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## Is the dry spell over? Depends

### NEWS

#### Woman dies from too much water

BY CHRISTINA JEWETT  
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**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** — Contestants in a radio stunt called "Hold Your Wee for a Wii" have revealed new details about an on-air water drinking contest that left a 28-year-old mother of three dead.

Jennifer Lea Strange died after drinking well over a half gallon of water Friday during the "Morning Rave" program on KDND-FM. About 18 contestants vied for a Nintendo Wii gaming console by drinking as much water as they could without going to the bathroom; Strange took second place.

James Ybarra, a Woodland, Calif., man who gave up after drinking eight 8-fluid-ounce bottles of water, or half a gallon, said that Strange kept going.

Most contestants were hoping to get the console for their children, he said.

Strange showed contestants photos of her two sons and daughter.

"It is sad that a mother had to lose her life to get something for her kids," he said.

"None of us knew this could be a risk to our health."

The Sacramento County Coroner's Office said Saturday that Strange died of apparent water intoxication.

A preliminary investigation didn't reveal any "life threatening medical conditions to explain her sudden death."

Two years since the last alcohol policy review, Task Force sets new agenda.

BY KELLY DOWD  
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The dry campus alcohol policy is being reevaluated today. In a memorandum to the student body in an e-mail dated Dec. 4, 2006, President Paul Tribble Jr. announced that an Alcohol Task Force (ATF) was assembled. The group of students, faculty and administrators meet at 10 a.m. in the Student Activities Board Room.

"Christopher Newport University continues to undergo changes," Tribble said in the memo. There's a need to reexamine the university's alcohol policy as the university evolves, he said at the final Student Union Board (SUB) meeting of 2006.

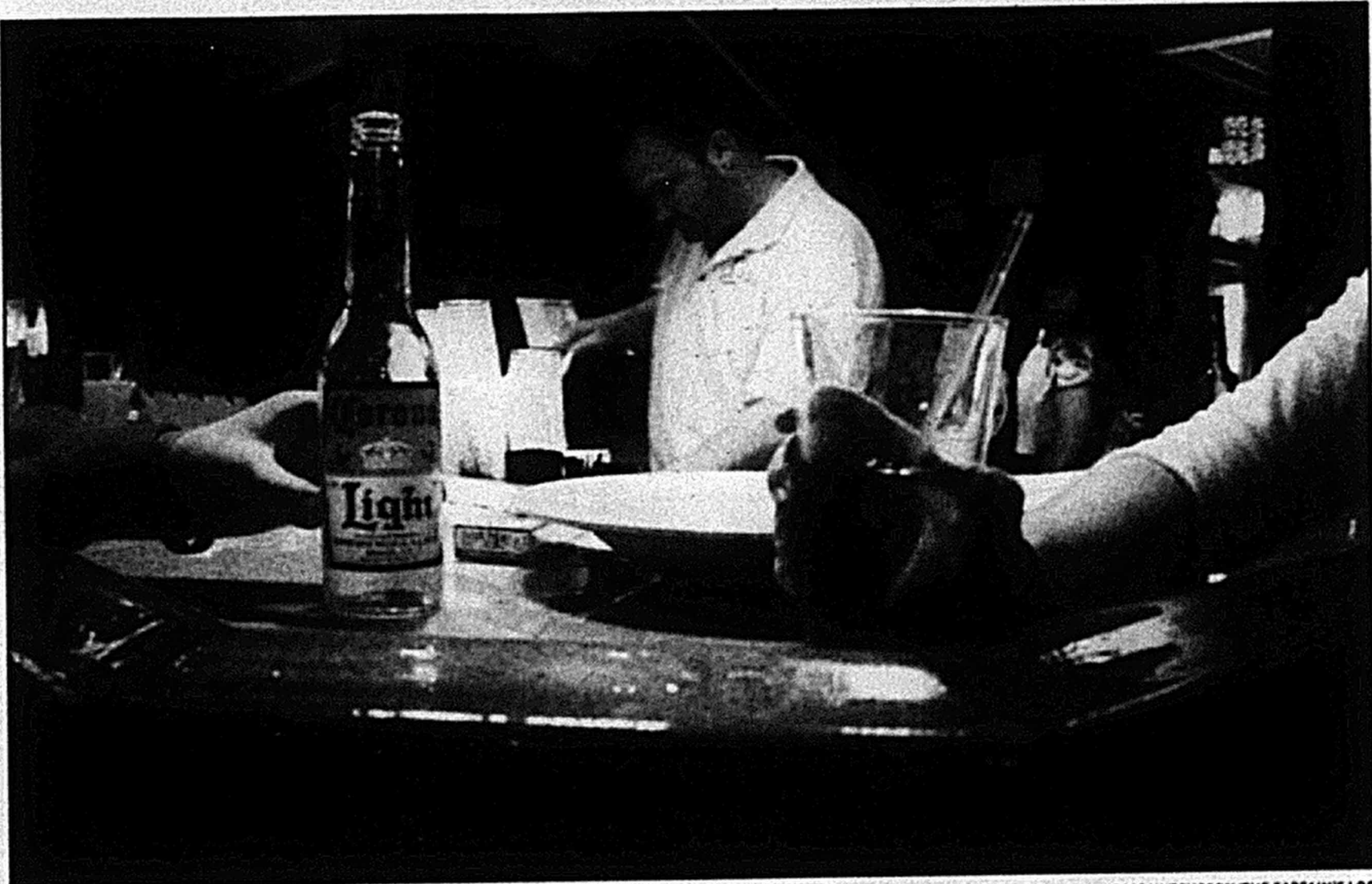
Tribble also said that there is no guarantee that the policy will be changed, a sentiment shared by other members of the CNU administration.

"It's not necessary that any changes will be made, but about every two years the president requests that the task force come back together, especially when a new building is opened," said ATF's Co-Chair and Dean of Students Donna Eddleman in a telephone interview.

The alcohol policy was last reviewed in 2005, defining CNU as a dry campus, meaning that no alcohol is permitted on campus.

This does not mean that alcohol isn't served at CNU functions on campus, however.

The Freeman Center has



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Schooners Grill at the CNU Village is one of the select locations which serves alcohol despite being located on the "dry" campus.

hosted events for non-profit organizations where there was alcohol served. The David Student Union ballroom as well as the Ferguson Center for the Arts serves alcohol at private events.

The Captain's Ball, which is sponsored by the office of student activities and held in the Ferguson Center for the Arts, allowed students of the legal drinking age to purchase and drink alcohol.

"I think they should make it a wet campus. It's college—I think as long as you're over 21, you should be able to have

fun," said sophomore Devin Davis.

Eddleman said that the incorporation of students into the ATF was greatly important.

Student representatives were selected based on the leadership roles on campus.

"Any policy that the university develops will somehow impact the student body — anytime we can include the student voice in decisions it becomes a very valuable piece of the outcome," she said.

The group currently has six student representatives who

have mixed feelings on the issue as a whole.

"I feel as if the policy we have now is fairly strong, but that it is very important to take a step back and give student representatives a chance to make sure everything is running smoothly," said ATF member and IFC President Steven Penn in an e-mail.

"I think that it's important to review the alcohol policy regularly since CNU is quickly and drastically changing. The rules that regulate student activities should stay up to date with the trans-

formation of our university," said senior ATF representative Pan-Hellenic Counsel President Caitlyn Spanka via e-mail.

"Just because the committee will meet doesn't mean they'll make changes, but they have the authority to and they have in the past," said Eddleman.

The committee has been asked by President Tribble to submit recommended changes no later than Feb. 15.

There are eight task force meetings scheduled, although all may not be used.

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#### AIDS info you need to know

AIDS is one of the most serious, deadly diseases in human history. An estimated 42 million people live with HIV infection or AIDS worldwide.

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#### Public trust in Bush drops over Iraq

President Bush unveiled the new version on Wednesday during his nationally televised speech announcing his new Iraq policy.

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## New Library: From sailor to senator

**COMMEMORATION** | The library to open in the fall will be named in honor of the Tribles.

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CNU's new library will be named after a senator and not a sailor. The new library, upon its completion, will no longer be named after Captain John Smith. CNU's Board of Visitors (BOV) announced that the building will instead be called the Paul and Rosemary Tribble Library, citing the couple's extensive service and commitment to the university.

The change was announced on Dec. 8 at an event to commemorate President Paul Tribble Jr. and his wife, Rosemary. The event was a celebration of Paul Tribble's 60th birthday, as well as the Tribles' 10 years at the university and 30 years in Virginia.

"We were expecting it because the president has always taken an interest in the library. I was just delighted that the president wanted to put his name on it," said Mary Sellen, university librarian. The library, still under construction, is expected to be open by the start of fall 2007.

Claude A.S. "Chip" Hornsby III, current BOV rector, announced the new library name at the event. "Over the last 10 years, a true transformation has occurred. Based

on the leadership you've provided, no one would recognize CNU today," he said, according to a press release. "All of us applaud the tremendous accomplishments that have occurred under your leadership."

