a mentor named Charley.

As the teens munch animal crackers and popcorn, they discuss their participation in an upcoming conference for high school girls. Not only do they talk business, but whatever else is on their minds. This is a place for teen-age girls to interact.

Together. United. As sisters.

United Sisters is a group of teens — eighth-graders to seniors in high school — who meet once a week at the Women's Resource Center at the University of Maine. United Sisters' open-door policy welcomes all young women interested in

exploring issues that affect them in today's society.

"Feminism is a good thing," said Amy Bernhardt, one of the girls. "Women are being short-changed in a lot of areas. We haven't reached equality, and there are things we can do."

Charley Martin, the girls' mentor and friend, sits back and listens carefully. Martin said the weekly meeting of area high school girls provides a safe place for them. It's a supportive environment where they can talk without being ridiculed, she said.

For these teens, the Women's Resource Center is the only place where they can be confident about freely discussing feminism and women's issues. Problems with teachers who reinforce gender roles, male-oriented gym classes, isolation from other classmates and what kind of week they have had are some of the topics the girls discuss.

Abby Thibeau, a member, said, "The group is really important to me. We're

doing stuff that few girls are doing."

Martin, a UMaine junior, said she enjoys collaborating projects for the center and with United Sisters. The center encourages work-study students like Martin to develop programs and show leadership in carrying them out. Martin, 19, is a young role model with whom the girls can identify. Her role is to present the resources that enable the group to meet. Such resources include a conference room at the center and materials to make pamphlets and posters. The rest is up to them.

"It is about girls and for girls," Martin said. She does not try to tell them what to do. The girls run the meetings and make the decisions, including the issues to discuss and the activities to undertake.

United Sisters has three main goals: to talk about issues high school girls confront daily, provide a mechanism to take political action on these issues and serve as an advisory committee to the Women's Resource Center.

United Sisters members also travel to

local high schools, speak at conferences and present workshops. On the road, they inspire others to think about issues young women face. Gender equality in education is the group's top concern. The group hopes that spreading this message will encourage high schools to structure programs that are more adaptable to women. Starting young, these teens learn about feminism and how to use it in society.

United Sisters also acts as an advisory board to the Women's Resource Center. Sharon Barker, the center's director, asks the group for their opinions about gender equity and other issues facing teen girls. Most recently, the girls participated in the Expanding Your Horizons Conference, which encourages hands-on experience in science, math and engineering.

As for the group's future, Martin said, "The United Sisters' role comes from the girls. They decide what they want to come from the community, the campus and the message of feminism."

## Odyssey

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versity. They've put in an average of 20 hours per week to get here."

Over the course of about six months, each group works together to develop a solution to a long-term problem, devised by the International OM Association, and hones its brainstorming skills for the spontaneous segment of the competition.

"OM teaches the students to work together and that they have to give a little for the benefit of the team," said Joyce Allen, a parent volunteer from Cunningham Middle School in Presque Isle.

Students learn about a variety of subjects and develop their thinking skills through OM. But more importantly, OM provides a chance for kids to enjoy their education.

"It's a great way to unwind," said Abby Havener, a freshman from Leavitt

High School in Turner who has been involved in OM for five years. "It's nerve-racking and spontaneous and joyful all at once."

OM was created more than 20 years ago by Sam Micklus, a college professor who felt that students needed a fun yet educational outlet to develop their creativity.

"It's something exciting to do," said Ryan Graber, a fourth-grader from Limestone participating in OM for the first time.

Each year, Micklus and his staff create the five problems students can choose to solve. Structural engineering, vehicle or robot design, literature, history and the arts are often the basis for problems.

For example, Havener's team had to build a robot that would complete cer-

tain tasks. The team also had to write and perform an eight-minute skit, spending less than \$75 on props and costumes, to present their robot in a creative manner.

"We used a cowboy theme, said teammate Hall. "Since robots are futuristic, we decided to be different and set our play in the past."

Interest in OM has been growing in Maine in the last few years, with more than 8,000 students participating in the regional championships this spring.

Students who won at Saturday's competition advance to the World Finals, which will be held in June at the University of Maryland at College Park. The week-long, international competition includes teams from all 50 states, as well as students from 20 foreign nations.

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**Deadline: Friday, April 11, 1997 by 12:00 PM**

Application forms can be picked up and returned together with a letter of nomination or endorsement to the Center for Students and Community Life, Attn. Mr. Dwight Rideout, Dean of Students, Third Floor, Memorial Union. 581-1406



## • Conversation

# Marine biologist lectures on sharks and science

By Kathryn Ritchie  
Maine Campus staff

Due to quackery in new age medicine, 100 million sharks are killed a year worldwide, according to a New England Aquarium guest speaker who spoke Friday in Libby Hall.

"I'm not anti-fishing; what I am is pro-sustainable populations," Paul Erickson said, adding that people believe shark cartilage will cure cancer. "They're slow to reproduce but easy to wipe out."

Erickson alternated his talk about

sharks, the Red Sea, the Burgess Shale and various sea creatures with a slide show of vivid, colorful sea life set to acoustic music.

He said the Red Sea is "like a giant tidal pool." With 200 feet of visibility under water, the sea is home to hound fish, wrasse and blue butterfly fish, as well as a host of others who use their own kinds of "chemical warfare" to protect themselves.

"The bio-diversity is mind-blowing," he said.

Erickson showed slides he took while

on a shark-cage expedition in another ocean. Because of the food dropped in the water to attract blue sharks, he said, they were nibbling on everything.

"It's not nearly as dangerous as driving to work every morning," Erickson said. "The danger of sharks is so highly exaggerated it's beyond belief."

He showed underwater footage of another expedition, in which a baby whale shark hung around him and his crew for two hours. Flat-headed and mottled-looking, the shark enjoyed having the crew pet its lips and sides. Erickson said that although they are harmless, his head was saying, "Get out of the way!"

While showing his paintings of hammerhead sharks, he surprised the audience by saying they hammerheads do use their heads as hammers — just not in the ways depicted in cartoons. Hammerheads use the flat part of their heads to knock out prey swimming under them, such as sting rays.

Erickson demonstrated just how malleable science is with his own "Twinkie science." Erickson unwrapped a Twinkie and stuck two rows of four toothpicks in its "back." The Twinkie then resembled a

creature found at Burgess Shale in British Columbia in the 1980s by Stephen Gould, which he named *Hallucigenia*. Erickson said that in the 1990s scientists found some more fossils of the creature and literally turned it upside down. Instead of having toothpicks on its back, the Twinkie was now supported by "legs" on its "belly." Erickson said Gould responded to the new theory by saying, "Oh yeah, I didn't think of it that way."

The moral of the story? Nothing is gospel and it pays to be a wise guy if you're a student, Erickson said.

Another example is the notion of continental drift. When Erickson was a student, teachers didn't believe that the continents had originally been bonded together. But now scientists take it for granted.

Erickson was brought to the University of Maine by the department of plant biology and pathology and the School of Marine Science. Susan Brawley, a professor of plant biology, introduced Erickson, saying, "This is sort of like having Bill Nye the Science Guy come up."

She brought her students to the lecture and thought it was a good opportunity for them to meet someone in marine science.

## Checkmate



Ray Hemstock (left) and Aaron Patton play in an ongoing chess ladder tournament. (Eli Knidel Photo.)

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## STD

ually transmitted diseases each year occur in people under 25.

The campus organization SHARE works at making more people on campus

aware of the many sexually-transmitted diseases and how to protect themselves from them, Eric Chapman, a member of SHARE, said.

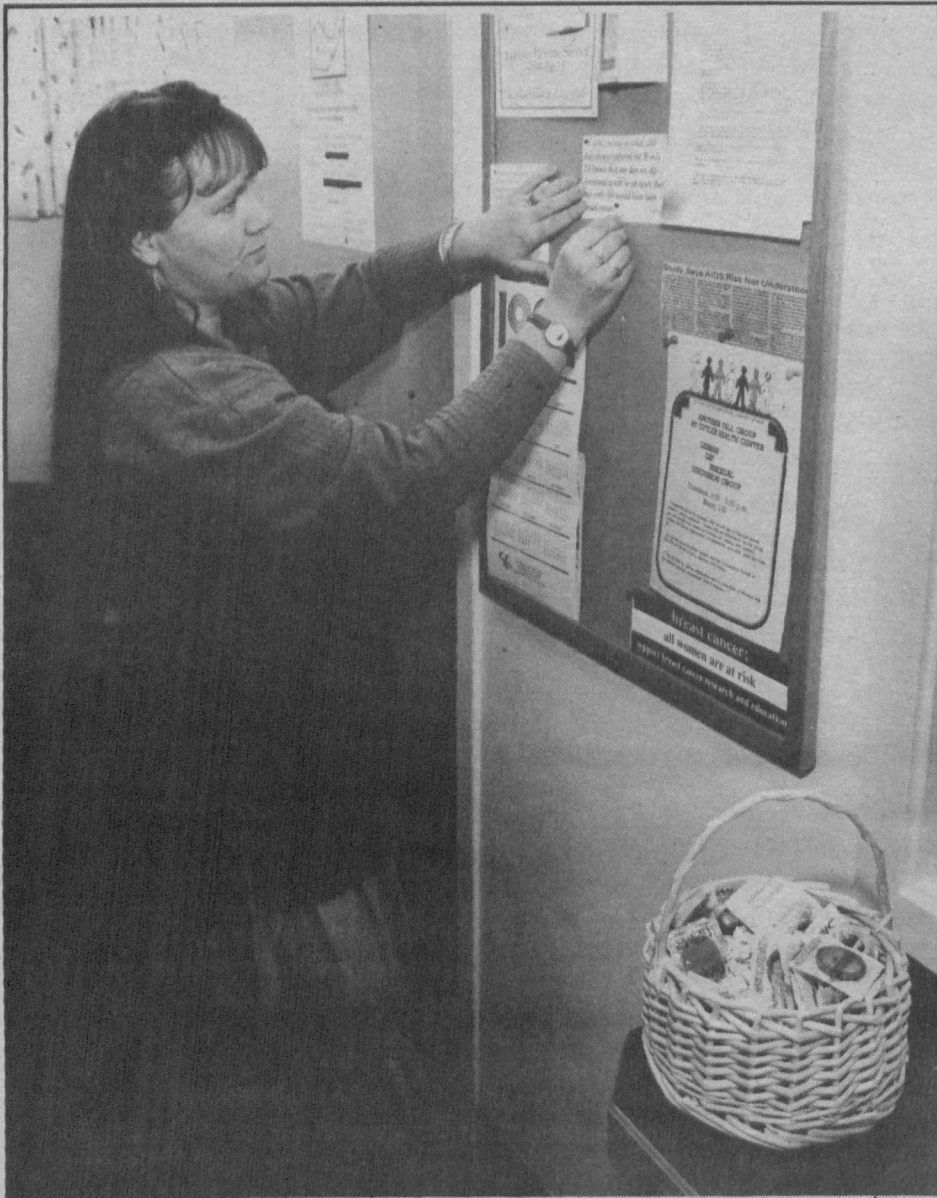
"We usually do short plays such as 'Pillow Talk' and 'Look What's Up' that show people how to be open with their partner about STDs and where they can get help for STDs," Chapman said.

The SHARE organization usually

takes requests to perform their plays at resident halls, which has resulted in a positive response from students, Chapman said.

The American Social Health Association has several toll-free hotlines for STDs ranging from AIDS, Herpes, Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, from which individuals can receive counseling and find out where they can go for free STD testing.

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Jean Anne Sturup, a secretary at Cutler Health Services Women's Clinic, stresses the importance of getting tested for chlamydia if at risk. (File Photo.)

## Schmidt

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"I did not want this to be a feminist biography, because there is so much more to her than that," Schmidt said. "There are many sides and facets to this woman."

Schmidt said she enjoyed the work she did on her book so much that she is looking to do another biography in the future. She said she has two individuals in mind whom she would like to work on for another biography.

"This was the biggest intellectual thrill of my life. I look forward to do another biography in the future, simply because of this reason," Schmidt said.

Ellen King, president of the History Graduate Student Association, said she found Schmidt's discussion inspiring and interesting.

"It was nice to hear of her perspective," King said.

History graduate student Marilyn Costanzo agreed with King.

"I have an interest in publishing my works someday, and I found Schmidt's words to be very encouraging, as well as interesting," Costanzo said.

Michael Albert, Schmidt's editor at University of Maine Press, said Schmidt's work on Smith is informational to those who read it.

"I believe this piece is an important source book for understanding the history of Maine in the last two-thirds of the century," Albert said. "Schmidt touches on every aspect of Smith's life."

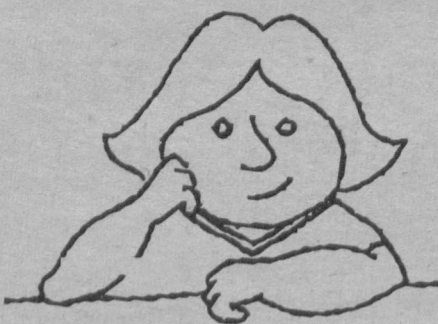
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# State News

## • Conservation

### Electricity shortage possible for summer months

PORTLAND (AP) — Maine residents may be asked to cut down on their electricity consumption this summer to head off what utilities fear could develop into a shortage.

Electric demand in New England is highest during the summer because of air conditioners.

Normally there's plenty of power in reserve, but with five nuclear reactors out of operation, including Maine Yankee, utilities are worried there won't be enough.

The utilities will release a plan soon to alert residents and businesses about this summer's shortfall. Mainers may see "con-

servation day" and "power watch" advisories this summer, asking them to cut unnecessary energy use.

These advisories, modeled after a program used last year in Connecticut, would resemble the familiar weather alerts used to forecast approaching storms.

"There will be a role for the public to play in helping utilities manage what will be a tight energy supply," says Mark Ishkanian, a spokesman for Central Maine Power Co.

For months now, utilities have been reactivating old generating stations and upgrading others. But an extended heat wave

or the sudden breakdown of a large power plant could push available capacity to the limit.

If less severe actions aren't enough, local utilities could then be forced to turn off groups of customers on a rotating basis, shedding portions of the region's electric load to keep the entire system from going down. This technique has never been used before in New England.

Officials hope education will prevent such drastic measures.

The regional program pending for this summer will be carried out on television and

radio, in newspapers and probably on the Internet. Myra Humphries, a spokeswoman for Northeast Utilities, says it will make people aware that the six states are connected by a shared power supply, and that electricity use in Maine has an impact in Connecticut.