To further honor the Tribles, a \$500,000 endowed merit scholarship was created, announced at the ceremony by Vice Rector of the CNU BOV James R. "Jay" Joseph. Lewis and M.E. McMurren III created a scholarship challenge grant to establish the endowed merit scholarship, according to a university press release. Their contributions were matched by proceeds from other donors, including the CNU Alumni Society and the CNU Educational Foundation's Inaugural CNU Scholarship Golf Classic and Auction.

The library will not be the first building to bear the name of an individual deemed influential to the campus, as several buildings on campus have been named after groups or individuals who contributed to the construction of the building or the university. Some of those buildings include the Carol K. and Anthony R. Santoro Hall, as well as the Hiden-Hussey Commons.

The library, being an ac-

ademic structure, was funded by the state. Therefore there were no individuals who made large contributions to the construction of the building that the library could be named after, according to Carolyn Cuthrell, director of communications and public relations.

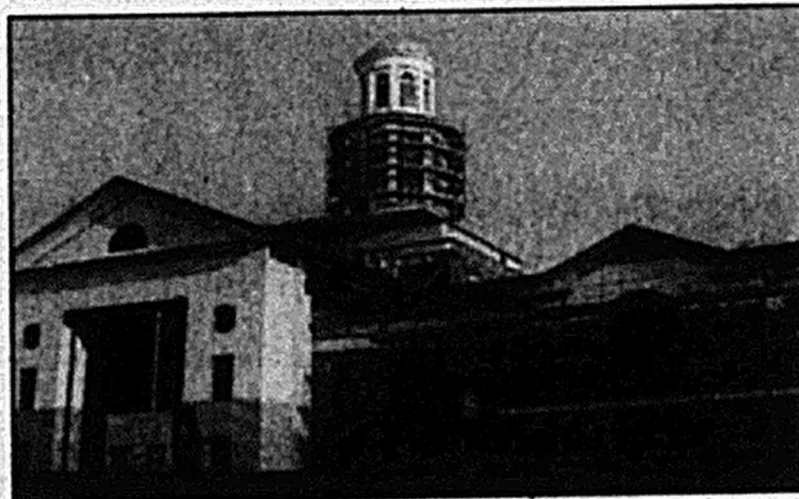
"Paul and Rosemary's dynamic leadership over the past 10 years has raised Christopher Newport University to the ranks of America's finest liberal arts and sciences universities. CNU is now a first choice for high-ability students from throughout Virginia and many other states," said Lewis McMurren at the event.

During Tribble's 10 years at CNU the average GPA has gone from a 2.8 to a 3.4, the average SAT score increased

from 960 to 1165, the number of applications has gone from 1,204 to 7,115, as stated in figures released by University Relations.

In addition to the increasing numbers, over \$400 million has been spent on capital construction. On-campus buildings that Tribble has opened in the past 10 years include the Freeman Center, James River Residence Hall, York River Residence Hall, CNU Apartments, Potomac River Residence Hall, the Ferguson Center for the Arts, and the David Student Union.

"I think the Tribles are the reason for this school's success and if the BOV wants to name a library after them, it is only a fraction of what they deserve in gratitude," said freshman Kevin Murray.



THE CAPTAIN'S LOG FILE PHOTO

The new library will be named Paul and Rosemary Tribble Library when it opens by the fall 2007 semester.

## Funds buy Tribble new property

BY BETH BECK  
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A house situated on the James River has been purchased for President Paul Tribble Jr. by the CNU Real Estate Foundation. The purchase takes place two years after the Foundation purchased a \$1.45 million home for CNU's president. The home purchased last month, considerably closer to campus and costing \$1.96 million, is just another necessary investment in the growth of the university, said Director of Communications and Public Relations Carolyn Cuthrell.

"Waterfront property, especially in such close proximity to the university, is at a premium and this parcel of land represents a rare opportunity to invest in the future of CNU," she said.

One of the reasons the foundation decided to purchase the new house, said Doug Hornsby, CEO of the CNU Real Estate Foundation, was to sell the old house for a profit.

"The experienced members of the Real Estate Board felt that the first lot would sell for more than we purchased it, and they were right," said Hornsby. "The Foundation's purpose is to make money through real estate development and to eventually

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# THE WEEK JANUARY 17-23

## wednesday

10 a.m. — Alcohol Task Force Meeting, Student Affairs Conference Room  
5:30 p.m. — Great Books: Sherlock Holmes, SC 214

## thursday

8-10 p.m. — Fitness and Recreation Expo, Freeman Center  
12:15-1 p.m. — The Captain's Log Advisor's critique, Ratcliffe Lobby

## friday

5 p.m. — End of Add/Drop Period  
7 p.m. — CAB Movie: The Prestige, Gaines Theatre  
7-10 p.m. — CAB Game Night, DSU 2nd Floor

## saturday

7 p.m. — CAB Movie: The Prestige, Gaines Theatre

## sunday

4 p.m. — Catholic Mass, SC 150 (Alumni Room)  
7 p.m. — The Captain's Log staff meeting, DSU 393

## monday

Fitness Kickoff, Freeman Center  
5:30 p.m. — SGA Meeting, SC 150 (Alumni Room)

## tuesday

Fitness Kickoff, Freeman Center

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## On campus

### WEB SITE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

A new Web site called [cnualert.info](http://cnualert.info) was launched in December to provide important emergency information. It provides information regarding unscheduled office closings, university delays, and normal closing and returning facts. The site also lists resources for emergency information and links to other helpful websites. It provides helpful tips and hints on general safety as well as emergency prevention and preparedness.

The site was created to keep parents, students, staff, and community notified about emergency situations, such as inclement weather and unscheduled closings. In mid-January, users will be able to register cell phones to receive alerts via text message.

### GEORGE MASON PROFESSOR TO SPEAK ON BOOK

Tyler Cowen, professor of economics at George Mason University in the Center for the Study of Public Choice will lecture on Thursday, Jan. 25 as part of the BB&T Colloquium Series on Capitalism. The title of his lecture is "How to Control Other People" and will be held from 4-5 p.m. in the Music and Theatre Hall of the Ferguson Center for the Arts, with a reception to follow.

He will lecture from his book, "Discover Your Inner Economist: Use Incentives to Fall in Love, Survive Your Next Meeting, and Motivate Your Dentist," which will be published in fall 2007 by Dutton Books. Cowen, who received a doctorate degree in economics from Harvard University, publishes daily on the site [www.marginalrevolution.com](http://www.marginalrevolution.com) and is currently the director of the James Buchanan Center and the Mercatus Center.

## Around town

### NN DELEGATE PUSHES FOR INMATE EDUCATION

Del. Phil Hamilton, R-Newport News, recently sponsored a bill that would allow inmates to have the opportunity to take online courses to pursue a college degree. Inmates in juvenile and adult facilities are currently not allowed to use the Internet, which makes education difficult since correspondence courses have moved online.

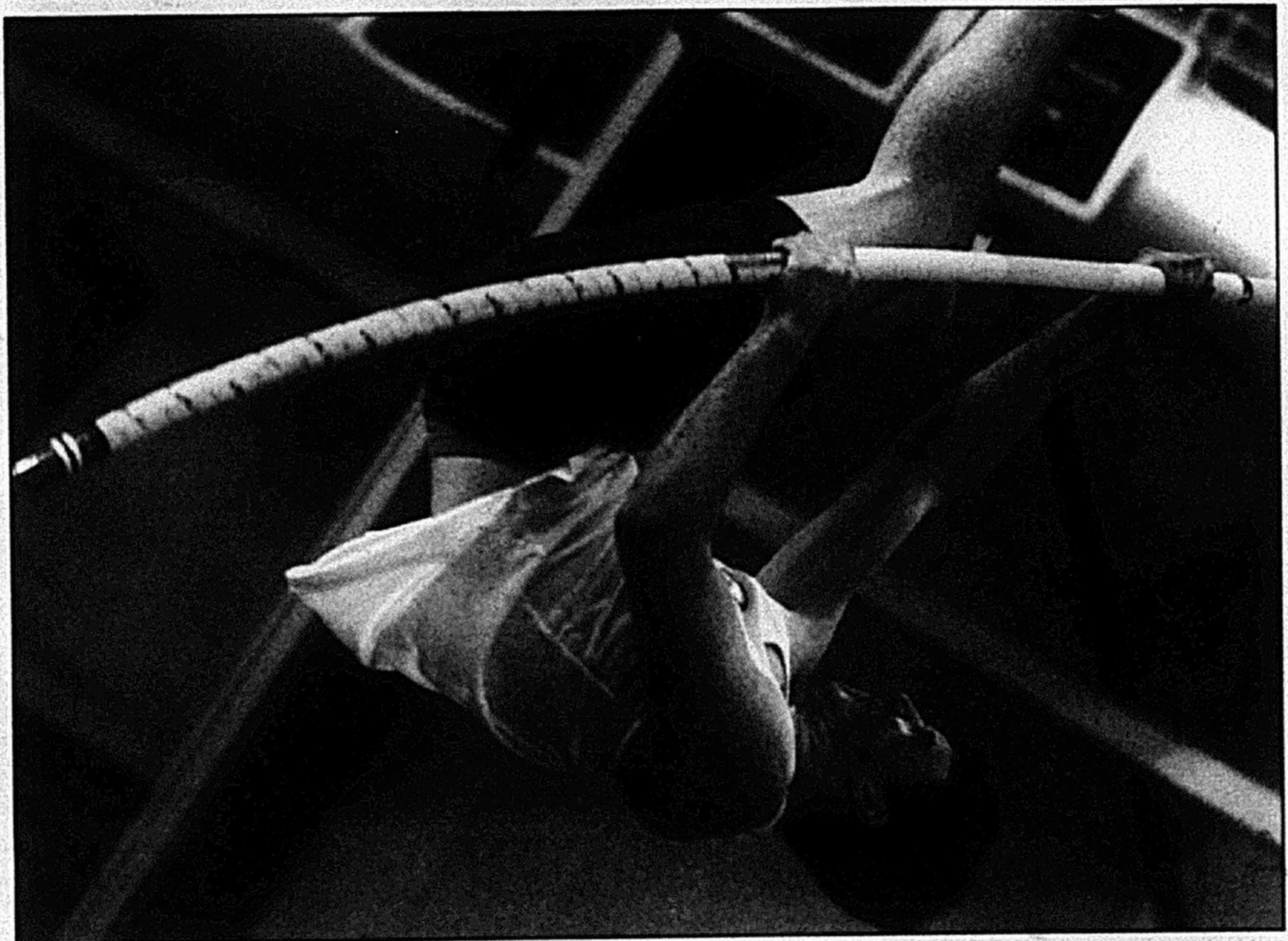
Hamilton's bill would allow the Virginia Department of Correctional Education to explore options of Web classes, although it would not require them to do so. The concern that the Department of Correctional Education has, however, is computer security, but they understand that education for inmates could decrease the chance that they will commit another crime when released.

### SERVICEMEN JOIN WAR PROTEST IN NORFOLK

Peace activists were joined by several dozen service members on Monday to protest the war in Iraq. This adds to a list of thousands of active duty military members protesting the war across the nation.

Approximately 100 people attended the event in Norfolk, which included speeches from several service members speaking out against the war. Active-duty military members are only allowed to publicly object the war when they are not in uniform. On Tuesday, an "appeal for redress" petition was delivered to Congress. The petition was signed by more than 1,000 active duty military personnel across the nation.

## SUPERSHOT



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Freshman pole vaulter Jared Rader attempts a 4.11 leap at a track and field event in the Freeman Center on Dec. 2, 2006. Rader placed 4th in the event, out of six competitors. The Captains will next compete in the Maryland Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 20th.

**Want to see your shot published?** To contribute a photo for "Supershot," send the attached file (in .psd or .jpg format) with your name and class status. Please include in the body of the e-mail information about the picture, including who or what is pictured, when the photo was taken and any other pertinent information. Send to: [clogphotos@cnu.edu](mailto:clogphotos@cnu.edu)

## Police blotter

### CNU Police

#### Crime Log

##### January 13

A case of underage possession of alcohol occurred in Barclay Apartments.

A theft of a cell phone was reported in the Freeman Center.

##### January 11

A theft of computer hardware was reported in Wingfield Hall.

##### January 9

A window was shattered in Tyler Apartments.

#### Information from Newport News Police

#### Newport News Crime Log

##### January 14

An incident of shoplifting occurred on Jefferson Avenue.

An individual was assaulted on Miller Creek Lane. Minor

injuries were reported.

##### January 13

A credit card was reported stolen on Jefferson Avenue.

An instance of intimidation occurred on Bell King Road.

An individual was assaulted on Clay Drive. Minor injuries were reported.

##### January 12

An incident of malicious wounding occurred on Warwick Boulevard. Lacerations were reported.

Clothes and furniture were reported stolen on Jefferson Avenue.

##### January 11

A vehicle left the scene of an accident on Warwick Boulevard.

Computers were reported shoplifted on Jefferson Avenue.

An incident malicious wounding occurred

on Ware Lane. Minor injuries were reported.

##### January 10

A burglary was reported on Miller Creek Lane.

##### January 9

A television and radio were reported stolen on Jefferson Avenue.

An individual was assaulted on Dogwood Drive. Minor injuries were reported.

##### January 8

A vehicle was damaged on Foxboro Drive.

An incident of credit card fraud was reported on Warwick Boulevard.

A vehicle was stolen on Chatham Drive.

An individual committed suicide on Windbrook Circle.

Information from  
CNU Police Department

### KYLIE MINOGUE SIDELINED BY ILLNESS

Kylie Minogue, 38, who recently kicked off a comeback tour after a five-month battle with breast cancer, had to cancel two concerts in England over the weekend due to respiratory infection, her rep, John Bills, said. On Sunday, sources said doctors also have advised the Aussie beauty to scrap her Monday and Tuesday shows. Bills says Minogue's illness has no connection to her cancer.

### JOHNNY DEPP TO MAKE FILM ABOUT SPY

That (tragically) Oscar-deprived thesp **Johnny Depp** is making a thriller about **Alexander Litvinenko**, the Russian spy who was mysteriously poisoned to death in

London in November. Variety says the film will be based on a book by New York Times journalist Alan Cowell.

One iteration can never be enough: The same tale will also be celluloidized in a second, competing film, by award-winning director **Michael Mann**, whose version of the story is based on a bio of the KGB-groomed spy co-written by his wife, Marina Litvinenko and his close friend Alex Goldfarb.

### STING TALKS OF REUNITING WITH POLICE?

Chatter about a Police reunion gained new urgency this weekend when **Sting** told TV critics at their winter gathering, "It would be nice to do something" with his old bandmates. This is the 30th anniversary of the forma-

tion of the band, whose hits include "Roxanne," "Don't Stand So Close to Me" and "Message in a Bottle."

### DANCING STARS' TO RETURN IN MARCH

The First Lady of Soccer, **Victoria Beckham**, really and truly has arrived in Laland, having landed there Saturday to do some house-hunting and perhaps even a tad bit of religion-shopping to help set the stage for husband **David "Soccer Delfy" Beckham's** arrival as a member of the American Major Soccer League team, L.A. Galaxy, sometime in August.

Look for Posh and Becks to lay down serious green for an L.A. domicile: The New York Post and TMZ.com report the couple's London home, dubbed "Beckingham Palace,"

is worth \$13.6 mil, and features a \$40,000 treehouse and \$252,000 fort for their kids.

### 'DANCING STARS' TO RETURN IN MARCH

"Dancing With the Stars" will return to ABC March 19, network boss Stephen McPherson announced Sunday. It's two hours of twirling, and no voting the first week. More lightfooted highjinks the following Monday, followed the next night by the first "results" show, where one celebrity gets the boot.

Beginning April 2, the big performances go Mondays, 8 to 9:30 p.m., with the exit dances Tuesdays from 9 to 10 p.m. No announcement on who will compete.

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# SUB receives DSU financial info

**MEETING** | The Student Union Board was provided with the specific purchasing logs for the DSU after over a month of requests.

BY REGINA CERIMELE  
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Information about David Student Union (DSU) finances were turned over to the Student Union Board (SUB), per the body's request for specific figures in October regarding costs of the building.

President Paul Tribble Jr. and Executive Vice President William Brauer both attended the SUB meeting on Nov. 30 to present the requested paperwork and discuss the delays and questions surrounding documents.

Tribble's presence at the meeting came as quite a surprise to the SUB and its chair, Kim Roeder, director

of student activities said just before the meeting.

Roeder said she was informed just days before of the President's attendance, as the SUB was initially only expecting Brauer.

In addressing the delayed administrative response to the SUB's request for information, Tribble remarked on the university's understaffed administration.

"CNU is very thinly staffed," he said. "Not everything can be done at once. Not every task can be accomplished at the same time."

"The point here is that my colleagues are good people. They work hard day in and day out and they do a remark-

able job," Tribble said.

"But we aren't perfect. We will drop the ball at times. We may be unresponsive at times. But its not because of bad faith or some sinister motive," he said.

Tribble said that he wished to personally address the SUB's questions, and to be present as their concerns were addressed by Brauer.

"Hopefully today we can answer your questions and also put to rest some of the ridiculous rumors on campus about this building," he said in his opening statements.

A stapled packet of finan-

cial information was presented to each SUB member listing the purchasing information for what composed the inside of the Student Union.

"As you will see, there are no \$1,000 lamps, and the carpet in the Ballroom did not cost \$1 million," said Tribble.

Any levels of extravagance seen in the building exist for the building to effectively represent

the needs of the university's students, as well as outside influences, he said.

Certain areas of the DSU were designed solely with student use in mind.