She said a similar program in Connecticut last summer persuaded many customers to conserve.

"The purpose is to tell people what's going on," she says. "Most people don't know how power pools work and what capacity is."

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## Spirit

grams such as orientation. We also meet with students on campus. Our strategy is to be present on campus and to be available."

The Wilson Center will be offering more activities to the campus community in the near future, Reed said. Included among these will be conferences and group discussions concerning issues such as spiritual growth.

With such a diversity of religious beliefs on campus, it is important not to alienate certain groups while reaching out to the campus community as a whole, religious leaders said.

"We give value to other faiths," Reed said. "The Wilson Center has always tried to embody that sense of respect."

Brill said, "Our goal is to raise the issues for the people. We're not trying to control anybody. We raise issues that everybody deals with."

Koury said, "We have a pretty good relationship with other religions and other Christian denominations. We respect other religions' activities. We're very accommodating to other religions."

Religious leaders said their efforts have created mixed results.

"When we do things by ourselves, there's not a lot of response," Koury said. "But when we do things with other groups, more people take notice."

In fact, in addition to the student popula-


tion, some other organizations on campus have taken notice.

"Cutler Health Center and the Counseling Center have been talking about spirituality in students' lives," Koury said. "There's a realization that a person's spiritual health is important."

However, not everyone on campus has a favorable view of religion.

"The students I've encountered have been wonderful," Reed said. "But I know there are some out there who wouldn't give me the time of day. There are some who don't like religion at all. You have to be careful. You can't go where you're not invited, but you have to maintain an open stance."

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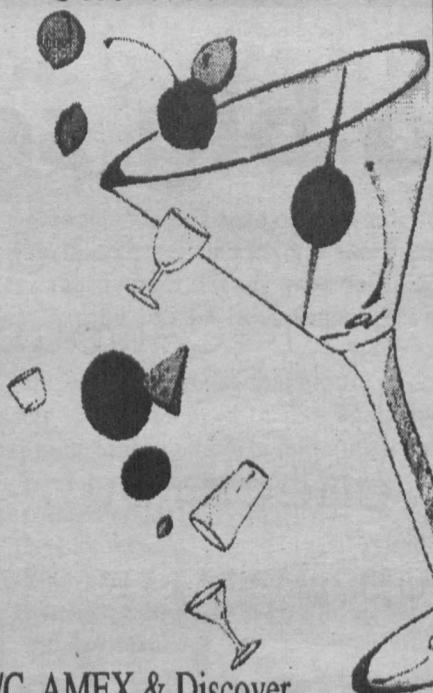
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# Debate

## Uncertainties over dioxin risk lengthen dispute

AUGUSTA (AP) — Lawmakers and activists begin debate this week on Gov. Angus King's proposal for eliminating dioxin discharges from Maine's rivers.

The governor's bill, supported by industry, would put the state in the forefront of dioxin regulation in the United States.

But it doesn't go far enough for a coalition of environmental and other groups. They back a competing measure that would set even tighter standards for Maine's mills.

"These bills are significant nationwide," said Sen. Sharon Treat, D-Gardiner, the committee's co-chairwoman. "There's just a whole lot of public interest."

Dioxin is formed in kraft-paper mills

that bleach wood pulp with chlorine to make it white.

Dioxin was discovered in fish from rivers below several Maine mills in 1984. Contamination levels have gone down significantly since then as mills altered their production processes.

But on parts of the Androscoggin, Kennebec and Penobscot rivers, the state still warns people to limit their fish consumption because of dioxin.

The federal government says dioxin probably causes cancer. It can also damage the reproductive and immune systems.

Last spring, King announced that he had reached an agreement with the paper industry to eliminate dioxin discharges

and eventually lift the fish consumption advisories on the rivers.

His bill sets deadlines in 1998 and 1999 for mills to stop producing the two most toxic forms of dioxin. By 2003, dioxin levels in fish in rivers below the mills must be no higher than in fish upstream. To meet the law, mills will stop bleaching wood pulp with pure chlorine gas and switch to a compound called chlorine dioxide.

Industry supports the new bleaching method because it has worked in other mills and seems to produce no dioxin.

But the environmental coalition says King's proposal doesn't truly eliminate dioxin. Tiny amounts of the chemical will still

be formed with the technologies allowed in the governor's bill, the coalition says.

It is lobbying for an alternative measure, which would require mills to use bleaching systems that are totally chlorine-free.

Much of the dispute over dioxin revolves around how risky dioxin is.

King, the paper industry and others argue that making fish safe to eat is a good benchmark for public health and safety.

But others note that scientists have never found a level of dioxin that is not harmful to humans. They say the only way to protect public health is the absolute elimination of the chemical.

# Assault

## York Harbor man accused of crossing the line in history class

BIDDEFORD (AP) — A May 6 hearing is scheduled for a man appearing in class in the role of a Colonial-era character who allegedly struck a fifth-grader and fired a blank cartridge at the child's desk seat.

Patrick Grace of York Harbor, who was dressed up as "Captain Tucker" during an appearance at Kennedy School on March 17, denied an assault charge, and said he has done many school programs and has never been accused of any wrongdoing.

Police said the problems began when the substitute teacher in charge of the class left the room. Grace passed around

a looking glass for the students to examine. When he asked for it back, one of the students was slow to return it.

The 57-year-old Grace grabbed it from the 11-year-old boy, allegedly scratching the boy below his right eye.

Grace then pulled the boy out of his seat and pushed him against another desk. "He then stated to the student, 'I don't like you,' and struck him twice with an open hand," said Police Chief Roger Beaupre. He called the boy a name and said "he didn't need to take his abuse."

The boy left the room "visibly shaken and upset."

Grace told the class: "In colonial days,

we would have made him walk the plank." He then pointed an "antique gun" at the boy's vacant seat and fired a blank cartridge. Beaupre did not know what kind of gun was fired.

"Now he's gone," Grace told the class. Grace then continued with his presentation, occasionally lashing desks with a leather strap and uttering vulgarities and profanity.

Police were called to the school after school authorities learned of the situation. They met with Grace at the Biddeford Police station. He gave police a statement and was ordered to appear in court on May 6.

Grace had been affiliated with the Old York Historical Society until he resigned last July, said Jennifer Lapp, the society's education director.

He was hired by the Kennedy School Parent-Teacher Organization at the request of one of the Kennedy School teachers, officials said. The school has cancelled the rest of his presentations.

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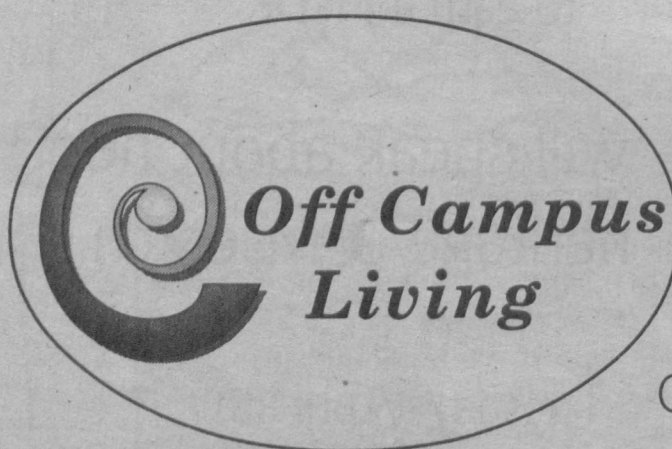
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## • Overpopulation

# Deer reintroduction backfires for Monhegan residents

MONHEGAN ISLAND PLANTATION (AP) — An expert sharpshooter is being brought in to eliminate 40 of the 60 deer living on this mid-coastal island in a desperate effort to stop the rapid spread of Lyme disease.

The disease, which is spread by deer ticks, has infected 10 percent of the human population of this island nine miles from the mainland.

Town officials and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife said they approved the kill after other efforts to decrease the deer population failed.

"Nobody's happy about doing this," says First Assessor Chris Smith. "People are upset. It hasn't been an easy decision, but it seems to be the only way. The

health of the community is at stake."

Venison from the hunt will be donated to a food pantry.

White-tailed deer were introduced to Monhegan in 1955. By the late 1980s, however, residents were having second thoughts.

An increasing problem with garden damage, the emergence of Lyme disease and concerns that the island habitat cannot support a large deer herd led many residents to consider trimming the herd.

In 1991, the town approved a program to reduce the tick population by feeding the deer corn treated with Ivermectin, a drug poisonous to adult ticks.

More than 10 tons of treated corn have been fed to the deer in the past three years with little effect, officials said. They

said the abundance of feed actually increased the deer population.

Last December, the town voted to ask the state to implement the deer-reduction program, preferably this spring before a new generation of deer could be born.

The state rejected a proposal to inject female deer with contraceptives because it would not reduce deer numbers quickly enough. The state also rejected a proposal to trap and transfer deer elsewhere as ineffective and extremely costly.

The shooting, which began late Thursday, is being done by Dr. Anthony DiNicola, a wildlife scientist and sharpshooter who has conducted deer-reduction projects throughout New England. The venison, free of Ivermectin since the feed-

ings stopped last fall, will be donated to the needy through the state's Hunters for the Hungry program.

Although deer reduction programs have been effective elsewhere, state biologists warn the deer kill could lead to a short-term increase in the threat of Lyme disease as ticks look for new hosts.

Residents, however, say any risks are outweighed by the long-term dangers of the disease.

"Everybody hates to have to do this, but we are dealing with a serious health issue," said islander Luke Church. "The other thing is that if we don't reduce the herd quickly, this population explosion will continue this year and we'll have widespread starvation next winter."

## • No plan

# Despite improvements, support for AMHI dwindles

AUGUSTA (AP) — Enhanced security and better communication have made the Augusta Mental Health Institute a safer place, but questions remain about the state hospital's future.

One year after a female patient was stabbed to death by a male patient, low morale, driven by downsizing and uncertainty about AMHI's future in Maine's state mental health system, continues to plague the deteriorating, 157-year-old institution.

It was a year ago that Wrendy Hayne, a 33-year-old South Portland resident who had spent almost 14 years of her life under the state's care, was stabbed to death, allegedly by Harold Pulsifer, a voluntary patient.

Subsequent investigations found hospital staff had known about Pulsifer's violent tendencies and did not take firm steps to keep him away from Hayne.

One year later, Pulsifer has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to Hayne's murder. Hayne's parents plan a lawsuit they hope will bring them a formal admission that the state was responsible for their daughter's death.

AMHI has taken formal steps to pre-

vent a repeat of the tragedy. All staffers have undergone domestic violence awareness training. A new policy has been instituted that encourages works to notify police of criminal behavior.

Inside AMHI, communication has improved. Staff from different wards talk to one another and with supervisors about patients, especially when a relationship looks risky or harmful.

The changes are being driven from the top, where a new management team is practicing "tough love" and a new medical staff is adding continuity to treatment programs.

But much at AMHI has not changed. Graffiti scars some buildings. AMHI workers are scarred as well, by years of state-ordered downsizing, uncertainty and criticism.

"Morale is still in the toilet. They've been under the gun for so long they don't see any future at AMHI," said Mary Anne Turowski of the Maine State Employees Association.

The problem runs deeper than the staff, said Helen Bailey, the lawyer who represents current and former AMHI patients in an eight-year-old class action suit

against the state. That suit resulted in the 1990 consent decree, a court document that now governs care of AMHI residents.

Bailey said conditions at AMHI have improved but "I wouldn't want anyone I love dearly to go to that place."

Since last April, the population at AMHI has dropped, from 160 the day Hayne was murdered, to 93 last week. Staff continues to shrink, with another 95 layoffs scheduled for May.

Critics say the state government is so determined to shrink AMHI that patients are moving out too quickly and, more importantly, the state will not admit new patients who need care.

Gov. Angus King and Melodie Peet, his mental health commissioner, have rejected the recommendations of a stakeholders group that said AMHI should be closed this fall. Money has been budgeted to keep AMHI running for the next two years.

Still, King and Peet continue to downsize AMHI and shift patients and resources to community settings. No one is sure exactly what the future holds.

"We still don't have a plan. The state has still not defined what we're in the business of doing," said Joan Pendexter, a former Republican senator who led last summer's legislative investigation into the Hayne murder.

## • Buy out

# Feds buy Maine boats to help out fish populations

PORTLAND (AP) — The federal government will buy four more Maine fishing vessels from their owners as part of a \$23 million effort to reduce the size of the fishing fleet.

The National Marine Fisheries Service announced Friday it has approved \$790,000 to retire boats in Port Clyde, Portland, Brooksville and Phippsburg.

Last week, the agency approved \$1.355 million to buy back three other boats.

Overfishing has depleted stocks of groundfish to an all-time low, prompting the buyback program and regulations restricting fishing.

Federal officials say the buyouts should reduce the capacity of the active fishing fleet from 20 percent to 25 percent.

Boats are chosen based on the amount of fish they have caught and the boat prices the owners list on their applications. A total of 164 boat owners have applied.

Those chosen must make sure their vessels are never used to fish again by scrapping, sinking them or donating them to a government or nonprofit agency for research or education.

The buyouts announced Friday include \$140,000 to Ro-Jo, Inc. of Port Clyde for the Scottish; \$200,000 to Harold F. Seal, Inc. of Portland for the January Cold; \$250,000 to John D. Cousins, Jr. of Brooksville for the Haley's Comet II and \$200,000 to Lewis C. Moore of Phippsburg for the Harriet Stone.

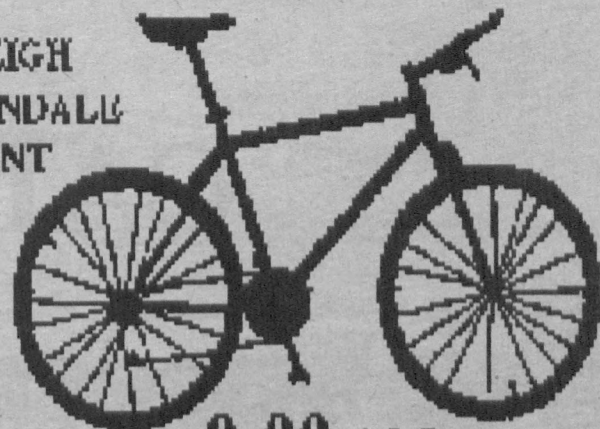
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# National News

## • Standstill

### U.S. attempts to mediate new Mideast negotiations

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials pleaded Sunday for Israeli and Palestinian leaders to shed their hardline stances and renew face-to-face consultations as President Clinton prepared to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat insists building must stop on an Israeli housing project in east Jerusalem before longstanding disagreements can be resolved. Netanyahu pressed his case Sunday with his closest friend among Arab leaders, King Hussein of Jordan, who was recovering from prostate surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

The U.S. government, meanwhile, urged the two sides to agree to a face-to-face meeting to salvage a shaky Middle East peace process.

"The United States remains committed to securing a just, lasting and comprehensive peace between Israel and her neighbors," said Bill Richardson, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. "But, in the end, the success of the process depends on the willingness of the Palestinians and the Israelis to work together as negotiating partners."

Richardson, addressing the influential American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee, said, "We are very concerned at the significant and rapid decline in the confi-

dence that the Palestinians and the Israeli government have in each other and, to some extent, in the process itself."

Vice President Al Gore also was to address AIPAC's annual meeting. Netanyahu was scheduled to make an appearance Monday after meeting with Clinton, members of Congress and Jewish groups.

With the peace process stalled since last month amid increasing violence in the Middle East, U.S. officials have suggested it may take another Camp David-like negotiating session to force both sides to resolve their differences in a private setting.

But first, Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and U.S. diplomats were meeting with both sides to find possible compromises. Neither the Israelis nor the Palestinians appeared ready to budge.

Arafat, who went over the weekend to a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement of developing nations in New Delhi, India, sent Clinton a letter saying any U.S. initiative must include a pledge by Israel to stop construction on disputed land — especially the Jewish Har Homa project in east Jerusalem, which the Palestinians claim as a future capital.

But work went on in the settlement Sunday and Israeli Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh told Israel army radio, "I

can only state unequivocally that the construction in Jerusalem, the building in Har Homa, will continue."

Still, Clinton is expected to ask Netanyahu to freeze settlement building for the duration of peace talks while the United States presses Arafat to take a clear position opposing terrorism.

Netanyahu has told his cabinet the U.S. initiative would be based on his proposal to move up negotiations on a permanent peace agreement, with a goal of wrapping up talks on the most difficult issues of Palestinian statehood, borders and Jerusalem in six to nine months. Arafat sees this as a ruse to get around the current building dispute and the Oslo peace agreement that outlined stages for Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank.

U.S. officials were keeping quiet on any discussions. "We're going to go into a cone of silence publicly about our deliberations, but we're very active," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said.

Richardson emphasized that, no matter what, "Terrorism is never an acceptable alternative to negotiation."

But Palestinian Cabinet minister Hanan Ashrawi, who came to Washington to meet with Albright, indicated that the Palestinians will not resume cooperation with Israel on preventing terrorist attacks until the Har Homa and other Israeli West Bank expansion disputes are settled.

"We have a clear position ... not to separate the various issues, especially the security, political and economic issues," she said. "All are part of the same aspect of the peace process."

The start of the Har Homa construction on March 18 was followed by almost daily demonstrations in the West Bank, most of them organized by Arafat's Fatah faction, and by a suicide bombing that killed three Israeli women and the bomber in a Tel Aviv cafe. Israel accused Arafat of giving militant groups the green light for such attacks, but he has denied this.

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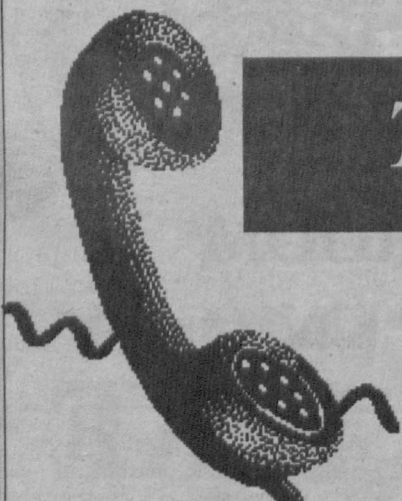
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## • Denials

# Inconsistencies cloud possible White House wrongdoing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Coffee klatches were not fund-raisers. Except they were. The computer database was not political. Wrong, it was. Nobody knew that a disgraced presidential pal had landed a big-money job. Turns out, somebody did know.

With stories constantly shifting, things are never what they seem at the White House.

It's a pattern as old as Bill Clinton's national political career: He or his aides respond to a controversy and hold firm to their explanation — as long as it holds up. When the bubble bursts, the explanations change. Mistakes were made. A memory was jogged. That's not what he meant to say.

"This White House has mastered the art of the carefully crafted fib," said Larry Sabato, a University of Virginia political scientist.

During the 1992 presidential campaign, Clinton's denials about avoiding the Vietnam draft, cloaked in legalese and rife with verbal loopholes, proved false or misleading with each new development.

Contorted explanations have been a hallmark of Clinton White House contro-

versies. Some examples from recent months:

—Stung by news that donors were sipping coffee with Clinton at the White House, aides said the events were not fund-raisers. They called them "opportunities for citizens to discuss issues."

Quaint phrase. But internal files later forced Clinton to acknowledge that he expected his coffee guests to be asked subsequently to make donations to the Democratic National Committee.

—Trying to distance himself from the growing controversy, Clinton said fund raising was a Democratic National Committee operation.

Once documents showed the White House was micromanaging the effort, the story changed. "It's long been abundantly apparent that we worked very closely with the DNC day in and day out," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

—The White House says a database it created with taxpayer funds was for official purposes only. But the presidential aide who oversaw the project envisioned it as a key to rewarding donors, and a Democratic fund-raiser called it a valuable resource.

—Vice President Al Gore says a Bud-

hist temple event in California was "community outreach." Shown conflicting documents by reporters, Gore's staff later conceded that it was a fund-raiser.

—McCurry told reporters in December that Bruce Lindsey and other presidential aides did not learn about the Lippo Group's hiring of Webster Hubbell until press accounts last year.

It is an important denial because Hubbell, who resigned his top Justice Department post under an ethical cloud in March 1994, is a Whitewater figure and Lippo is a key part of the Democratic cash-for-access scandal.

A month later, the White House acknowledged that Lindsey knew in 1994 that an Indonesian company had hired the disgraced Hubbell. The blame was laid on miscommunication between Lindsey, a White House lawyer and McCurry.

This is the history of revisions and retractions that will color White House statements about the latest puzzle: Why was Hubbell, with the help of presidential aides, able to land lucrative work after leaving Justice?

Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr, frustrated by Hubbell's memory lapses after he agreed to cooperate, wants to

know if the jobs bought Hubbell's silence.

Clinton says the aides acted out of compassion for an old friend they believed had done no wrong. "No one had any idea about ... what the nature of the allegations were against Mr. Hubbell or whether they were true," the president said.

But at the time his aides were finding Hubbell work, allegations that he bilked his former law firm were well known, and widespread reports suggested that then-Whitewater prosecutor Robert Fiske was investigating the claims.

Hubbell says he denied wrongdoing in a July 1994 conversation with Clinton at the presidential retreat in Camp David, Md. The meeting, kept secret until last week, occurred maybe a month after:

—James Riady, an old Clinton pal who runs Lippo, visited the president at the White House.

—A few days after the Riady meeting, a Lippo affiliate hired Hubbell, reportedly paying him \$100,000.

Despite the timing, Clinton says he didn't know about the Lippo employment until newspapers reported it two years later.

## • Space shuttle

# Defective fuel cell forces premature touchdown

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Columbia and its seven astronauts will return to Earth on Tuesday, 12 days earlier than planned, because of a deteriorating and potentially explosive power generator.

It is only the third time in space shuttle history that a mission has been cut short by equipment failure.

While NASA considered commander James Halsell Jr. and his crew to be in no immediate danger, shuttle managers did not want to take any chances with the generator and, on Sunday, cut short the 16-day science mission.

"The conservative thing to do is land on Tuesday," shuttle program manager Tommy Holloway announced at a hastily arranged news conference.

Holloway said a Monday landing was ruled out in order to allow for an orderly return, and because Columbia's two other electricity-producing fuel cells were working fine.

The fear was that hydrogen fuel and oxygen in the degraded generator could mix, overheat and blow up if voltage in the unit dropped far enough. Flight controllers had the astronauts turn off the unit Sunday to reduce, if not eliminate, that risk. The crew also shut down all non-critical equipment to conserve power.

"Our plans would be to manage this fuel cell in a way that's not a threat to crew safety and, indeed, we are extremely confident in the two remaining fuel cells and their ability to support an order-

ly and methodical preparation for landing, and landing," Holloway said.

To slow the decline in voltage, Mission Control first had the astronauts reduce the power load on the degraded fuel cell. But the voltage continued to dwindle. Engineers debated a few hours before deciding to shut down the unit — once turned off, it cannot be restarted in the event another fuel cell fails.

While a shuttle can land safely with two fuel cells, it's uncertain what would happen if only one fuel cell was available because of all the vital systems that would have to be shut down for lack of power.

Each \$5 million fuel cell uses hydrogen and oxygen to generate electricity for the numerous shuttle systems, and produces water as a byproduct. National Aeronautics and Space Administration flight rules stipulate that all three fuel cells be working properly in orbit, otherwise a mission must be cut short.

Mission Control had been monitoring the mysterious decline in voltage in the fuel cell since Friday's liftoff. As it turns out, brief jumps in voltage were detected in the unit several hours before launch, but managers determined it was working properly and cleared Columbia for flight.

Holloway admitted that "with 20-20 hindsight," the countdown should have been halted and the fuel cell replaced. Launch controllers made the best decision at the time with the data available, he said.

Engineers have no idea why the fuel cell slowly was losing voltage. The unit

has flown before in space without problems.

A failed fuel cell forced an early landing during NASA's second shuttle flight in 1981; in that case, the unit was flooded with water. The only other time a shuttle mission was cut short for equipment failure was in 1991, because of a failed navigation unit.

Halsell did not sound surprised when Mission Control radioed up the bad news.

"That's certainly a disappointment," Halsell said, "but we know you guys put your best effort forward and you're doing the right thing and we appreciate all the work that's gone into that."

Mission Control immediately began

planning for a Tuesday afternoon landing of Columbia — which wasn't supposed to return until April 20 — at the Kennedy Space Center. And the astronauts rushed to complete as many laboratory experiments in the time remaining.

Scientists who had been preparing for more than three years for the mission were devastated. They expected to complete no more than 15 percent of their experiments, if that.

The researchers are hoping their fire, metal, crystal and plant experiments will fly on a future shuttle mission.

"We're hanging on to that glimmer of hope," said NASA mission scientist Michael Robinson.



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## • Juries

## Anti-government sentiments may complicate terrorism trials

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — One juror. Twice recently in federal domestic terrorism trials held in Washington state, single jurors held out against 11 voting for conviction on the most serious charges.

The holdouts have not said why they could not vote with the others.

But as jury selection proceeds in the trial of Timothy McVeigh for the Oklahoma City bombing, and as the government prepares its case against Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski, experts warn that federal prosecutors may face special obstacles in the West, where anti-government sentiment runs high in the general population.

In the West, people who challenge authority — from Gordon Call of the anti-tax Posse Comitatus to white-separatist Randy Weaver on Idaho's Ruby Ridge — are often viewed as heroes.

"People are fed up with the government," said Gary Perlstein, a criminologist at Portland State University in Oregon who specializes in domestic terrorism studies.

"Many people, including myself at times, see that some of these people have at least some things on their side," Perlstein said.

The West is such fertile ground for anti-government sentiment, he said, in part because it contains so much federal land — and cedes so much federal control.

No studies yet offer statistical proof that Western juries acquit a disproportionate number of domestic terrorism defen-

dants, but anecdotal evidence indicates that is the case, Perlstein said.

That contention is disputed by Bruce Black, a former federal prosecutor now in private law practice in Denver.

It may be that prosecutors are overreaching by trying to link crimes such as pipe bombing to political ideologies, Black said.

That can backfire with some jurors. "People should be allowed to think what they want to think," Black said.

Juries in trials involving bombings of family planning clinics sometimes include people who sympathize with anti-abortion defendants, said Ron Noble, a law professor at New York University.

"How do you flush someone like that out?" Noble wondered.

Jurors may not even be aware they have strong feelings on an issue until they sit on a jury, he said.

There is little doubt that convicting domestic terrorists is difficult.

Federal charges against homegrown terrorists — including racketeering, conspiracy, possession of weapons or explosives, or organizational criminal activity — result in dismissals, acquittals or mistrials more than 57 percent of the time, according to a study of 1980s cases by Brent Smith, a professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Federal prosecutors win convictions in domestic terrorism cases just 35 percent of the time, while an additional 8 percent of the cases are resolved with guilty pleas, the study found.

As a comparison, U.S. attorneys report-

ed victories in 87 percent of all federal prosecutions concluded in 1996.

Smith also warned against injecting anti-government politics into trials.

"If federal prosecutors want to win a conviction against accused terrorist Timothy McVeigh, they must keep politics out of the courtroom," he said.

But one striking difference separates McVeigh's trial and the two Washington cases. No one died in those cases.

The April 19, 1995, truck bombing of which McVeigh is accused killed 168 people, injured more than 500 and destroyed the federal building in Oklahoma City.

In the face of such destruction, it may be hard for jurors to sympathize with a defendant's ideological beliefs, Noble said.

## • Merger

## Microsoft pursues vision of unifying computers with TV

LAS VEGAS (AP) — In a move it hopes will spur the merging of personal computers and televisions, Microsoft Corp. will acquire WebTV Networks, a company that sells systems that allow people to surf the Internet over their TVs, Craig Mundie, Microsoft's senior vice president, announced Sunday.

The announcement came at the National Association of Broadcasters convention here. "Earlier this morning Microsoft completed a definitive agreement to acquire WebTV Networks."

He said the purchase price for the Palo Alto-based WebTV Networks was \$425 million.

WebTV founder Steve Perlman said the two companies clicked and thought: "Let's get married."

"Through their efforts .... we hope to dramatically accelerate the merger of the Internet and television," Mundie said.

Microsoft's announcement comes as the computer industry and existing TV set makers race to define what the next generation of digital TV sets will look like.

The prize: \$150 billion in spending needed to replace the existing 220 million analog TV sets in the United States.

The computer industry's vision is essentially a large-screen computer in living rooms that people use not only to get

The first Washington trial was in Seattle, where seven anti-government activists were charged with conspiring to make pipe bombs and kill federal agents. The five-week trial ended Feb. 28 with the conviction of four defendants on weapons and explosives charges — but mistrial on the key conspiracy charge.

A federal grand jury Thursday re-indicted five of the defendants on a simplified conspiracy charge, and a second trial is scheduled to begin June 23.