Students, faculty, staff and the world will share other areas of the building, he said.

"So this building serves many constituencies and many important purposes," said Tribble.

"It was intended to enrich student life and it has. But it was also intended to be a gathering place for faculty and staff, alumni, prospective students and their families and for business and community leaders and other friends to whom we look for support," said Tribble.

One element of the DSU which had received criticism, said Tribble, was the fact that several lamps located in the pre function without outlets.

"Why do we have lamps in the pre function area with no outlets? Good question," said Tribble.

An error of the architects

in the building's design, said Tribble, caused the error.

The problem, he said, will be fixed next summer, and no additional charges will be paid by the university.

Changes may also be made to the DSU's doors, said Tribble, as their tendency to remain open keeps the building from being properly ventilated.

The President said he welcomed student representatives' questions about the building.

"You and other students have every right to ask questions. It is our job to be as responsible as we can," he said.

In addition to remarks from the President, Roeder informed the SUB that they would soon begin preparing for the office allocation process for clubs and organizations this spring semester. ■

## DSU extends hours for test period

BY REGINA CERIMELE  
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Until Spring Break, the David Student Union's (DSU) operating hours are officially extended. Not only will the building be open during the week until 12 a.m., but key services such as the Main Bookstore, the C-Store, Sweet Street and the Bistro will also be available longer each day. The university's auxiliary services will observe profit figures and access whether changes will be permanent, said Bob Midgette, senior associate vice president of auxiliary services in a memo to the Student Union Board (SUB).

These later hours come after the representatives of the SUB expressed to the administration student desires for more DSU access each week.

"Auxiliary Services is very interested in making the expanded hours profitable

and will make every effort to promote the change," said Midgette in the memo.

Tomorrow at 8 a.m., the SUB will hold its first meeting of the semester in the Office of Student Activities. Much of the meeting's agenda, said Chair Kim Roeder, director of student activities, will be devoted to deciding the best means to promote the DSU's extended hours to the campus community, so that students will take advantage of the temporary revised hours of operation.

In past meetings, the SUB questioned whether there was a strong enough interest among students on campus to permanently extend the hours of the DSU and the services within.

In their last meeting before winter break, Dec. 5, the SUB made recommendations to Executive Vice President William Brauer that DSU hours be extended.

The university's Auxiliary Services responded on Jan. 12 in a formal memo, in which Bob Midgette announced that the SUB's recommendations had been reviewed and that a decision had been reached.

"Thank you for your input as we continue to improve the operating hours of the David Student Union in an effort to better serve the university community," said Midgette in the memo. ■

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### NEW AVAILABILITY

The building will have extended hours from 8 a.m. until midnight Monday through Thursday. Fridays, the building will close at 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, the DSU will open at 10 a.m., and close at 11 p.m.

The main bookstore will remain open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Hours on Friday will be until 5 p.m. The bookstore will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The C-Store will be open from 8 a.m. until midnight Monday through Thursday, and will be open until 11 p.m. on Fridays. On Saturday and Sunday it will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Sweet Street will remain open from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and will be closed Saturday and Sunday.

The Bistro will be open from 11 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and will be closed Saturday and Sunday.

The services in the DSU without extended hours are Chick-fil-A/Stone Willy's and Regatta's. They will remain the same as last semester.

## ATTENTION CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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# DIVERSIONS

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## Mystic Stars | January 15-21

BY LASHA SENIUK | MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK:** Romantic partners and close friends may soon express a desire for revised lifestyles, new home rules or increase group participation. Social interest is now on the rise. Over the next 11 weeks, expect unusual invitations and rare family gatherings. March 6 to April 21 also accent complicated business proposals from key officials. Improved workplace relations, team projects and new daily duties may be on the agenda. Remain attentive to last minute assignments. Past memories and yesterday's expectations are accented in mid-June. An intense wave of nostalgia and past awareness will captivate attention throughout the summer months. Study outdated romantic and family ideals for valuable clues. Stay alert: repeated patterns need to fade.

**Over the next 11 weeks, expect unusual invitations and rare family gatherings. March 6 to April 21 also accent complicated business proposals from key officials.**



**ARIES** (March 21-April 20) Group social decisions, family plans and team-work assignments will be unreliable over the next five days. After Monday, expect close friends or relatives to offer changing opinions, cancelled trips and quick reversals. Avoid public observations, if possible: before next week, loved ones may be unusually distrustful of criticism or unsolicited advice. Friday through Sunday, property contracts, leases and large investments may demand revised timing. Study minor details for valuable clues.



**TAURUS** (April 21-May 20) Improved skills, revised job titles or expanding projects will now require added dedication. Early this week, ask authority figures or managers for special training or legal permissions. Several months of sluggish workplace advancement now needs to end. Review documents, agreements and contracts for important opportunities. After Wednesday, pay special attention to the minor observations of a close friend or lover. Social disputes will quickly escalate: don't confront.



**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) Love, romantic timing and outdated social promises are highlighted over the next few days. Someone close may this week need to explore yesterday's relationships or discuss private home obligations. Listen and offer gentle advice: your past experience will soon prove invaluable. After Thursday, many Geminis will be asked to begin a new financial partnership or adopt a leadership role in the workplace. This is the right time to expand career goals and daily routines: join in.



**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Before mid-week, a long-term friend may require extra reassurance concerning a recent family decision, roommate dispute or home choice. Creative solutions to power struggles may need to be reversed. Better alternatives are available: advocate a public review of financial facts, social events or discussions. After Thursday, vivid dreams or a sudden glimpse of future events may be unnerving. Relations with older relatives and long-term friendships are accented: remain cautious.



**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) A sudden intuition may this week offer a unique insight into hidden workplace politics. Areas affected are job expectations, career advancement and unusual employment proposals. In the coming weeks, new skills and increased education are highly favored: expect the fields of medical/dental research, new technologies or science to be particularly rewarding. Friday through Sunday, a mildly unethical romantic invitation may require a fast decision: stay balanced.



**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Minor attractions or new flirtations may intensify this week and offer an unexpected distraction from family obligations. Some Virgos, especially those born after 1974, may also experience a rare romantic ultimatum. If so, expect loved ones to openly question the traditional values, goals or emotional needs of relatives. After Wednesday, bosses and managers may quickly change workplace policies or revised group assignments. Remain diplomatic: tensions may be high.



**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Physical vitality and social optimism will soon increase. After several days of restlessness and low energy, many Librans will expand their awareness of new relationships. Romantic potential is now extremely high. After mid-week, explore fresh introductions, creative outlets or group invitations: you won't be disappointed. Later this week, property contracts and financial obligations will become steadily more complicated: if possible, wait for new income sources or bold proposals.



**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Over the next few days, close friends may be reflective and privately moody. Watch for a powerful wave of romantic nostalgia to soon take precedence. Before moving forward in key relationships, a careful examination of past decisions may be needed: provide support and expect minor emotional outbursts. Thursday through Saturday accents unexpected workplace delays. Costly mishaps with machinery or rare accounting errors may be involved. Stay alert: disputes are likely.



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Officials may this week be unavailable to clarify instructions or offer guidance. After Tuesday, independent projects may need to be cancelled or delayed. Remain flexible and wait for group approval before taking on new tasks. Political caution and a firm commitment to established procedures will bring the desired results. Later this week, a trusted friend may propose bold travel plans or a controversial lifestyle change. Probe for private information: there's much to learn.



**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Leadership in the workplace is now vital to the success of short-term projects and team assignments. Early this week, expect colleagues to ask for your approval and advice. Don't disappoint: this is a strong time to display your business skill, accumulated knowledge or social expertise to key officials. After Wednesday, a powerful romantic attraction may prove unavoidable. Be expressive: potential lovers will respond positively to creative proposals and new information.



**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) A recent business promise may now be briefly delayed or redefined. Ironically, postponed job aspirations will work to your advantage. Study minor documents, career contracts or workplace comments for valuable opportunities. Publishing, marketing or new technologies may all prove rewarding. After Friday, private tensions will fade. Some Aquarians may this week experience a dramatic increase in family acceptance. Speak your mind: it's time for clear ultimatums.



**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Social invitations are pleasing but unreliable: over the next few days, expect new friends to announce unique group events or celebrations. In the coming weeks, however, unpredictable emotional changes will challenge established plans. Wait for calm relations before offering your time and emotional dedication. After Thursday, a long-term colleague may request private assistance. Mistaken permissions, flawed documents and legal issues are accented: stay alert.