The second case was in Spokane, where three white separatists from northern Idaho were charged with bombing a newspaper office, a Planned Parenthood clinic and a bank, and robbing the bank twice. While no one was injured, authorities said the bombers intended to kill people.

a crystal clear TV picture, but to surf the Internet and send e-mail.

TV set makers have a different vision: a wide-screen TV with superior picture and sound quality, but little, if any computer capability.

For the computer industry's vision to work, TV broadcasters would have to transmit programs in a different format than they now use to display pictures on TV sets.

Despite pressure from the computer industry, TV broadcasters haven't showed any signs of doing so.

Mundie's tone was conciliatory: "It isn't really a war to decide whether everyone should watch television on their PCs exclusively or whether they should see television on TV to the exclusion of personal computers. It's really about a parallel set of evolutions to produce better PCs and better TVs," Mundie said.

Last week, the Federal Communications Commission cleared the way for broadcasters to begin offering cinema-quality digital television to the American public.

Importantly, the action means that after 2006 the existing analog system of broadcasting dies. That means people will either have to go out and buy new pricey digital TV sets or converters for existing analog sets to work.

## • Cigarette tax

## Unlikely new coalition in Congress backs health bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sens. Edward Kennedy and Orrin Hatch, two of the Senate's more ideologically contrasting members, said Sunday they are joining forces on a bill to provide health care for children by raising taxes on cigarettes.

"When it comes to health care for the American people, both of us have put politics aside," said Hatch, R-Utah, the conservative chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Their bill, to be introduced Tuesday, would add 43 cents in federal taxes to the sale of a package of cigarettes, with two-thirds of the revenue going to provide health insurance for the 10 million American children currently uninsured. The other third would go toward reducing the federal deficit.

"For too many of these children in this country, the emergency room is their family physician. That's wrong," said Kennedy, D-Mass.

Kennedy, who joined Hatch on NBC's "Meet the Press," said their legislation would have the extra benefit of discouraging kids from taking up smoking.

"The increase in the tax is going to be the most meaningful step that can be taken to stop the 14-year-olds in the country from becoming addicted to cigarettes," he said.

Hatch agreed that a user fee on smoking was appropriate because tobacco "is the single most preventable cause of premature death and illness in America."

He called the proposal a "moderate

to conservative program" that would let states set their own rules for which children would be eligible for insurance.

But Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., appearing earlier on NBC, said he opposed a new cigarette tax, and that even without it, "there still would be a problem with another big government program takeover which costs billions of dollars when there are other solutions that will get the job done better."

Lott indicated he thinks conservatives like Hatch should not support the legislation. Although both Hatch and Kennedy called it "the Hatch-Kennedy bill," Lott said, "I prefer to call it the Kennedy bill."

He noted that 3 million uninsured poor children are already eligible for Medicaid payments to cover health costs.

Rep. David McIntosh of Indiana, a leader of the GOP's young conservatives in the House, also said a cigarette tax increase was "the wrong thing to do. On CBS' 'Face the Nation,' he said, 'A lot of people who would be paying that tax are working-class Americans, working poor, and some of them may be addicted.'"

President Clinton and congressional Democrats have made extending health insurance to children a major goal of this Congress. The administration has yet to endorse the Hatch-Kennedy approach, but Kennedy said he was confident Clinton would support it and that backing would be "the major lift to move this over the finish line."

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# Editorial

## Occupational hazards

A bill brought to the Maine Legislature by two representatives last week would help police determine if they have been exposed to any communicable disease by people they are arresting. The bill, sponsored by Reps. Paul Waterhouse, R-Bridgton, and William Lemke, D-Westbrook, is reportedly designed to close a loophole in Maine's HIV notification law that the lawmakers say excludes police.

With some legislators and Maine Civil Liberties Union representatives claiming that police are indeed protected under the existing law, it is evident that the newest legislation would clear up any ambiguity. While prisoners should not be subject to giving blood samples at an official's whim, there is clearly a need to see to the safety of those who have sworn to serve and protect us. Prisoners who have risked the health and lives of others should have to submit to blood tests if those potentially affected parties can demonstrate a bona fide occupation-

al exposure.

The need for the bill was demonstrated only a day after the legislative hearing when a Pittsfield man tried to cut himself to bleed on his arresting officers. Clayton Monti told officers he had AIDS and wanted to kill them through contact with his blood. Unfortunately, Monti did get blood on both officers, who were both cut and bruised while struggling to control him. The Pittsfield man should be obligated to submit to a blood test, as occupational exposure has been established.

New legislation, which addresses the specific instances in which a party may demand a blood test, needs to be passed before another officer is left to sweat out the consequences of another disorderly arrest. Officers need to be able to perform their jobs without worrying about the potential illnesses they could get from individuals who consciously place others at risk.

## Let wolves return to Maine

Wolves are coming back to Maine and, despite the wishes of those sportsmen who believe their presence will result in a decreased deer herd, the wolf's endangered status protects it from extirpation. While hesitation on the part of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to acknowledge the reappearance of wolves in the state has surely jeopardized their fate, recent sightings and killings of these endangered predators have proven their existence, limited though it may be.

In 1993, a 67-pound animal, which after DNA testing was later found to be an eastern timber wolf, was shot and killed by a bear hunter in Greenville. This year, an 81-pound male was shot and killed by a trapper in Aurora, a small town north of Ellsworth. The animal, which the trapper reportedly believed to be a record coyote, was seized by wardens and is undergoing DNA tests in Ashland, Ore. Because the animal is approximately 30 pounds heavier than even a large coyote, it is safe to say Maine has seen its second wolf killed by an uneducated sportsman.

According to a survey conducted by Maine Sportsmen, a widely-read publi-

cation among outdoor enthusiasts, 56 percent of respondents said they would be in favor of killing wolves despite their endangered status. The eastern timber wolf, a subspecies of the gray wolf, is apparently making its way down to Maine from Quebec. The gray wolf was the first species listed under the 1973 Endangered Species Act.

Hunters' fears that this animal will diminish their chances of bagging a deer in the fall must be dispelled if the natural return of wolves to Maine will be successful. Experts from states that have seen the return of the wolf, and its subsequent nominal effect on the deer population, have attempted to educate Maine hunters and allay their fears of a wolf invasion. If the Maine Sportsmen poll is any indication, these efforts need to be redoubled to ensure the survival of Maine's newest and natural arrival.

Skilled hunters and trappers should know the difference between a coyote and a wolf. Maine wardens should enforce the Endangered Species Act and not allow ignorance to be an excuse for killing a disappearing species.



### • Guest column

## Is there anybody out there?

Christopher Hodgdon

A few summers ago I saw an episode of "Kids in the Hall"; they had a skit where two of them were dressed as aliens. Their wardrobe consisted of cone-shaped heads, highly-reflective gowns, and human-like features. This is not necessarily the "look" of all extraterrestrial life forms, but because we haven't had any stop by the local 7-Eleven and buy some four-day-old hot dogs or Big Gulps, that's the nearest guess Kids could come up with.

The purpose of the skit wasn't to show what extraterrestrial life looks like, but to show their so-called actions when they "abduct" one of us earthlings and do their science experiments on us. Well, these two aliens were questioning their whole life. Was there any real satisfaction in flying around the universe giving anal probes to unsuspecting beings? Their daily action became boring, almost questionable about their very acts of science. Their lives were not being fulfilled by their actions.

While I watched and laughed at their antics, I started to realize something I had never thought of.

I thought deeper than that, about the accounts you hear about on cable TV's alien controversy shows. The people who have spoken out and told their story.

Some people took a chance and told of their incident and hoped for the best. Some were ridiculed, some were believed. People who do believe also find it hard to understand why aliens "abduct" us. They speculate that aliens want to find our biological make-up, our organ structure, DNA and other types of data to find out what makes us tick. Some even feel that aliens try to do a cross breed of our DNA with theirs. Whatever idea they have in mind, I know it's not to our benefit.

My view is somewhat strong and set, but if aliens do exist they are highly advanced and able to do as they please. I like to use the phrase "trust no one," not because I watch "X-files," but because I see the human race

as feeble cave people. We have come a long way from our humble beginnings a few centuries ago, but what we have accomplished is small in the whole perspective of things. We can go to the Moon, spend months in space, but for what? Our muscles and bones deteriorate rapidly while at zero gravity.

What if two days from now a superior race of creatures lands on the lawn of the Capitol and presents us with two choices: we either be their slaves or die. What if it was only one choice?

Die.

What would happen to the Earth? With their technology would they just blast the Earth into pieces? Would we spend years holding them off while they fought to carry out their objectives?

I could start listing probabilities of the many ideas being possible, but the point is that people have to understand we are not the only intelligent life out there. The comment of our being feeble cave people still holds true. We think we know the answer when we don't even know the questions. The dreams of today have to be made possible if we want to stay alive. We spend millions of dollars sending and searching for messages to see if we are not alone. When the day comes that we find out we are not alone, what are the reactions going to be? Be them good or bad, we have to be careful; we have been deceived by other races here on Earth with their promises. The trust in one another is low and we need to be careful. Our laws do not apply to the laws of nature. The king will always be king, and we will be the pawn if we don't try to change it.

The whole idea of space travel is complex and the stage we are at now is the Big Wheel, when we need a Cadillac. These times are tough. Technology is growing at an increasing rate, but not fast enough. If we don't fill the technology gap, we may not make it as a planet.

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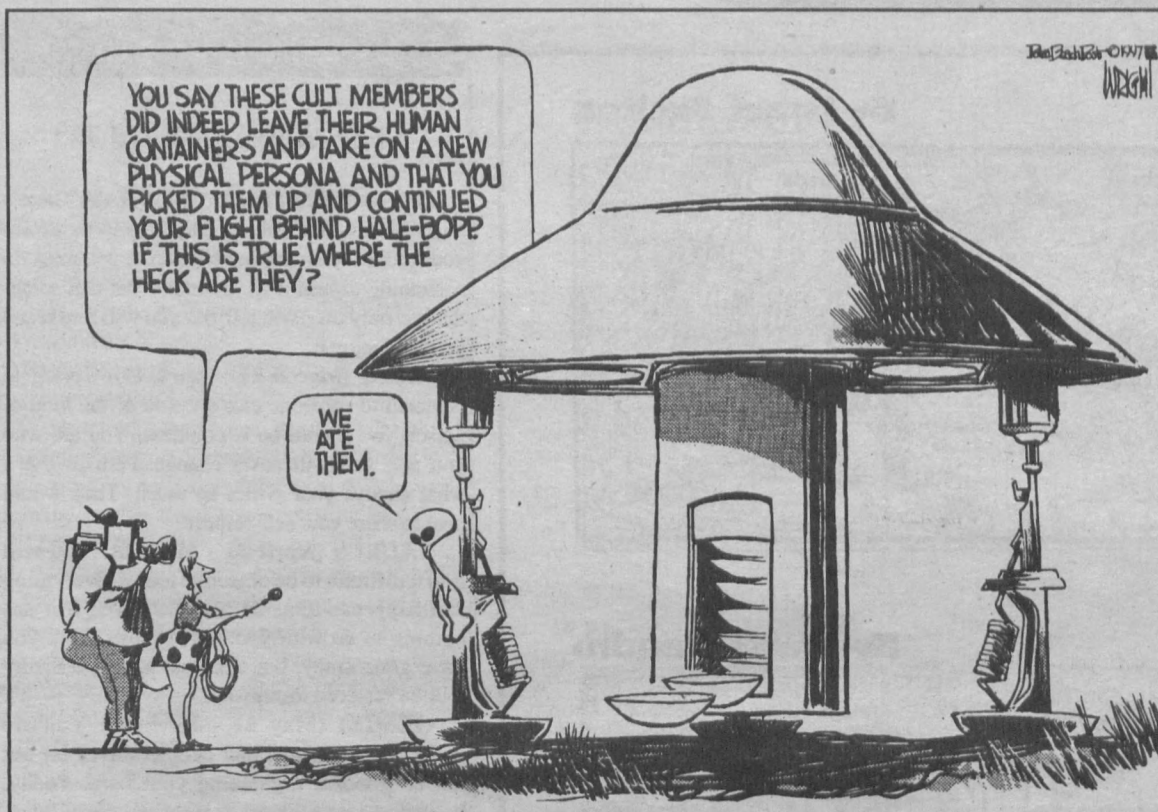
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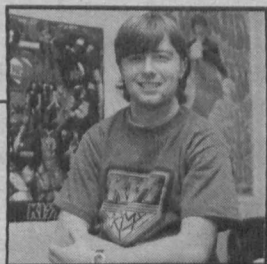
## The sweet smell of spring?

Now that Mother Nature has had her April Fool's Day fun, maybe the last few days are indicative of the fact that spring is finally coming.

Here it is, the first week in April, and we went from fearing for our lives on Tuesday from the "storm of the year," which actually turned out to be quite a disappointment, to sunny, mid-50s on Friday.

## Quiet Time

By Derek Rice



So if you didn't get a chance to on Friday, take some time to get outside on the next beautiful day we have. Stroll across campus and see people playing Frisbee on the mall, reading under trees and smoking outside the union in droves.

Take a deep breath and inhale the sweet smell of ... dog shit?

It's true. It happens every spring, around the big thaw, what we like to call "mud season" here in rural Maine. Along with all the snow and ice that's thawing with the rising temperatures, all the dog feces that have accumulated over the winter are thawing and becoming noticeable.

A friend of mine asked me the other day, "Is it just me, or does it smell like manure everywhere on campus?" If you think this is an exaggeration, check for yourself. It's all around us. There's no escaping.

Now, I love dogs as much as the next person, but this is something we really don't need. It's bad enough

that people drive across grassy areas when the ground is soft (don't get me started), but to add this stench is enough to make spring a not-so-pleasant experience.

Why is it that dog owners assume they don't have to clean up after their pets? They assume their dog can just squat and do its business

ness wherever it pleases and the offensive dropping will magically disappear. Well, it doesn't work that way. It may go away eventually, but not before some poor soul finds a bit of it on the bottom of his or her shoe.

Dogs are a staple here on campus, and most of us don't want to see that change. A recent attempt to bar our canine friends from buildings on campus has met with a lot of resistance from students and faculty alike. It seems the only people who really want to see this pass are the janitors, whose duty it becomes to clean up after negligent owners.

You can't blame the dogs for going to the bathroom everywhere: it's in their nature. They have been doing that for as long as they've been on the planet, just as humans have been defiling the planet for almost as long. It's the owners who must bear the full weight of responsibility in this case.

If you're going to own a dog, you should be prepared to accept responsibility for cleaning up af-

ter it. Others, especially non-dog owners, don't appreciate the sweet smell of feces, especially this time of year, after it has been building up for months.

Maybe dog owners at the University of Maine should be required to clean up after their pets, much like dog owners in cities and towns across the country. That might not be a bad idea in theory, but it would probably be enforced as well as the rule that says dogs must be in the presence of their owners at all times and under "voice command." How many wayward canines wander alone around the campus daily? And there's a rule against that.

What it basically comes down to is laziness and a lack of common courtesy. It's that simple. If you're not ready to take the responsibility of cleaning up after your dog, then you're probably not ready to own one.

Those of us who don't own dogs shouldn't have to be wary of what your dog does and where. We should be allowed to walk across campus barefoot if we choose, without having to constantly watch our step. This is nearly impossible most of the time, but especially in the spring, shortly after the big thaw.

And then there's that smell. It's out there right now, invading every classroom with an open window, making the presence of large amounts of dog feces known to all in the university community. Spring may be here, but we won't know it until we can smell flowers instead of feces.

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## Don't leave home without it

Republicans love to advertise the fact that they carry copies of the Constitution in the pockets of their expensive, tailor-made suits. Invoking the Constitution, and its place on their person, in turn, allows them to justify nearly every unconstitutional proposal they attempt to impose on the unsuspecting American public.

House Majority Whip Tom

and hiring. Judge Thelton E. Henderson, of the federal District Court in San Francisco, justly blocked the initiative, an offense DeLay would have us believe makes the judge subject to impeachment. A disagreement between a liberal bench and a conservative lawmaker – or even a majority of Califor-

## Tuttlevision

By Jeff Tuttle



DeLay, of Texas, is the latest constitutionally armed conservative to use the mystique of this national document to dupe voters into accepting his recently expressed wishes to start impeachment proceedings against a number of federal judges. However, when DeLay calls upon cryptic historical precedents to defend the idea of the House impeaching members of an independent branch of government, he is removing the Constitution from his pocket and placing it squarely beneath his foot.

An independent judiciary cannot be compromised by the wishes of a few disgruntled House conservatives who disagree with the decisions handed down in the federal courts. If the House, the body whose members traditionally have the least legislative experience, were to have this power, the nation's courts would surely come under politically motivated assaults from these fledgling lawmakers.

If under constant pressure to decide landmark cases in such a way that mirrors the often narrow wishes of the majority party, federal judges will not be able to exercise the necessary degree of independence for which they were chosen. This chilling effect not only compromises the judiciary but justice itself when the fate of the accused is no longer dependent on the presiding appointee but dependent on the political agenda of social conservatives.

DeLay has undermined his cause and revealed his true motivations by citing decisions that have blocked or reversed voter initiatives strongly supported by conservatives. Like any Republican worth his weight in demagoguery, DeLay has attempted to stir up the underlying anti-immigrant sentiments of a misinformed electorate by revisiting Proposition 209, the California referendum that called for a ban on preferences for race

nia voters – certainly should not cause that judge to lose his position or worse, bend to the will of an isolationist majority.

When the Maine courts overturn the recently approved "scarlet letter law," which would label candidates as not supporting term limits, DeLay will surely raise a red flag and investigate the viability of impeaching the steadfast judge who would dare rule against the wishes of the majority of Maine voters. If every disgruntled voter assumes more power than either an elected or appointed justice, Maine will certainly cease to progress in a manner that is ultimately beneficial to its residents.

The separation of powers ensures that a powerful political branch cannot control the courts. If DeLay and his partners in constitutional crime have the final say as to who presides over the nation's centers of justice, the last bastion of political independence will cease to exist and the United States could quickly go the way of the former Soviet Union and present day China, where judges receive government orders on how to rule in specific cases.

The Constitution allows these appointed justices to hold their offices during good behavior. While DeLay, who insists the courts have "run amok," may disagree, bad behavior certainly does not include ruling against the unbridled institution of a majority party's political agenda. Judges must rule only according to their conscience and any preceding case law they deem applicable.

Perhaps these Republican lawmakers have kept their copies of the Constitution in their pockets too long. That would explain why they seemingly haven't read it and obviously have little regard for it.

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# Entertainment

## Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

For Monday, April 7

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** There's a new you in the making. The urge to transform your life is too strong to be ignored; you must do something to turn it all around. What that something is only time will tell, but you will find it and you will enjoy it.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Trying to conform to someone else's vision of the kind of person you should be is pointless. You are who you are; you will never change. Perhaps that's what annoys your critics so much. They would love to share your self-respect.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** You will find it difficult to be objective today. Everything that happens seems so personal, even if it has nothing to do with you. Others may think you have gone crazy, but it is just a phase. Sanity will be restored tomorrow.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** You are good at organizing other people's lives for but not so good at organizing your own. Today, however, you will get it right on every level. You won't always be this efficient, so make the most of it to catch up on those little things you have been avoiding.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Although Cancer is an ambitious sign, you worry that you aren't good enough to compete at the highest level. This has nothing to do with ability and everything to do with confidence. Take a look at some of the people who have made it to the top; if they can do it, you certainly can.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** If you have been thinking about traveling abroad or doing something that takes you into areas you have never explored, now is the time to get serious about it. Planetary activity will point your feet into the right direction and guide you. Make it a giant step.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** How you start the day will set the scene for the next six days. Start it in a positive frame of mind, and you will end it having achieved most of your aims. Finances are obviously a sore point at the moment, but in the greater scheme of things they don't mean a thing.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** Choose one approach and stick to it today. Either ignore what others say entirely or accept their advice and follow it to the letter. If you mix 'n' match your options, the outcome will be confused, maybe dangerous. If you make up your mind quickly, you may not be popular but you will get results.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** If you haven't yet made a plan for the week ahead, do so now. Better still, make one for the remainder of the month, setting yourself targets that are difficult but not impossible. If you take each day as it comes, you may find each day goes quicker than you expected.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** There is a point in advising you to be cautious today. The more anyone tells you to take it easy, the more you will do the opposite. And why shouldn't you? Excitement and adventure are your friends, and friends should be indulged.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** You thrive on pressure. The harder you are pushed, the better you respond and the more you achieve — and that certainly seems to be the pattern you have settled into over the past few days. Now, however, you need a rest.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Something old can be made to look like something new today — it all depends on how cleverly you dress it up. Of course, this is hardly the most honest approach you could adopt but, to be blunt, honesty does not come into it. Others are ready to buy the illusion if you are ready to create it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** If you search in the same old places, you will find the same old things. If you ask the same old questions, you will get the same old answers. You need to adopt a more adventurous approach if you are to get the breakthrough you have been dreaming about. You also need to lose your fear of failure.

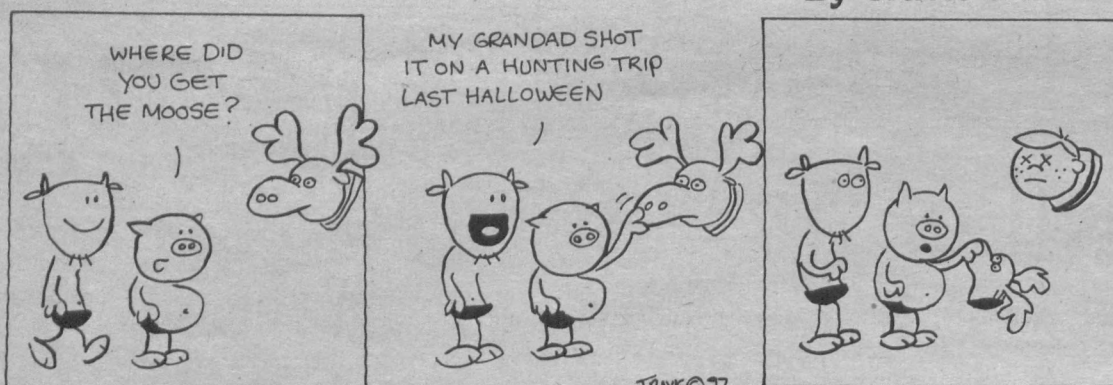
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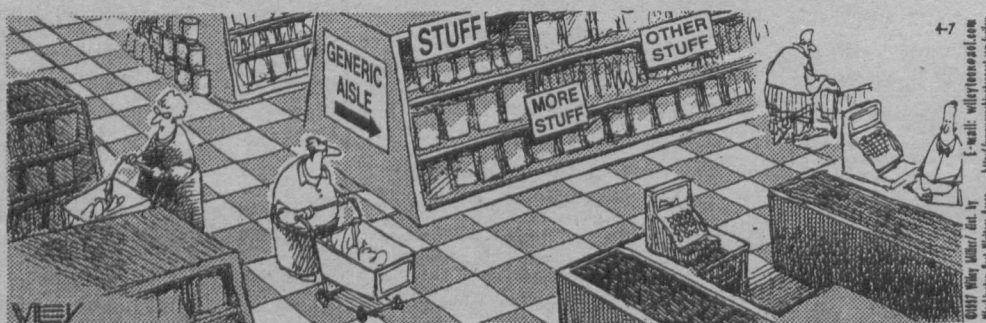
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# Your Daily Horoscope

By Sally Brompton

**For Tuesday, April 8**

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS TODAY:** Mars, your ruling planet, aspects the Sun on your birthday this year. Although this is a positive sign, you need to be careful. You may feel invincible, but you know that is not the case. Moderation in everything will keep you out of trouble.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** If you feel tired today, stop what you are doing. You may be tempted to work through the fatigue, but that will only make matters worse. Your body is telling you that it needs a break — not more of the same. Whatever you are involved in, it can wait if you want it to.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** "If it feels right, do it" is a philosophy that has served you well down the years. But you don't always apply it the other way round and have been known to get involved in things you instinctively know are wrong. Your motto today should be: "If it doesn't feel right, run a mile!"

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Does it feel as if you are washing windows on the side of a high rise? Does the thought that you could slip and fall off at any moment excite you or alarm you? It probably does both but today. It might be wise to wear a safety harness — just in case.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Planetary activity makes you assertive, even aggressive. Other aspects makes you impatient of those who move slower than you. Can you see an accident looming? It may not be an accident of the physical kind, but it could still prove disastrous. Slow down; you've got nothing to prove.

**LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22):** There is something you want to do that will cost you more than you know you can afford. Should you do it anyway and put yourself in debt? or should you resist temptation and make yourself miserable? Think about it for a couple of seconds, then do what makes you happy. Money isn't everything.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):** Don't worry too much if someone keeps telling you that your dreams are too grand for someone of your modest means and station. It suggests that person believes you might actually make it. And if that person believes you can make it, you must believe it too. You must realize how close you are to your goal.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):** If yesterday's planetary activity coincided with an emotional problem, you probably woke up this morning with the feeling that you don't want to face the world. If you carry that attitude throughout the day, the world won't want to face you either. Lighten up, it's a passing phase.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):** If you find that the harder you work at something the more difficult it becomes today, then give up on it for a few hours until you are more in the mood. Do what you enjoy doing first and do the rest later — it will work better that way.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** There is a right way and a wrong way to get something done today. The right way is to be patient and let things develop at their natural pace. The wrong way is to force the issue and cause more problems than you solve. It's results that count — looking good means nothing.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** There is so much you want to do, so many dreams you want to come true, that you are constantly watching the clock and worrying that time is running out. You're wrong, it isn't — it just seems that way because nothing is going right at the moment. Give it time: There is plenty to spare.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Fate has a strange way of balancing things out. If we get over-confident, a setback will bring us down to earth. If it all gets to be too much, we get a lucky break. Whichever one of these extremes applies to you today, fate will step in and redress the balance.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** If you take out your frustrations on those who don't deserve it today, you must expect to get it back — with interest. Planetary activity warns you not to take anyone for granted. The people you least expect to defend themselves are the people you most need to fear.

# Entertainment

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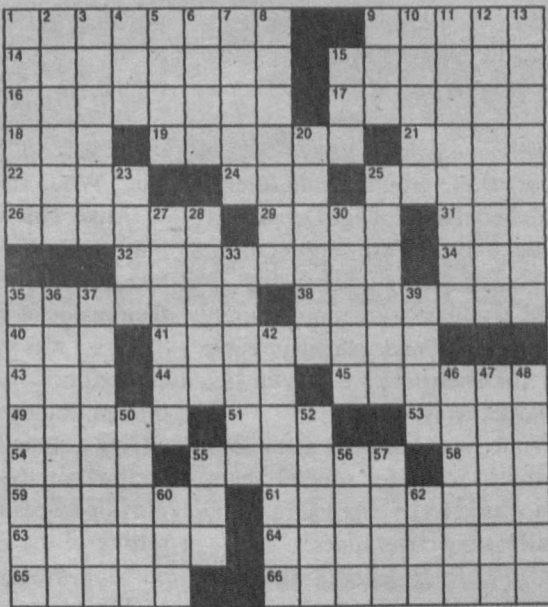
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# Style & the Arts

## • Performance

# Russian ballet troupe dazzles MCA

By Mike Reynolds  
Maine Campus staff

Friday night, a sold-out crowd of more than 1,600 people watched the Moscow Festival Ballet perform "Giselle" at the Maine Center for the Arts.

The Moscow Festival Ballet is a company of 50 dancers from the Bolshoi and Kirov ballets. The dance company is currently on tour throughout the United States.

The story of Giselle centers around a chambermaid who falls in love with a count, Albrect, who disguises his identity as an commoner. This deception is revealed as

Albrect's fiancée arrives, and Giselle is so heartbroken she kills herself.

The second act of the ballet deals with the supernatural forces that try to comfort Albrect in his grief, allowing the couple be together for one last time.

"Giselle" is also considered one of the finest ballets and, in modern times, has been associated with the tradition of Russian ballet and dance.

Although "Giselle" is now considered a uniquely Russian dance, the ballet was originally written by French Composer Adolphe Adam.

Adam's ballet debuted in 1841 in France

and within two years debuted in Moscow. The dance was all but forgotten in Europe, but many Russian dance companies continued the tradition of this piece.

The extravagant set served as a wonderful backdrop for the dancers. The lighting served to highlight several details and created the lush scene of a forest.

During the performance of this classical ballet, several dancers showed their fine dancing skill in an extravagantly choreographed ensemble that was very pleasing and entertaining to watch.

The ballet changed its mood and was more impressive during the second act. The

act began at the grave of Giselle, a dramatic change from the romantic mood that was prevalent in the first act.

Haunting and mystical are two words that defined the opening moments of the second act, from the sheer attention to detail, with smoke drifting on the stage, to the lighting that emphasized the mood of the scene.

The ballet was also much more lively during the second act, as many of the lead dancers performed more sophisticated steps.