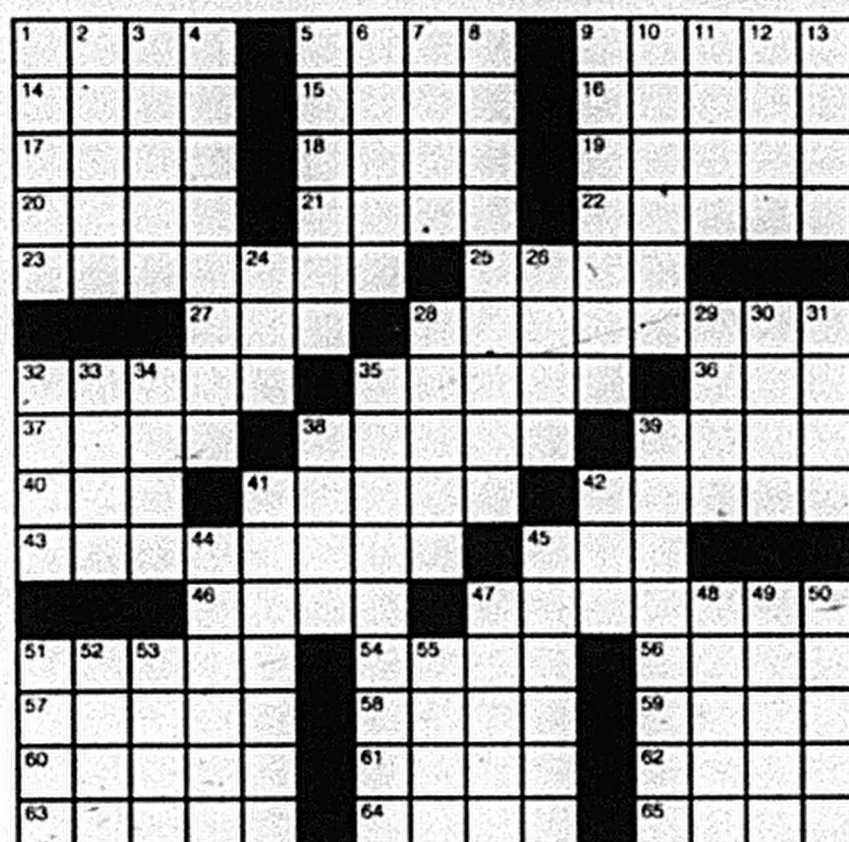
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- 9 Poker action
- 14 Actor Jannings
- 15 Send out
- 16 Flowed back
- 17 Dealer's model
- 18 Actress Sorvino
- 19 Cut partner?
- 20 Aid a con man
- 21 Bohemian
- 22 Red-faced
- 23 Bacon buys
- 25 Stoop element
- 27 Printer fluid
- 28 Barnyard strutters
- 32 Meager
- 35 Sheltered bays
- 36 Actor Tom
- 37 Percussion instrument
- 38 Like highways
- 39 "Little Man"
- 40 Make lace
- 41 More achy
- 42 Toned down
- 43 Soft-shell clams
- 45 Sports enthusiast
- 46 Feel compassion for
- 47 Polite social behavior
- 51 Balance sheet item
- 54 Woe is me
- 56 Clapton or Carmen
- 57 Small harbor
- 58 Spoils taken
- 59 Volcanic flow
- 60 Give tongue to
- 61 Folk wisdom
- 62 Latin & others
- 63 Forest quaker
- 64 Outer layer
- 65 1996 election loser

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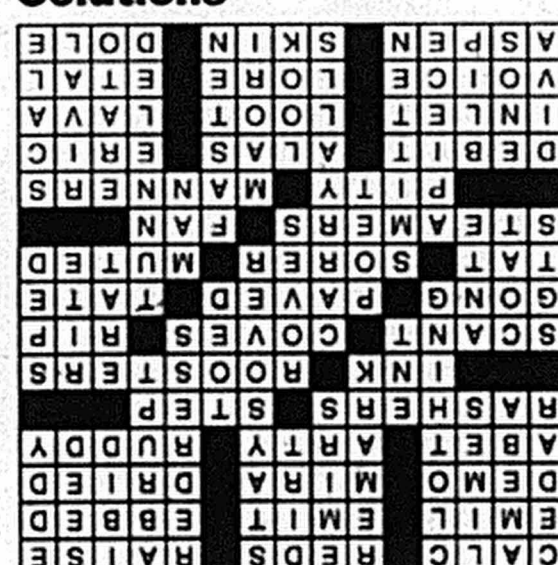
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- 2 Single-celled organism
- 3 Margarita garnishes
- 4 Attire
- 5 Comment
- 6 U.A.E. rulers
- 7 Malicious gossip
- 8 Remains for the night
- 9 Set right
- 10 Unexpectedly sudden
- 11 Footnote wd.
- 12 Watermelon discard
- 13 Countercurrent
- 24 Tolkien forest creature
- 26 the line (obeyed)
- 28 Leads the nomad's life
- 29 QED part
- 30 Sacred service
- 31 Went fast
- 32 Some NCOs
- 33 Thin layer
- 34 Poker payment
- 35 Totes
- 38 Wordsworth or Tennyson
- 39 Built a burrow
- 41 Infatuated
- 42 Fellow
- 44 Per unit
- 45 Hitch
- 47 Native New Zealander
- 48 Muse of lyric poetry
- 49 Adversary
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### Solutions



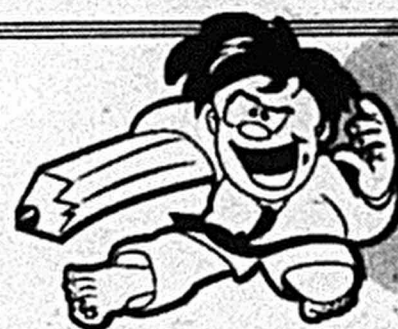
## A College Girl Named Joe

BY AARON WARNER



## Su|do|ku

BY MICHAEL MEPHAM



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Solution to this week's puzzle.

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By Heidi Pankratz and Mark Newton

"We need to keep up with other colleges and how their policies relate to CNU's."

ROBERT BAKER  
FRESHMAN



"It's good to revisit it and it needs to be closely monitored so students are protected. There needs to be a balance between safety and fun."

KAREN MORRAY  
SOPHOMORE



"Absolutely. We have plenty of overage drinkers and it'd be a good idea to redistribute the policy according to age."

SAM LHEUREUX  
JUNIOR



"I don't see anything wrong with it. I came here for an education, not to be surrounded by drunken idiots."

SEAN TUCKER  
FRESHMAN



"Maybe they're too strict. If you're 21, you should be allowed to drink on campus."

WES CARPENTER  
SOPHOMORE



# OPINIONS

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WHERE WE STAND

## Where three-letter booze words fail

We've incorporated "wet" variables — the presence of libations at private events in the DSU and Ferguson Center and on-campus bar, Schooners — to the otherwise "dry" chemical composition on campus for students (even those who are of age) in our tightly regulated Residence Halls.

CNU is something of a chemistry experiment right now, is it not? After you add these variables, rinse out the graduated cylinder and wait for the unsightly marks from your protective goggles to go away, you might still find yourself asking: what kind of campus are we anyway? Despite alcohol's increased presence on campus, for many students who are of age campus has never seemed dryer.

The alcohol policy as it stands creates a scenario where students of legal drinking age living on campus can (and indeed do) receive alcohol violations — complete with alcohol education programs and community service — for having beer in his or her fridge. What's more, of-age students who live in the CNU Village can (and certainly do) receive the same kinds of punishments for alcohol infractions as those living on main campus, but can drink legally in restaurants located in the same building. Sure, Schooners and company are privately owned businesses with ABC licenses and are very much separate from the residential realm of the Village. But doesn't the sheer proximity — for some, one floor's worth of a staircase — indicate need for an adjustment of some variety? What about schools like Virginia Tech, where, quite literally, college police roll up to a huge resi-

dence hall party and calmly empty the place without taking down a single student ID number?

At the same time, perhaps people who make that kind of an argument are being unreasonable — we're actually rather wet. Schools like Virginia Tech are so large that enforcing strict alcohol policies would be impractical if not impossible. Truly, the fact that 21-year-olds have a place like Schooners to go for drinks is already a pretty progressive notion in comparison to what our campus used to be like four years ago. Aren't

the administration meeting legal halfway here?

Likewise, isn't CNU protecting their investments when it comes to dry residence halls? It is not uncommon, really, in that there are an appreciable number of apartment

complexes, condos and rental houses in the real world that have "no alcohol on the premises" clauses due to a few simple facts that most anyone whose raised a glass understands. Drunken people (crowds of them especially) cause damages, right?

Yet, whatever hygrometric nomenclature — "dry," "wet," "moist" — we might choose to characterize CNU's alcohol situation currently, they are an overly simplistic means to describe exceedingly complicated issues. If you have strong feelings about changes that should be made, keep up with the Alcohol Task Force (ATF) and make those ideas known.

IAN SASS-BASEDOW, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

OTHER VOICES

## Democrats' student loan proposal is unaffordable

BY BRIAN RIEDL  
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Within the next few days, as part of their "first 100 hours" legislative blitz, congressional Democrats have promised to "make college more accessible" by halving the 6.8 percent interest rate on subsidized student loans. While parents and students certainly understand the strains of college costs, this policy is unaffordable, unnecessary and even illogical.