The ballet was well received and the applause went on for several minutes as the crowd would rise to a standing ovation at the close of a wonderful evening of dance.

## • Benefit

# Local musicians pitch in to help Spruce Run

By Mike Reynolds  
Maine Campus staff

Area musicians Adam White and Billings Brew played at a benefit Saturday night to a packed house at the Bear Brew Pub in Orono.

The benefit's proceeds went to support Spruce Run, a local organization that helps battered women. The benefit was organized by the University of Maine College Democrats.

"Jonathan Duke and I really worked to get this show off the ground," said Jeremy Potter, a member of the College Democrats. "We were lucky to have the support of the Bear Brew Pub in hosting this benefit."

The night would be a great opportunity to see two great local bands play in possible preparation for Bumstock, which is less than three weeks away.

Adam White, who has been a staple in this area's music scene for several years, performed a strong set of original material and some interesting cover tunes.

White, also the lead singer for the local groove machine known as Chiaband, has played solo with far less frequency than in years past, when it seemed like he would be playing the Ram's Horn almost weekly.

White has not suffered from the lack of solo performances. In fact, he has become much more solid, with a more distinct sound.

The evening began with many people standing as the pub was filled to its capacity. Throughout the night, many came and left, catching portions of the night's musical offerings.

White surprised many by performing an impressive cover of Ani DiFranco's blistering song "Napoleon." He ended his first set after breaking a string, but said he would return in a while to play another set.

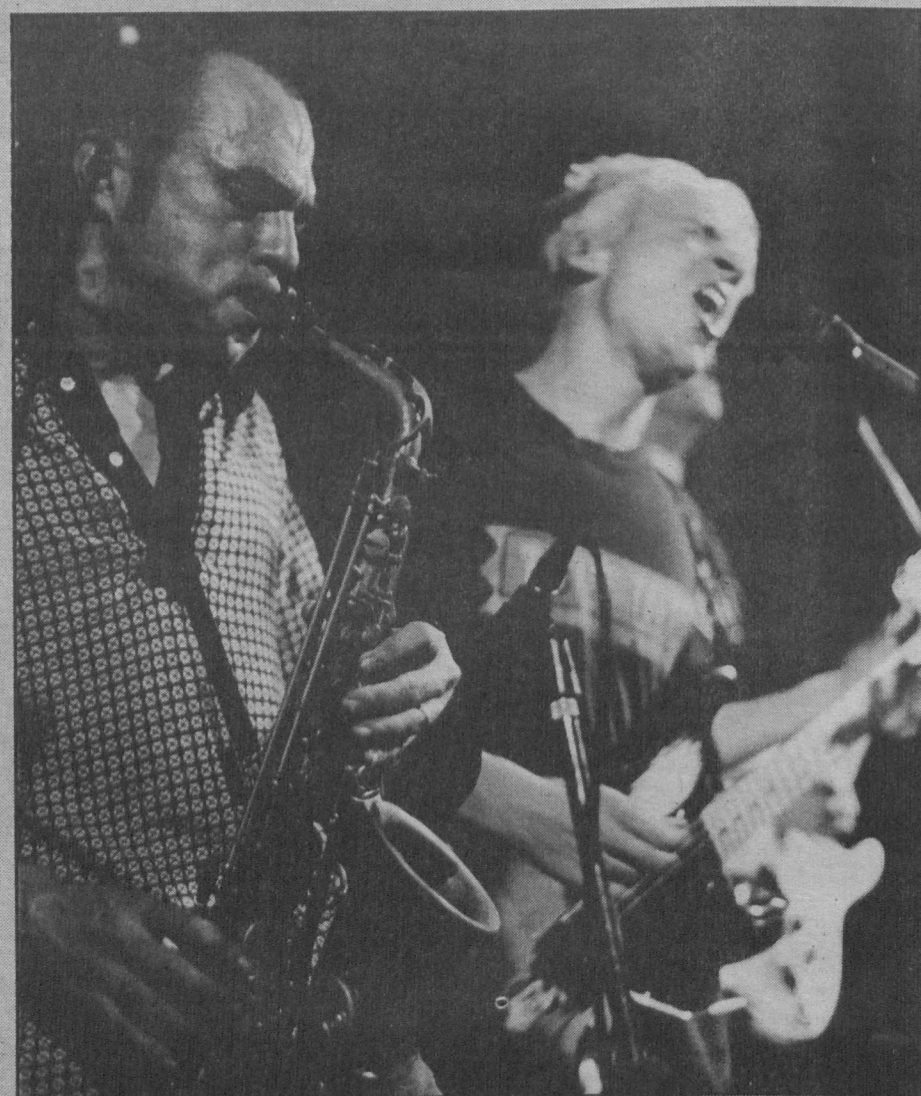
"I feel that Spruce Run really needs some support. Please donate whatever you can," White said during his set.

Mike Billings and Dave Gagne, who plays with White in Chiaband, would soon take the stage as Billings Brew would bring their fusion of jazz and funk to the audience. Their set was very good, and Mike Billings showed how good his guitar work is. His brother Randy was also very impressive, adding a strong backing unit. Dave Gagne's mellow percussion flowed as Billings Brew provided a relaxed jazz-tinged mood to the setting of the Bear Brew Pub, which was bursting with activity.

White returned to the stage to play a few more originals, songs such as "Avacado Song" and "3/4 of a Rising Tide."

Billings Brew returned to play until the Bear Brew Pub closed. The benefit raised more than \$100 for Spruce Run.

## Thumping the Oronoka



Boston-based Thumper brought its ska show to the Oronoka Saturday night. Local band Brown Hornet opened the show, which was sponsored by Student Entertainment and Activities. (Dave Gagne Photo.)

## • Ratings

# Nielsen makes commercial ratings available

NEW YORK (AP) - For most of the year, NBC's "ER" and "Seinfeld" have been battling for the distinction of being television's top-rated series.

Have you ever stopped to wonder what is the top-rated commercial?

Maybe the Energizer Bunny reigns supreme. Perhaps it's a vignette involving an underfed model. Chances are it doesn't feature Dick, Miller Beer's self-proclaimed advertising genius.

The days when commercials can be rated

just like the television shows they adorn are just around the corner. Nielsen Media Research, the chief ratings service for television, announced recently it was testing technology to measure this viewership consistently.

Think of it, though. Imagine if the people paying billions of dollars to advertise on television find out how many people begin channel surfing at the first sign of a commercial break.

Technically, Nielsen can already provide

minute-by-minute measurements of how many people are watching a certain channel. It is so expensive that it has only been ordered once - by a network that wanted to see which events during the Olympics were a hit with viewers, Nielsen spokesman Jack Loftus said.

These measurements will be much more readily available through a system that involves encoding invisible signals in television programs and commercials. Nielsen is testing its new technology, designed to cope with the upcoming digital television era, in

the Orlando area now.

Nielsen expects many more television networks and advertisers to make use of the information when it is widely available, perhaps as early as next year.

Television networks would then be able to see if the assumptions upon which they base their ad business are true. For instance, the first commercial in a series of ads now costs advertisers more to buy than the second

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## • Death

# Beat poet Ginsberg dead of cancer at 70

NEW YORK (AP) - Allen Ginsberg, the counterculture guru who shattered conventions as poet laureate of the Beat Generation and influenced the next four decades of art, music and politics, died early Saturday at age 70.

The bearded, balding Ginsberg died in his Lower East Side apartment surrounded by eight "close friends and old lovers," said his friend and archivist, Bill Morgan. The poet was diagnosed eight days ago with terminal liver cancer, and he suffered a fatal heart attack, Morgan said.

"He made us see that poets were pop stars," said Lenny Kaye, guitarist with the Patti Smith Group and a recent Ginsberg collaborator. "He had a sense of liberation - sexual liberation, philosophical liberation."

Ginsberg, whose blend of drug-inspired visions, hedonistic sex and gut-wrenching autobiography first emerged during the 1950s, spent several days in a hospice after his diagnosis. On Thursday, he suffered a stroke, fell into a coma and never regained consciousness.

He had returned to his apartment a day earlier after expressing a desire to die at home.

He wrote about a dozen short poems - one titled "On Fame and Death" - and "wore himself out talking to friends," Morgan said.

David Cope, a friend and fellow poet, received one of those phone calls.

"He called all of his old friends from many generations personally to make contact with us one last time, voice to voice," Cope said Saturday. "To me, it was a beautiful gesture."

Ginsberg's influence was almost inestimable. His extraordinary list of acolytes ran the gamut from Abbie Hoffman to Smashing Pumpkins singer Billy Corgan, Czech President Vaclav Havel to

punk poetess Patti Smith, Yoko Ono to Bob Dylan.

"Dylan said he was the greatest influence on the American poetic voice since Whitman," said Gordon Ball, Ginsberg's editor and friend of 30 years. "I think that's certainly true."

During the conservative, McCarthy-era 1950s, when TV's married couples slept in separate beds, Ginsberg wrote "Howl" - a profane, graphic poem that dealt with his own homosexuality and communist upbringing.

"I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness, starving hysterical naked," the poem began.

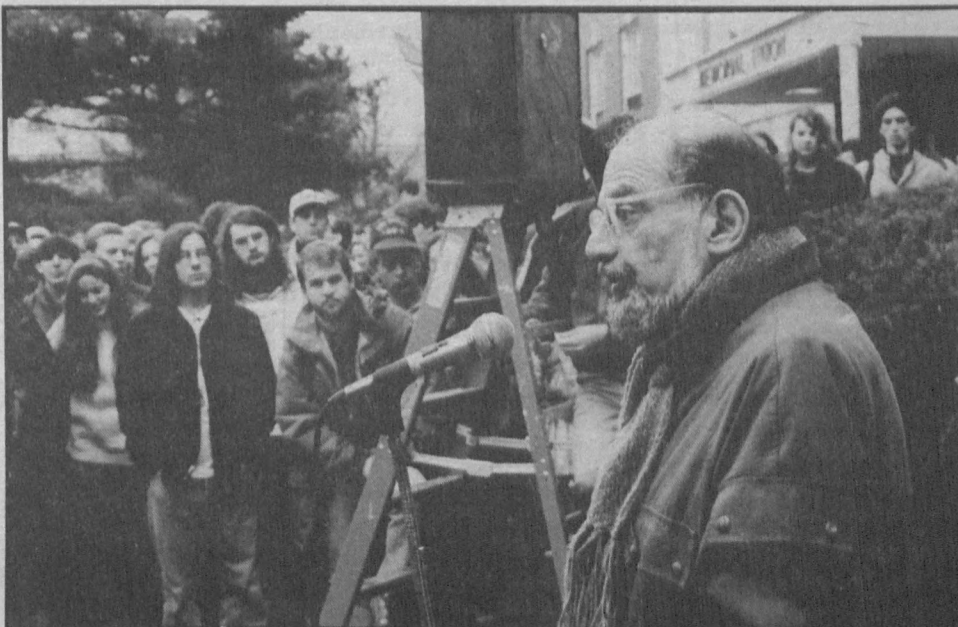
"Howl" then careened wildly through scores of surreal images: "a lost battalion of platonic conversationalists jumping down the stoops off fire escapes," people who "walked all night with their shoes full of blood on the snowbank docks waiting for a door in the East River to open a room full of steam heat and opium."

"Howl" was dedicated to Carl Solomon, a patient he met during a stay in a psychiatric ward. Forty years later, Ginsberg was reciting his poetry on MTV for Generation X-ers.

Ginsberg's poetry placed spontaneity over metered verse, frank language over flowery words. His work was often confessional, discussing his homosexuality, his mother's death, his relationships.

"Kaddish," one of his most famous works, was an Oedipal poem dealing with his mother's life and death in a mental hospital. It was written in his Manhattan apartment, stream of consciousness-style, fueled by a combination of amphetamines and morphine.

His first exposure to the nascent counterculture came when he was a 17-year-old Columbia University freshman. There he met fellow future beatniks Jack Ker-



Poet Allen Ginsberg speaks at a pro-hemp rally during a visit to UMaine. (File Photo.)

ouac, William S. Burroughs and Neal Cassady. The group, disillusioned by conventional society, created their own subculture of drugs and hedonism.

"Basically, just a gang of friends who were very into being literate, and who were interested in art, and loved each other," Ginsberg once said of the Beat Generation's founding fathers. "Some gay, some straight."

Ginsberg was in the gay camp, and became a proponent of homosexual rights - one of many causes the activist poet embraced. In 1960, he went on television to call for the decriminalization of marijuana. He was arrested in 1967 for protesting against the Vietnam War in New York, and was tear-gassed a year later

while protesting at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

He claimed that FBI director J. Edgar Hoover had placed him on a "dangerous security list" in 1965, a distinction that led to airport strip searches for several years whenever he returned to the United States.

Last year, he was one of the plaintiffs in a U.S. Supreme Court case aimed at knocking down federal regulations on the hours that "indecent programming" could air on television and radio.

Irwin Allen Ginsberg was born June 3, 1926, in Newark, N.J., the second son of poet Louis Ginsberg and his wife,

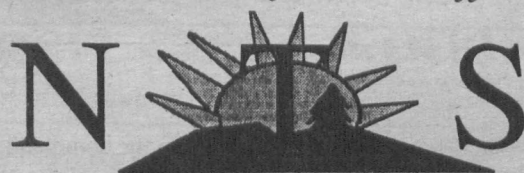
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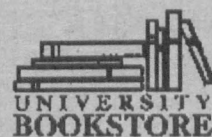
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For information regarding this and all events, contact Krista at 207-581-1700.



## • Box office

# Carrey's 'sinner' edges out Kilmer's 'Saint'

LOS ANGELES (AP) - "Liar, Liar" beat the Val Kilmer thriller "The Saint" at the weekend box office and trounced other star vehicles on its way to breaking the \$100 million mark, according to industry estimates Sunday.

The Jim Carrey comedy had \$18.5 million in ticket sales in its third week, while "The Saint" opened with about \$16.2 million. That film, starring Kilmer as a world-class thief trying to rescue scientist Elisabeth Shue, got mixed reviews but was heavily hyped.

"Liar, Liar," which had the best March opening ever, earned \$100.9 million in just three weeks. It has managed to beat out a slate of other comedies and even highly promoted films like Harrison Ford's "The Devil's Own," which placed third with an estimated \$7.4 million gross, according to Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc.

Universal knew that "Liar, Liar" would be big but "I don't think anybody could have expected it to have such a tremendous run as it has so far," said Allen Sutton, senior vice president of distribution and marketing.

"The records for reaching \$100 million were set during the summer season, when you have kids out of school and movie-going is an around-the-clock activity," Sutton said. "To achieve it in such a short time at this time of year is certainly unheard of."

The film stars Carrey as a slick lawyer whose son's birthday wish makes him unable to lie for 24 hours. The plot is basically an excuse for Carrey to display his rubber-faced antics.

Sutton said the figures indicate that people are seeing the film over and over.

Three other debut films made it into the top 10.

"That Old Feeling," starring Bette Midler as a divorcee thrown together with her ex-husband at their daughter's wedding, was in fourth place with \$5.2 million, followed by "Double Team," a Jean-Claude Van Damme-Dennis Rodman action thriller, with \$5 million.

"Inventing the Abbotts," a 1950s coming-of-age tale starring Liv Tyler, grossed \$2.4 million for the No. 10 spot.

Several movies - including Howard Stern's highly touted "Private Parts" - dropped out of the top 10. The film version of Stern's autobiography crashed in its fifth week while "BAPS" and "Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie" both lost steam in just their second weeks.

"Return of the Jedi" kept its grip, placing ninth with a \$2.5 million gross. The film is the last of the spruced-up "Star Wars" trilogy re-issue to remain on the top 10 list.

Several movies opened in limited release. "Anna Karenina," based on Tolstoy's novel about Russian aristocrats and a tragic love affair, earned \$80,000 on five screens. The re-issued German U-boat epic "Das Boot" had \$70,000 on 13 screens, and "Chasing Amy" had more than \$57,000 on three screens.

Final weekend box office figures were to be released Monday.

The top 10 films from Friday through Sunday:

1. "Liar, Liar," \$18.5 million.
2. "The Saint," \$16.2 million.
3. "The Devil's Own," \$7.4 million.
4. "That Old Feeling," \$5.2 million.
5. "Double Team," \$5 million.
6. "Jungle 2 Jungle," \$3.4 million.
7. "The Sixth Man," \$3.1 million.
8. "Selena," \$2.7 million.
9. "Return of the Jedi," \$2.5 million.
10. "Inventing the Abbotts," \$2.4 million.

## Ginsberg

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Naomi. The family moved to Paterson, N.J., while Ginsberg was a youngster.

Ginsberg intended to follow his brother Eugene into the legal profession, and enrolled at Columbia. But while still a teen-ager, he fell in with a crowd that included Kerouac, Burroughs and Cassady - the leaders of what became known as the Beat Generation.

"I think it was when I ran into Kerouac and Burroughs when I was 17 that I realized I was talking through an empty skull," Ginsberg once said. "I wasn't thinking my own thoughts or saying my own thoughts."

Ginsberg's first taste of notoriety came after the publication of "Howl" in 1956. Copies of the book were seized by San Francisco police and U.S. Customs officials, and publisher Lawrence Ferlinghetti was charged with publishing an obscene book.

In a 1991 interview with The Associated Press - where Ginsberg briefly worked as a copy boy in 1948 - he recalled the '50s as a time of "total paranoia, suspiciousness, fear, the rich robbing the poor, and complaining about the poor. ... Marketized, mechanized fake emotions."

Ferlinghetti was acquitted in 1957, but the case generated enormous publicity for Ginsberg and his work. Ginsberg was suddenly in demand.

Ginsberg experimented heavily with drugs, taking LSD under the guidance of

the late Timothy Leary in the 1960s. But he was also a practicing Buddhist, began each day with a contemplative exercise followed by a cup of hot tea with lemon.

As he grew older, Ginsberg became a guru to the counterculture movement. He coined the term "flower power" during the mid-'60s. And he eventually became more accepted by the mainstream.

His National Book Award came in 1973 for "The Fall of America: Poems of These States, 1965-1971." He was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in poetry in 1995 for his book, "Cosmopolitan Greetings: Poems 1986-1992."

Ginsberg toured with Dylan's Rolling Thunder Revue in 1977, doing spontaneously composed blues poems. He toured Eastern Europe in 1986, receiving an award in the former Yugoslavia, recording with a Hungarian rock band and meeting a congress of young Polish poets.

Ginsberg remained vital and active well into his 60s, performing in Manhattan nightclubs and doing poetry readings. Last year, he recorded his poem "The Ballad of the Skeletons" with musical backing from Paul McCartney and Philip Glass. Kaye produced the single.

The funeral will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations should be sent to Jewel Heart Buddhist Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. He was survived by his stepmother, Edith Ginsberg of Paterson, N.J.; his brother, Eugene; and several nieces and nephews.

## Long-winded professors



History professor Jay Bregman (l.) and English professor Welch Everman of Bregman Bop, perform at Friday's TGIF Jazz. (Stef Bailey Photo.)

## Ratings

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or third, because it is assumed the attention span wanders.

David Poltrack, head of research for CBS, estimates that only about 5 percent of viewers use their remote controls to zap away from a channel during a commercial break.

The number is much higher for commercials during the break between programs which accounts for NBC's initiative of moving seamlessly from one show to another without a commercial.

Could major television networks, already reeling from Nielsen's estimates that viewership is dropping, be forced to reimburse advertisers when there's a defection of people

watching the commercials?

Quite the opposite, Poltrack joked: Commercials that chase away the network's audience should be held accountable.

"I would argue that you should pay ME a premium," Poltrack said. "There will be a bad (ad) copy penalty for advertisers."

Poltrack said he believes more precise ratings will bolster the case of broadcast networks in seeking advertisers, because they will show cable viewers channel surf more. Cable executives eagerly await information that would prove they can deliver a more specialized audience to an advertiser looking to target a niche.

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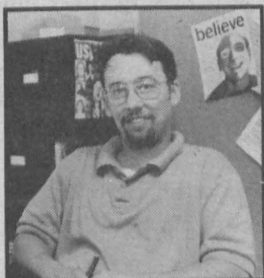
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# Sports Page

## • Column

## Maine native Bedard would perfect fit for Black Bears



By Scott Martin  
Maine Campus staff

Wipe the drool out of the corner of your mouth Maine men's basketball fans. Yes, it was reported that Andy Bedard is interested in playing for the Black Bears. And yes, he would be a perfect fit. But he is just looking.

Bedard was a star in Maine high school basketball, playing three years at Mountain Valley High School and spending his senior year at Maine Central Institute. Bedard was originally recruited by then coach Rudy Keeling and his staff but decided to play in the highly competitive Big

East with the Boston College Eagles.

Now, after his sophomore year, Bedard has decided to transfer from Boston College, reportedly upset over a lack of playing time. B.C. is led by fellow sophomore James "Scoonie" Penn who averages 13.1 points and 3.2 assists per game. That doesn't leave much time for Bedard, hence the desire to transfer.

Bedard is a legitimate Division I point guard and has proven he can play at the Big East level. Imagine what he could do at the mid-major America East level.

With Penn on the bench because he was academically ineligible, Bedard averaged 10 points, 3 assists and 3.4 rebounds a game and the Eagles went 4-1. Bedard recorded a career-high 18 points against Brown University in the first game of the season leading Boston College to a 89-72 victory. Brown is the same team that beat

Maine 60-47 during the 1995-96 season.

In 18 minutes per game the past season, Bedard averaged 4.2 points and 1.9 assists per game.

He also has what Maine coach John Giannini likes to call championship experience. The Eagles have made the NCAA tournament each of Bedard's first two seasons and won the Big East tournament his sophomore season. That alone would make Bedard a great asset to the Maine basketball program. He could be a leader on an extremely young Maine team that next season will return only six scholarship players.

With the loss of sophomore guard John Gordon, who is also transferring, Maine is looking for a guard and Bedard would be perfect.

But now Bedard may be the perfect fit at Boston College as well.

Last week, B.C. coach Jim O'Brien accepted a position at Ohio State, a bigger university that was willing to take care of him, something B.C. hadn't shown the willingness to do. With that, rumors that Penn may follow his coach have surfaced. If Penn should depart, the minutes Bedard enjoyed at the beginning of the season in Penn's absence would return.

Bedard very well could stay at Boston College, and if Penn leaves it would be the ideal situation for him. Although everyone feels the athletic department at B.C. is falling apart, Bedard would still be playing at a Big East school and he would have the opportunity to start. This is ideally why he went to B.C. in the first place.

Even if Bedard doesn't decide to stay a member of the Eagles basketball team, it

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## • Baseball

## Maine splits pair with Vermont Saturday

From staff reports

WAREHAM, Mass. — After shuffling its schedule to fit in a pair of double headers this weekend, the University of Maine baseball team came away with a split Saturday.

Garrett Quinn picked up his sixth win of the season in the first game Saturday, improving to 6-0, as Maine downed Vermont 5-2.

Quinn pitched his sixth complete game of the year in the win for the Black Bears. He allowed single runs in the fourth and the seventh and gave up just four hits. He walked two and struck out seven. He also hit three batters.

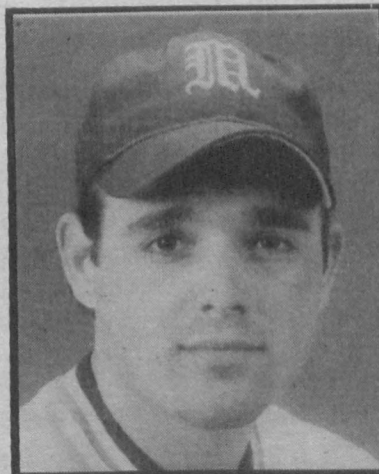
Jeff Longo sparked the Maine attack with three hits and three RBIs. Leadoff hitter T.J. Sheedy had a pair of hits and scored two runs.

For Vermont, Heath Squires had a pair of hits, scored a run and had an RBI. Jerry Lynde pitched a complete game, giving up eight hits and five earned runs. He walked three and struck out two.

Vermont got revenge in the second game, beating the Black Bears 7-3 behind a complete game six-hitter by Chris Bajda. The Catamount pitcher walked one and struck out seven.

Sheedy had two more hits for the Black Bears in the second game, scored a run and also had an RBI. Nick Caiazzo added a hit and an RBI. Marc Halsted and Bryan Harvie also scored for Maine.

Dave Foran pitched 3-1/3 innings for Maine, allowing nine hits and all seven runs. He also walked four. Brian Glover pitched 2 2/3 innings for the Black Bears, giving up two hits and striking out three.



Garrett Quinn. (File Photo.)

## • NBA

## Celtics lose ninth straight

BOSTON (AP) — Chris Webber and Juwan Howard scored 31 points each as the Washington Bullets continued their playoff surge by handing the Boston Celtics their ninth straight loss Sunday, 120-114.

Boston, 2-30 in its last 32 games, took its last lead when David Wesley's foul-line jumper made the score 100-99 with 9:00 remaining. Howard then followed with a dunk and a layup for a three-point Bullets lead.

The Celtics (13-63) closed to within 107-

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## • Women's hoops

## Blodgett earns Kodak honors

From staff reports

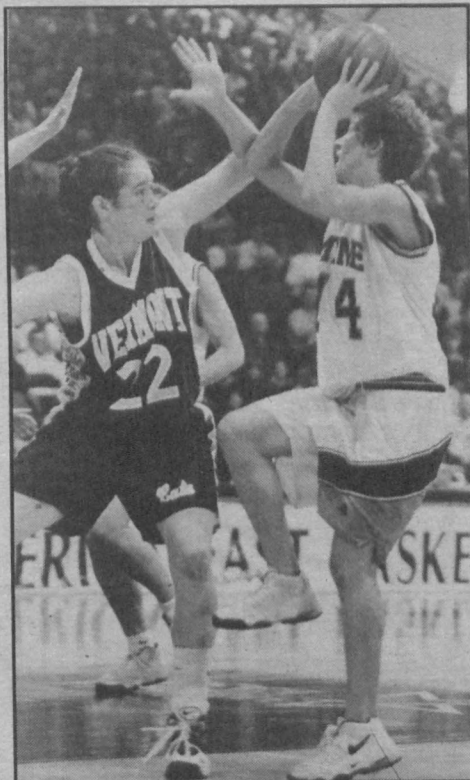
Maine junior Cindy Blodgett was named a WBCA Division I Kodak Honorable Mention All-American Friday by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Blodgett led Maine to a third straight America East Championship and a third straight NCAA tournament. She led the nation in scoring for the second straight year, averaging 27 points a game.

For the third straight year Blodgett earned District I Kodak All-American honors and she was also named to the Associated Press honorable mention team this season.

Blodgett was also named Philadelphia Online Women's Hoops National Co-Player of the Year the week of March 12. She also scored 800 points (810) for the second straight season, only the fifth player to accomplish that feat.

In the NCAA tournament Blodgett scored 34 points against LSU as the Black Bears lost to the Tigers 88-79 in the first round. Blodgett is one of only two seniors returning to the Black Bears next season.



Maine's Cindy Blodgett was named a Kodak Honorable Mention All-American. (File Photo.)

## • HIV

## Magic's HIV undetectable

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Magic Johnson says his faith in God and the prayers of friends and family have helped his body push back the AIDS virus to undetectable levels.

"If it wasn't for the Lord's blessing, I wouldn't be as healthy as I am now," Johnson told KCBS-TV in an interview broadcast Friday.

Earlier in the day, his doctors credited powerful drugs with reducing the virus in the former Los Angeles Lakers star's body — but they added that he is not cured.

"Earvin is doing very well," Dr. David Ho and Dr. Michael Mellman, physicians for Johnson, said in a joint statement.

"However, we must emphasize that 'undetectable' doesn't equal 'absent.' It would be premature and incorrect to say Earvin is 'virus free.' We are very pleased he has adhered to his daily drug regimen, and that is reflected in his good health."

"His viral activity is infinitesimal," Johnson agent Lon Rosen said. But he acknowledged that did not mean the virus was gone.

Johnson's comments were in response

to his wife's comments to a magazine that she believes low viral activity in Johnson's bloodstream means he has been healed by God.

"This is the first time we've ever said anything about the viral activity within my own system," he said.

"... So when she came out and said, because there's no viral activity within my body, she feels, and we both believe, that we've been healed, by our faith in God and by his blessing," Johnson said during a break in a practice with his touring basketball team.

Johnson, who played for the Lakers from 1979 to 1992, disclosed in November 1991 that he was HIV-positive. He coached the team for the final 16 games of the 1993-94 season and came out of retirement to play the second half of last season before retiring for good. He now owns a small portion of the Lakers.

At 37, Johnson maintains a strenuous exercise program and plays basketball with the Magic Johnson All-Stars, a touring team that competes in exhibition games, mostly in Europe.