Despite persistent claims of cuts, student financial aid spending since 2001 has surged by a staggering 400 percent — from \$9.6 billion to \$48 billion, according to the Office of Management and Budget. This makes the Office of Federal Student Aid the fastest-growing agency in the entire federal government.

Much of this increase has come from an unanticipated surge in the number of college graduates consolidating their student loans (which will lead to large federal subsidies to banks). However, the student aid budget is projected to level off at approximately \$25 billion — nearly triple the 2001 level.

Congress' focus on interest rates is curious because current rates are quite low by historical standards.

This school year, the variable student loan interest rate — which was set to jump to over seven percent — was replaced with a fixed 6.8 percent rate that

is lower than in all but six of the last 42 years.

Furthermore, the basic idea that cutting student loan interest rates will "make college more accessible" makes no sense. College affordability depends on family income and financial aid availability, relative to tuition and fees. The interest rate doesn't matter until after graduation when repayment begins.

Today's students can also borrow more. That same Deficit Reduction Act increased subsidized student loan borrowing caps for freshman and sophomores from \$2,625 and \$3,500, respectively, to \$3,500 and \$4,500. Graduate student loan limits were increased to \$12,000 annually.

Yet these unending student aid increases haven't made college more affordable. The average college tuition, adjusted for inflation, has leaped 86 percent for public colleges and 52 percent for private colleges since the 1991-92 school year. Paradoxically, many economists now believe that student aid hikes actually contribute to tuition increases. Colleges, like businesses, charge as much as their customers are able to pay. So when student aid increases, colleges raise tuition accordingly to capture the additional aid. It becomes a vicious circle, with students caught in the middle.

So if reducing interest rates won't increase college accessibility, or make college more afford-

able, what will it do? Subsidize future college graduates repaying their student loans. Before we add "college graduates" to the list of groups needing government handouts, consider that today's typical college graduate enters the workforce with a student loan debt of \$17,500. While this seems large, it represents a monthly payment of only \$114 (\$102 when counting the related tax deduction) after conversion into a consolidation loan.

Given that a college degree raises the average individual's lifetime earnings by over \$1 million, \$114 per month is clearly an affordable payment on a very profitable educational investment. Perhaps it's not in society's best interest to tax society at large to further subsidize the 24 percent with college degrees and higher lifetime earnings.

America faces substantial budgetary challenges: Washington spent a peacetime-record \$23,281 last year, and projections show worsening budget deficits every year. The War on Terror and new homeland security costs must be funded. The coming retirement of 77 million baby boomers will send Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid costs to levels that could require a doubling of all income taxes. In this context, responsible lawmakers should step back and examine whether a new subsidy for college graduates is really a top priority. ■

## Trustworthy candidate?

BY BILL FERGUSON  
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

I can't understand why anyone would want to run for president. Who in their right mind would willingly open himself up to the kind of scrutiny and criticism that a person has to endure just to compete for what is probably the most difficult, stressful job in the world?

Obviously some people do covet the position badly enough to try to run that bruising gauntlet because every four years a number of high-profile politicians throw their hats in the ring.

You have to wonder if Barack Obama has started to have any second thoughts yet regarding his decision to enter the 2008 race. The media's love affair with the Democratic wonder boy experienced some turbulence this week when his acknowledged drug use in his younger

days became fodder for his opponents both inside and outside of his party.

Apparently he published a book years ago, long before he entered politics, in which he acknowledged using illegal drugs when he was in high school and college. No doubt Hillary's army and Republican candidates who were waiting for the Golden Boy's halo to slip danced a little jig when this juicy bone became available to wave under the noses of their attack dogs.

C'mon guys. You're going to have to do better than that. America, elect a president who is a former drug user? Could such a thing actually happen?

People actually want to suggest that a man might not be fit to be president because he used drugs in his distant past? Are you kidding me? That would be like saying that we can overlook past drug use, but we just don't have

the stomach for unflinching honesty. If that is the case we might as well change the job title from president to weasel-in-chief.

I certainly won't rule out voting for a candidate who has made mistakes and is willing to own up to them. I don't expect any candidate to have lived a perfect life, but it would be a refreshing change if more of them just admitted their mistakes and then got on with their business.

I know, I know — that's not the way the game is played. In politics, any past indiscretion by a candidate is used as fodder by his opposition to paint him as a degenerate who is unfit to walk the streets, much less hold a position of public trust. So you admit to nothing that can't be conclusively proven and equivocate wherever possible.

That's the way you win elections these days. But that doesn't make it right. ■



## Growth, not government, will solve environment troubles

BY ED FEULNER  
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Those of us old enough to remember the 1970s have no desire to relive those days. After all, it was an era of price controls, gas lines and stagflation. These ills were triggered when our government attempted to "fix" the economy by subverting the free market. Instead, it simply ended up creating an economic nightmare.

As John O'Sullivan reminds us in his excellent new book "The President, the Pope and the Prime Minister," the fortunes of the United States seemed then to be in decline.

President Jimmy Carter "had concluded that the American people should maturely accept a narrowing of their hopes and horizons," O'Sullivan writes.

Carter thought "the American way of life, combining freedom with prosperity, was no longer possible in a world where shortages of raw materials made controls essential and rationing perhaps morally obligatory."

That's not how Ronald Reagan saw things. "People who talk about an age of limits are really talking about their own limitations, not America's," he chided. And indeed, when Reaganomics replaced Carter's failed policies, our economy took off, beginning an economic expansion that continues to this day.

All this matters now because many want us to repeat some of the same policy mistakes that made the '70s a nightmare.

This time, the impetus is "global warming," but the prescription is the same: government controls and slower eco-

nomics growth. "Our natural role is to be the pace car in the race to stop global warming," Al Gore explained in a speech this fall.

Of course, the reason the United States emits so much carbon dioxide is because we've got the planet's largest economy. So Gore's prescription boils down to saying we need to show the rest of the world the way forward by freezing — and then reversing — our economic growth.

That's exactly the wrong approach. If anything, we need to increase the pace of our growth, and the rest of the world's. Economic growth, after all, is the surest way to clean up the environment.

Research cited by the World Bank finds that once per capita income in a country rises to between \$5,000 and \$8,000, pol-

lution starts to decline. It seems that once people are earning enough to support their families, they're eager to improve their environment, too.

Economic success also generates creativity. Our vibrant economy keeps developing clever inventions such as the iPod. High-speed Internet connections allow more people to work from home, thus taking cars off the road. And as long as we keep growing, the years ahead will bring ever-cleaner and more efficient energy alternatives, too.

Remember that our economy once depended on burning trees for power. We moved from wood to coal, from coal to oil and natural gas, and we'll move from those to something else.

As a bonus, the advanced technologies our economy will develop "could eventually facili-

tate accelerated progress toward addressing the long-term challenge of climate change, while also continuing the energy-related and other services needed to sustain economic growth," a report by the Bush administration's climate-change technology program explains.

That's because the new technology will improve our energy efficiency, reduce emissions of all types of greenhouse gasses, and may eventually allow us to capture carbon dioxide and actually remove it from the environment. If, that is, we allow the free market and the creativity it generates to thrive.

If we want to eliminate global warming and improve our environment, the answer is to grow boldly in the future — not to foolishly repeat the mistakes of the past. ■

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# FOOD+HEALTH

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## AIDS information you need to know

**HEALTH LIBRARY |** HIV and AIDS prevention, information, symptoms and treatments.

BY MYSTUDENTHEALTHZONE.COM  
MCCLEACHY NEWSPAPERS

AIDS is one of the most serious, deadly diseases in human history. An estimated 42 million people live with HIV infection or AIDS worldwide, and more than three million die every year from AIDS-related illnesses.

AIDS is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which destroys a type of defense cell in the body called a CD4 helper lymphocyte. Lymphocytes are part of the body's immune system, and help fight infectious diseases.

As HIV destroys lymphocytes, people with the virus become immune deficient, meaning they get serious infections they normally wouldn't. The name for this condition is acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).

Although medicines have been successful in slowing the disease's progress, there is still no cure for HIV infection and AIDS. That's why prevention is extremely important.

### HOW IS HIV/AIDS SPREAD?

An infected person can transmit HIV to another person through blood, semen, vaginal fluids and breast milk. The virus can be spread through high-risk behaviors including:

- unprotected oral, vaginal or anal sexual intercourse.
- sharing needles, like those used to inject drugs (including needles used for injecting steroids) and those used for tattooing.

People who have another sexually transmitted disease (STD) are at greater risk for getting HIV during sex with infected partners. A pregnant woman with HIV can spread the virus to her baby, so all pregnant women should be tested so they can begin treatment if necessary.