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106 with 5:05 to go before Washington got the next eight points on baskets by Howard and Webber and two by Rod Strickland.

The Bullets (39-36) broke a tie with idle Cleveland for the eighth Eastern Conference playoff spot as they recovered from Friday night's loss to Minnesota for their seventh win in eight games.

Boston was led by Wesley, who matched his season-high of 34 points, and Todd Day with 26.

**Rockets 94, Grizzlies 85**

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The Houston Rockets set a franchise record for road wins, and Charles Barkley's 28 points in a 94-85 victory Sunday over the lowly Vancouver Grizzlies left him 17th on the NBA career scoring list.

Barkley overtook Hal Greer on the list when he picked up his sixth point of the game by hitting one of two free throws with 2:03 left in the first quarter. The 13-year veteran is now fewer than 200 points from catching Larry Bird.

Barkley added 13 rebounds for the Rockets.

Despite 22 points and a career-high 16 rebounds from rookie Shaquille O'Neal, and 23 points from Bryant Reeves, the Grizzlies lost their seventh straight game and 22nd in 23. Vancouver fell to an NBA-worst 12-65.

Barkley's 11-point third quarter helped

the Rockets take a 70-67 lead.

The Rockets then opened the fourth quarter with an 8-2 run, and Vancouver never got to within four points thereafter.

**Clippers 103, Nets 96**

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Loy Vaught scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, helping the Los Angeles Clippers win their third straight road game, 103-96 over the New Jersey Nets Sunday.

The Nets, who lost their fourth in a row, led 77-73 going into the fourth quarter. But the Clippers outscored them 21-8 to open a comfortable 94-85 lead with 3:39 to play.

Terry Dehere opened the fourth period with a 3-point shot and Vaught followed with a jumper. After Kenfall Gill scored for the Nets, Darrick Martin hit a 3-pointer and Charles Outlaw scored on a baseline turnaround, making it 83-79 and giving Los Angeles the lead for good.

The Nets closed within 97-94 on two free throws by Sam Cassell with 1:36 remaining. But the Clippers, who didn't score a field goal in the final 2:30, made seven of 10 free throws down the stretch to wrap up the victory.

Rodney Rogers added 16 points for the Clippers.

Kerry Kittles led New Jersey with 23 points. Gill had 18 and Cassell 17.

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isn't a given he would transfer to Maine. Maine would have to do an absolutely perfect job of recruiting to sell the school to the Maine native who has already turned down the chance once. Bedard will be a hot commodity at any New England school. Who couldn't use a quality point guard with championship experience?

But if Maine were to lure Bedard away and he was able to play for the Black Bears his senior year (after sitting out his junior

transfer year), Giannini would have himself one hell of a catch. Not only is Bedard a good guard, but he is a Mainer. We all have seen what having in-state players has done for the women's basketball team.

So if the thought of a highly-skilled point guard playing for the Black Bears makes you feel the urge to drool, just remember to keep a napkin handy.

Scott Martin is the sports editor for The Maine Campus.

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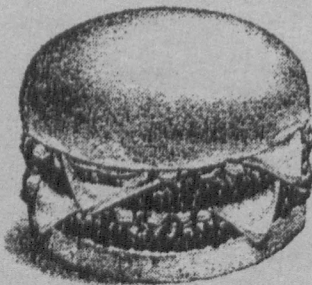
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## • MLB

## Astros help Cardinals slide continue

HOUSTON (AP) — The NL Central champion St. Louis Cardinals stumbled to their worst start in 106 seasons, losing 3-2 Sunday to the Houston Astros on pinch-hitter Jeff Bagwell's two-run double in the eighth inning.

The Cardinals dropped to 0-6, joining the Chicago Cubs as the only winless teams in the majors. St. Louis had lost its first five games in four previous seasons.

Ray Montgomery led off the Houston eighth by reaching on shortstop Royce Clayton's throwing error. Two outs later, John Frascatore (0-1) walked Bill Spiers.

Bagwell, batting for Tim Lincecum, hit a double into the left-field corner for a 3-2 lead. It was the second time in three games that Bagwell had driven home the go-ahead run in the Astros' last at-bat.

Tom Martin (1-0) earned the victory by pitching a scoreless eighth. Billy Wagner worked the ninth for his third save.

Todd Stottlemyre pitched 6 2-3 innings, giving up five hits. He struck out six.

**Phillies 3, Padres 2**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Curt Schilling capped an eventful first week with his second win of the season, and the Philadelphia Phillies avoided a three-game sweep by beating the San Diego Padres 3-2 Sunday.

Darren Daulton, Derrick May and Wendell Magee homered for the Phillies, whose only two wins are by Schilling. He allowed two hits in eight innings Tuesday at Los Angeles and agreed the following day to a \$15.45 million, three-year contract extension.

Schilling allowed two runs in the first two innings, including Quilvio Veras' leadoff homer, then shut out San Diego the rest of the way retiring 16 of the last 18 batters. The switch-hitting Veras lined a 3-2 pitch over the left-field fence for his second homer in six games.

Schilling allowed seven hits in eight innings, struck out seven to increase his season total to 18 and walked none. Ricky Bottalico pitched a perfect ninth for his second save.

San Diego ace Joey Hamilton (1-1) allowed the three homers.

**Mets 4, Giants 2**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Brian Bohanon, starting in place of ailing Pete Harnisch, pitched seven strong innings for his first National League victory as the New York Mets beat the San Francisco Giants 4-2 Sunday.

Harnisch, who has been suffering from insomnia, was sent back to New York earlier in the day. Bohanon was recalled Saturday from Triple-A Norfolk to fill the roster spot of disabled pitcher Yorkis Perez.

Bohanon (1-0) gave up two runs on four hits. He struck out five and walked one.

Bohanon walked Rick Wilkins to start the eighth and Greg McMichael relieved. Pinch-hitter Damon Berryhill hit an RBI double, but overran second and was tagged out by third baseman Butch Huskey.

John Franco relieved to start the ninth. Glenallen Hill led off with a bloop double and Barry Bonds walked on four pitches, but Franco struck out Jeff Kent and got J.T. Snow on a game-ending double-play grounder.

Mark Gardner (0-1) pitched seven innings, settling down after allowing three runs in the first.

American League

**White Sox 5, Tigers 3**

CHICAGO (AP) — Jaime Navarro struck out a career-high 11 in seven innings, getting his first AL victory since 1994 and leading the Chicago White Sox over the Detroit Tigers 5-3 Sunday.

Tony Phillips and Chris Snopce homered for the White Sox.

Navarro (1-0), who left the Cubs to sign with the White Sox as a free agent, allowed five singles and walked two on another blustery day at Comiskey Park.

Detroit got a two-run homer from Melvin Nieves off Al Levine in the eighth. Robert Hernandez pitched the ninth for his second save, allowing a sacrifice fly to Damion Easley.

Phillips hit his 25th career leadoff homer, tying him with Brian Downing for seventh on the career list. Frank Thomas

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Johnson was not taking calls about his condition, Rosen said.

Just as Johnson's announcement that he was HIV-positive catapulted the issue of AIDS into mainstream social discussions, activists hope that his progress encourages people to get tested and take advantage of improved treatments.

Thousands of HIV patients also have seen their infections recede to undetectable levels after taking drugs called protease inhibitors, approved last year by the Food and Drug Administration.

"I speak on behalf of David Ho when I say one of the drugs in the combination (used by Johnson) is a protease inhibitor. I cannot say anything beyond that," Ho's brother and spokesman, Sidney Ho, confirmed Friday.

"My concern is that people are going to think that Magic Johnson is the only person this is happening to ... that he's cured ... that there's a cure for AIDS, therefore, I don't have to worry about being infected," Lee Klosinski, director of education at AIDS Project Los Angeles, said.

A patient with undetectable virus levels can still infect others and even if the virus is undetected in blood or semen, it can be present in other areas such as the intestines.

"I hope people get the message about how important treatment is," Klosinski said.

Protease inhibitors reduce illnesses in infected patients. The drugs are taken with at least two other AIDS drugs on a

strict schedule. The regimen sometimes requires meticulous timing — some drugs must be taken an hour before eating or two hours after. Side effects include nausea, vomiting, headaches, backaches and gastrointestinal problems.

As many as 40 percent of patients who take the potent "cocktail" of drugs eventually develop a resistance, either because the virus becomes resistant after years on other AIDS drugs, or because patients don't or are unable to take the drugs as ordered. The drugs are expensive, costing between \$12,000 and \$15,000 a year.

Nearly 90 percent of the people who take the powerful drugs within a few months of being diagnosed HIV-positive have undetectable levels similar to Johnson, said Dr. Jeffrey Laurence, a lead AIDS researcher at Cornell Medical Center and scientific consultant to the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

"People are living longer, but we're measuring it in months," Laurence said.

The basketball star's wife insists it was God who intervened.

"The Lord has definitely healed Earvin," Cookie Johnson told Ebony magazine in an interview published this month. Doctors "think it's the medicine. We claim it in the name of Jesus," Cookie Johnson said.

"I honestly feel that the Lord is going to heal him and that we are going to live together forever and have more children and be happy."

## MLB

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walked and Albert Belle's wind-whipped fly ball to right fell for a single.

Harold Baines and Ray Durham then had RBI singles to put Chicago ahead 3-0. Tony Pena's sacrifice fly off Doug Brocail (0-1) made it 4-0 in the third, and Snopce hit his first homer in the fifth.

### Athletics 3, Yankees 0

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The New York Yankees, who had not committed an error this season, booted two grounders as the Oakland Athletics broke a scoreless tie with three runs in the eighth inning for a 3-0 win Sunday.

Third baseman Wade Boggs and first baseman Tino Martinez made the miscues as the Yankees, the last team in the majors to commit an error in 1997, wasted a stellar pitching performance by David Cone.

George Williams opened the eighth with a double and Tony Batista got a base hit when reliever Jeff Nelson (0-1) tripped while attempting to field his bunt. Jose Canseco then followed with a hard grounder that was booted into left field by Boggs. Canseco got an RBI on the play.

Three batters later, Martinez let Jason Giambi's grounder go through his legs with the bases loaded and two more runs scored.

Mark Acre (2-0) pitched one-third of an inning for the victory. Billy Taylor pitched the ninth for his third save.

Dave Telgheder allowed six hits in 7 2-3 scoreless innings for the Athletics, and did not allow a runner past second base.

### Rangers 9, Orioles 3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dean Palmer drove in three runs and Rusty Greer had four hits as the Texas Rangers beat Baltimore 9-3 Sunday and sent the Orioles to their first loss of the season.

The Orioles, also 4-0 at the start of last season, fell one game short of tying their team record for consecutive wins to

open the year.

Mike Mussina gave up four runs in the first and wound up allowing seven runs and eight hits in four innings. He was scheduled to pitch on opening day but was pushed back because of calcium deposits in his right elbow.

Roger Pavlik (1-0) gave up two runs and four hits in 6 1-3 innings, walked five and struck out three. Cal Ripken hit a 389-foot solo homer in the second and singled home a run in the third.

Greer and Lee Stevens hit RBI doubles in the first and former-Oriole Mike Devereaux hit a two-run single. Greer doubled again the second and scored on Palmer's single. Greer singled in a run in the fourth and Palmer's RBI groundout made it 7-2.

### Royals 12, Twins 2

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Glendon Rusch allowed four hits in eight innings and retired 19 consecutive batters, making a superb major league debut to lead the Kansas City Royals over the Minnesota Twins 12-2 Sunday.

Rusch struck out four and walked none. He allowed a pair of unearned runs in the first and allowed Ron Coomer's leadoff single in the second, then retired 19 straight until Chuck Knoblauch's two-out single in the eighth.

Mike Sweeney homered and drove in a career-high four runs to lead the Royals' offense.

Brad Radke (0-1) was hammered for seven runs — six earned — and eight hits in 4 1-3 innings. He struck out five and walked one.

Minnesota went ahead in the first when Rich Becker reached on an error by third baseman Craig Paquette, and Marty Cordova and Greg Colbrunn hit RBI doubles.

Scott Cooper pulled the Royals within a run in the second, and Sweeney hit a three-run homer for a 4-2 lead in the fourth.

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## • Tennis

# Agassi wins five-setter, helps U.S. beat Dutch in Davis Cup

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Andre Agassi, handcuffed early by Jan Siemerink's serve-and-volley game, rallied with pinpoint passing shots for the victory Sunday that gave the United States a 4-1 win over the Netherlands in a Davis Cup quarterfinal.

The Americans advanced to the semifinals Sept. 19-21 against Australia, a 5-0 winner over the Czech Republic.

It was Agassi's 15th straight Davis Cup singles victory, putting him within reach of Bill Tilden, who won 16 straight for the United States during the 1920s and early 1930s.

Agassi ended the 2-hour, 48-minute match with a crosscourt backhand for a 3-6, 3-6, 6-3,

6-3, 6-3 victory, then embraced U.S. captain Tom Gullikson as 5,396 cheering fans rose to their feet.

"I just needed to find my groove, and I didn't find it as soon as I should have," he said.

After sharing hugs with teammates Jim Courier, Rick Leach and Jonathan Stark, Agassi bounded back on court. He blew kisses and bowed to all four seating sections inbetween signaling No. 1 with his index fingers.

The Dutch came into Sunday's reverse singles matches needing two wins after Paul Haarhuis and Jacco Eltingh prevented a U.S. sweep by winning Saturday's doubles.

After Agassi's victory, Stark routed Sjeng

Schalken 6-4, 6-0 in a meaningless singles match to close out the best-of-5 series. Stark, a doubles specialist, replaced Courier, who injured his right quadriceps in practice Sunday.

Siemerink, ranked 22nd in the world, came out serving strongly and wrapped up the first two sets in one hour on the hardcourts at the Palisades Tennis Club.

But the Dutchman unraveled at the start of the third set, just as he did Friday against Courier. Siemerink won the first two sets, then dropped the next three after holding a match point in a 3-hour, 25-minute marathon that put the Dutch behind 2-0.

"These guys were able to pick up their

game, and they have a better chance to beat me in five sets than in three," Siemerink said.

Agassi's two wins in the weekend series were his first in any competition since February. He's lost a career-worst five straight on the ATP Tour, forcing his ranking to drop to 29th.

"This makes it a lot easier now," he said of his impending return to the tour. "I've gotten those two wins under my belt, and I think I will start playing a lot better real soon."

Siemerink double faulted for Agassi's first break of the match in the opening game of the third set. Agassi started finding a groove with his passing game, and Siemerink's backhand error gave the American a 3-1 lead.

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