### HOW HIV INFECTION AFFECTS THE BODY

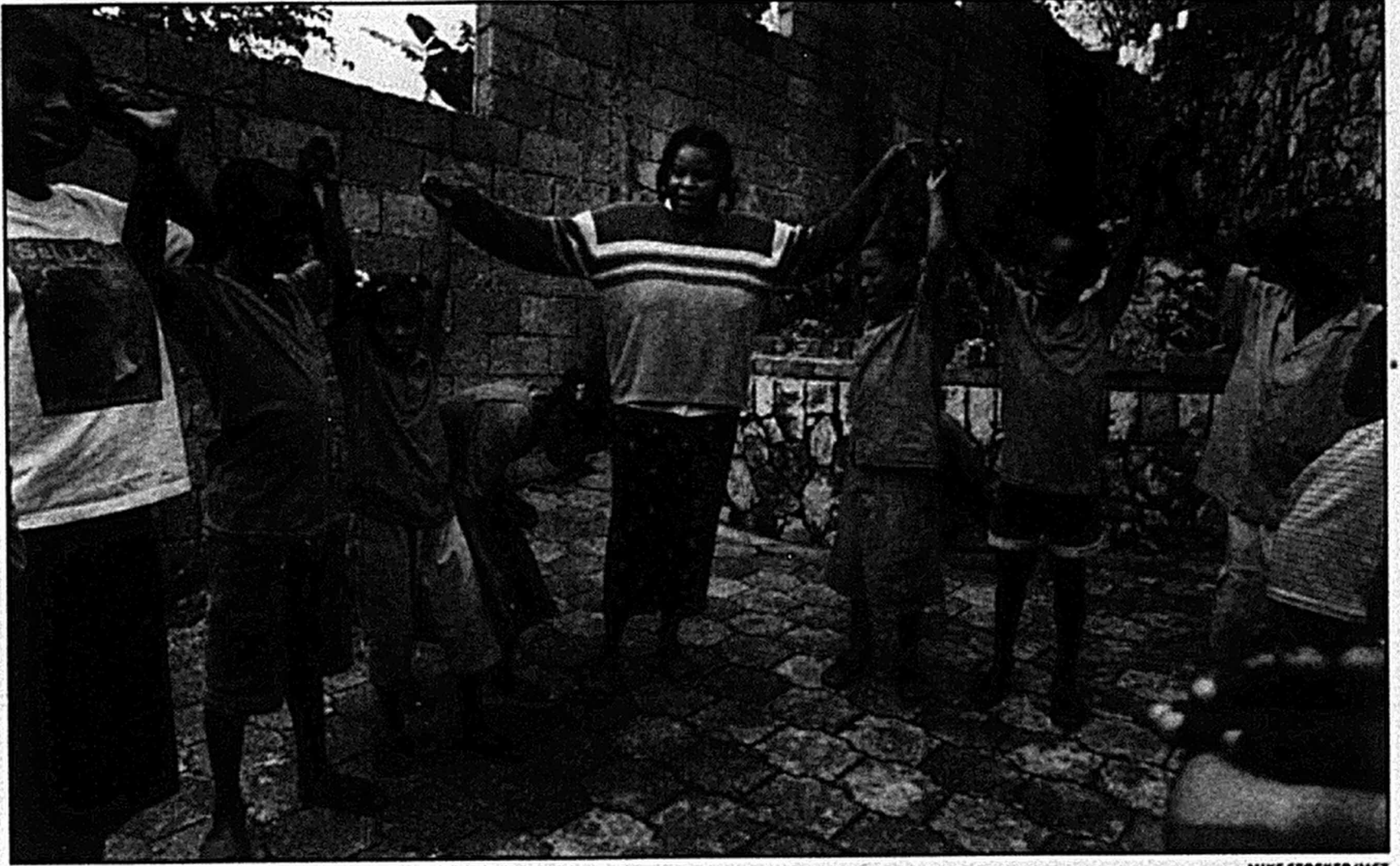
A healthy body produces CD4 helper lymphocyte cells (CD4 cells) that act as messengers to other types of immune system cells, telling them to become active and fight against invading germs. HIV attaches to CD4 cells, infects them, and then uses them as a place to multiply. HIV destroys the ability of the infected cells to do their job in the immune system, and the body loses the ability to fight many infections.

As more lymphocytes are destroyed, HIV turns to AIDS. Because of a weakened immune system, people with AIDS can't fight off many infections and tend to keep getting sicker, especially if they're not taking antiviral medications properly.

AIDS can affect every body system. Having too few CD4 cells also increases a person's risk of developing certain types of cancer. Because AIDS is fatal, it's important that doctors detect HIV infections as early as possible so a person can take medication to delay the onset of AIDS.

### SYMPTOMS OF AIDS

If a person's blood lacks the number of CD4 cells required to fight infections, or the



Charline Noel Jocelyn (center) is a 16-year-old HIV-positive teenager living at an orphanage for children affected by AIDS in Haiti.

person has signs of specific illnesses or diseases that can occur in those with HIV infection, doctors suspect AIDS and perform tests to make the diagnosis.

The amount of time it takes for AIDS symptoms to appear varies. A person with HIV infection may feel and look healthy for years, and symptoms of HIV infection and AIDS may not appear for a long time.

It's still possible to infect others with HIV, even if the person with the virus has absolutely no symptoms.

Symptoms of AIDS can include:

- extreme weakness or fatigue.
- rapid weight loss.
- frequent fevers that last for several weeks with no explanation.
- heavy sweating at night.
- swollen lymph nodes ("swollen glands").
- white spots in the mouth or throat.
- chronic diarrhea.
- persistent cough.
- frequent memory loss.

Women may also experience severe vaginal yeast infections that don't respond to usual treatment, as well as pelvic inflammatory disease (PID).

### PREVENTING HIV/AIDS

One of the reasons HIV infection is so dangerous is that someone can have the virus for a long time without knowing it and can then spread the virus to others through high-risk behaviors. HIV transmission can be prevented by:

- abstaining from oral, vaginal or anal sex.
- always using latex condoms for all types of sexual intercourse.
- avoiding contact with the bodily fluids through which HIV is transmitted.
- never sharing needles.

### DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

People can get tested for HIV/AIDS at special AIDS clinics around the country. Clinics offer both anonymous and confidential testing. Most AIDS testing centers will ask you to follow up for counseling to get your results, whether the test is negative or positive.

If you're not sure how to find a doctor or get an AIDS test you can contact the National AIDS Hotlines at (800) 342-AIDS for English or (800) 344-7432 for Spanish. ■

## Only safe mushroom is a store mushroom

BY JULIE SEVRENS LYONS  
MCCLEACHY NEWSPAPERS

What's the best way to prevent eating a poison mushroom?

"Never eat a mushroom outside the Safeway produce section," said Dr. Tim Davern, a transplant hepatologist at the University of California-San Francisco.

There are about 5,000 types of the popular fungi in the United States, and while only about 100 of them are responsible for the majority of mushroom-related illnesses, almost every year someone in California dies from eating the wrong one, according to the California Poison Control System.

Identifying mushrooms is difficult and time-consuming, experts say, requiring careful examination of the color, gills, spores, stalks and base portion of the mushroom.

Some people can eat mushrooms and not get sick, while others eating the same mushroom can experience severe vomiting and diarrhea.

Some mushrooms are poisonous only when eaten raw, while others are toxic no matter how they're cooked or prepared. And some that are edible when fresh and young can become poisonous when old, bitten by frost, or decaying, according to the poison control system.

Children, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems are the most vulnerable. Symptoms can appear within just a few hours after consumption.

Even with all the advances of modern medicine, there still is no antidote for mushroom poisoning, with a liver or kidney transplant being the only option in some of the most severe cases. ■



JOHN DZIEKAN/MCT

Chanterelle mushrooms are called the "queen of the forest" because of an earthy, but mild flavor.

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# WORLD+NATION

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## Public trust in Bush dropping over Iraq

**ANALYSIS** | Many feel that the Bush administration is not telling the truth about U.S. involvement in Iraq.

BY MARK SEIBEL  
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush and his aides, explaining their reasons for sending more American troops to Iraq, are offering an incomplete, oversimplified and possibly untrue version of events there that raises new questions about the accuracy of the administration's statements about Iraq.

President Bush unveiled the new version on Wednesday during his nationally televised speech announcing his new Iraq policy.

"When I addressed you just over a year ago, nearly 12 million Iraqis had cast their ballots for a unified and democratic nation," he said. "We thought that these elections would bring Iraqis together — and that as we trained Iraqi security forces, we could accomplish our mission with fewer American troops."

"But in 2006, the opposite happened. The violence in Iraq — particularly in Baghdad — overwhelmed the political gains Iraqis had made. Al-Qaida terrorists and Sunni insurgents recognized the mortal danger that Iraq's election posed for their cause. And they responded with outrageous acts of murder aimed at innocent Iraqis."

"They blew up one of the holiest shrines in Shia Islam — the Golden Mosque of Samarra — in a calculated effort to provoke Iraq's Shia population to retaliate," Bush said.

"Their strategy worked. Radical Shia elements, some supported by Iran, formed death squads. And the result was a vicious cycle of sectarian violence that continues today."

That version of events helps to justify Bush's "new way forward" in Iraq, in which U.S. forces will largely target Sunni insurgents and leave it to Iraq's U.S.-backed Shiite government to — perhaps — disarm its allies in Shiite militias and death squads.

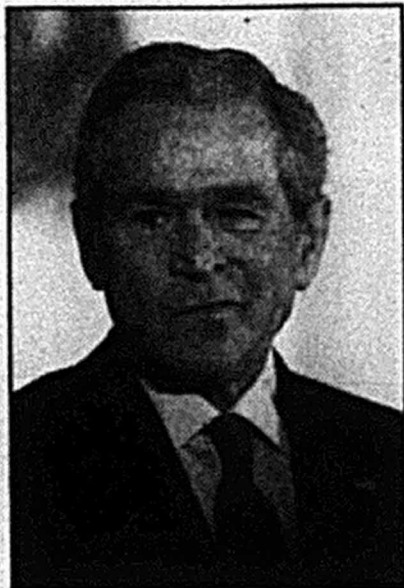
But the president's account understates by at least 15 months when Shiite death squads began targeting Sunni politicians and clerics. It also ignores the role that Iranian-backed Shiite groups had in death squad activities prior to the Samarra bombing.

Blaming the start of sectarian violence in Iraq on the Golden Dome bombing risks policy errors because it underestimates the depth of sectarian hatred in Iraq and overlooks the conflict's root causes. The Bush account also fails to acknowledge that Iranian-backed Iraqi Shiite groups stoked the conflict.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice recited Bush's history of events on Thursday in fending off angry questioning from Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., about why Rice had offered optimistic testimony about Iraq during a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing in Oct. 2005.

"The president has talked repeatedly now about the changed circumstances that we faced after the Samarra bombing of February '06, because that bombing did in fact change the character of the conflict in Iraq," Rice said. "Before that, we were fighting al-Qaida; before that, we were fighting some insurgents, some Saddamists."

No one disagrees that the



CHUCK KENNEDY/MCT

Above: U.S. President George W. Bush lets his emotions show during the reading of the citation awarding the Medal of Honor posthumously to Marine Cpl. Jason Dunham on Thurs., Jan. 11, in Washington, DC.

Right: A recent poll indicates that Bush's plans to send more troops to Iraq have not been in favor with the public.

February bombing of the Golden Dome shrine was a pivotal moment. In the days following the attack, armed Shiites stormed Sunni mosques and neighborhoods, killing hundreds. Baghdad's Sunni residents responded by arming themselves, and Sunni insurgents set off car bombs in Shiite neighborhoods. By October, the monthly death toll was reaching into the thousands.

U.S. diplomats, reporters and military and intelligence officers began reporting that Shiite death squads were targeting Sunni clerics and former officials of Saddam Hussein's Sunni regime at least 15 months before the Samarra bombing.

### How did Bush's speech play?

Highlights of a survey taken just after President Bush announced his new plan for a 'surge' of 21,500 U.S. more forces into Iraq.

#### Bush's 'surge' plan for Iraq

Support	36%
Oppose	61%

#### Increasing U.S. troops in Iraq will:

End war more quickly	29%
Make war last longer	19%
No difference	48%

#### Will plan make United States more likely to win war?

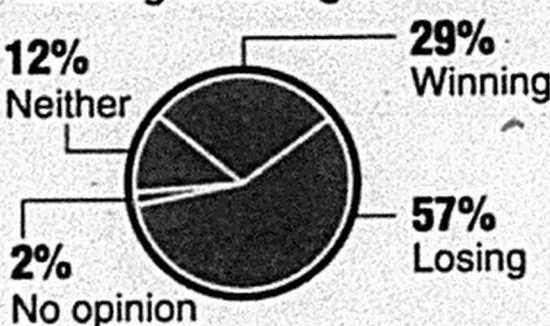
Win	36%
Lose	10%
No difference	53%

#### Is war worth fighting?

Those who feel strongly:

Yes	28%
No	47%

#### Is the United States winning or losing the war?



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Then-Secretary of State Colin Powell urged a U.S. offensive against radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia in 2004. But he was overruled by then-national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, then defense secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Vice President Dick Cheney. They argued against fighting a two-front war against Sunni insurgents and Shiite militants.

The concerns about Shiite militias grew after the Jan. 30, 2005, elections that brought the Shiite-led government of then-Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari to power. Journalists in Iraq, the CIA station, the U.S. Embassy and the U.S. military all reported

throughout 2005 that evidence was mounting that Jaafari's government was incorporating Shiite militias and death squads into the Iraqi army and police.

By the summer, the tortured bodies of kidnapped Sunni clerics had begun turning up regularly on Baghdad's streets, and on Aug. 10, 2005, Knight Ridder correspondent Tom Lasseter wrote:

"A militant Shiite Muslim group with close ties to Iran has gained enormous power since Iraq's January elections and now is accused of conducting a terror campaign against Iraq's Sunni Muslim minority that includes kidnappings, threats and murders."

Lasseter identified the group as the Badr Organization and reported that Iraq's interior minister was associated with it.

On Thursday, frustration over the accuracy of administration statements on Iraq boiled over during Rice's testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing.

"Madam Secretary," said Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., "I have supported you and the administration on the war, and I cannot continue to support the administration's position. I have not been told the truth over and over again by administration witnesses, and the American people have not been told the truth."

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# Ferguson wins design awards in first year

**CNU EXCELS** | The new addition to CNU has been recognized by four major awards.

BY SARA JORDAN  
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A little over a year since its opening, the Ferguson Center for the Arts has won four major awards for excellence in architectural design.

Ferguson's awards are the result of the design efforts of Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas & Company of Norfolk, in association with Pei Cobb Freed and Partners.

Bill Biddle, executive director for Ferguson, noted work experiences of the design teams, saying, "Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas & Company has earned more than 50 design awards for projects throughout the United States—many on college campuses."

Ferguson tied for grand prize for the Louis I. Kahn award, named for an American architect whose buildings are characterized by powerful and massive forms. The outside colonnade and massive staircase in the lobby reflect this desired style.

The Hampton Roads chapter of the American Institute of Architects gave Ferguson the Excellence in Design award. Jurors on the committee said, "The design was a sophisti-

cated resolution of various and disparate programmatic elements, creating a number of interesting spaces."

The Institute will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year and has organized the Prague Quadrennial 2007, an international competitive exhibition of theater architecture. This event, to be held in the Czech Republic in June 2007, has included Ferguson in the competition.

Ferguson was named the 2006 Grand Prize winner in the Seventh Annual Education Design Showcase by the College Planning and Management magazine.

In a statement released in October, the Showcase said, "[The campus] desired a performing arts center that would have an impact on the quality of the student art experience and on the arts in its metropolitan region of 1.6 million people."

By attracting major performers, it enriches the cultural offerings available to students and the community, and it provides a link between the student and civic communities by creating opportunities for shared experiences and activities." Additionally, Biddle said, "It

was recently reported by the Daily Press that the Ferguson Center has directly and positively impacted the bottom lines of area restaurants, hotels, and other businesses."

"Certainly the primary goal conceptualized by CNU President Paul Tribble was to create a world-class performing arts center that would put CNU and Newport News on the national and international map," said Biddle. Ferguson's programs bring audiences from all over Virginia and performers from all over the world, said Biddle.

Some of the award-winning qualities the Ferguson possesses, Biddle said, are the colonnade, the glowing glass staircase, the lobby clerestory, the theater sizes and the use of lighting.

"We constantly strive to create the very best experience for our patrons and students attending performances at the Ferguson Center. At the midpoint of our second season, we continue to fine-tune services and add initiatives, and also rely on patron feedback to meet and exceed expectations," said Biddle.

Ferguson has been a positive influence on CNU and the surrounding communities over the last year, Biddle said, "Receiving the numerous design awards and accolades is icing on the cake!" ■

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give to the university for its purposes.

The CNU Real Estate Foundation, he said, is an organization independent from the university as well as the state. Because the purchase was made by the CNU Real Estate Foundation, it was paid for with private money, not state funds or student tuition.

"Beyond a residential function, the president's house accommodates functions that include entertaining faculty, staff, students, donors and potential donors and digni-

ties," Cuthrell said.

Hornsby said the use of the president's home goes far beyond its title and explains the decision to opt for more extravagance.

"University presidents are charged with leading the fundraising for their schools," said Hornsby. "Often having a potential significant donor to the president's house is expected. Both this president and future presidents need a residence that is dual purposed. [The house is] not only their personal residence, but also the image of the university

and its president."

"The purchase is typical of the kind of long-term investments made by colleges and universities nationwide," said Cuthrell.

"The board felt very strongly that the location of this lot and its close proximity to the university was the better location for a president's house," said Hornsby.

The property is 1.5 miles from campus. The intention of the CNU Real Estate Foundation is to tear down the existing 1930 Colonial home, said Hornsby, and build a new house for the president. ■

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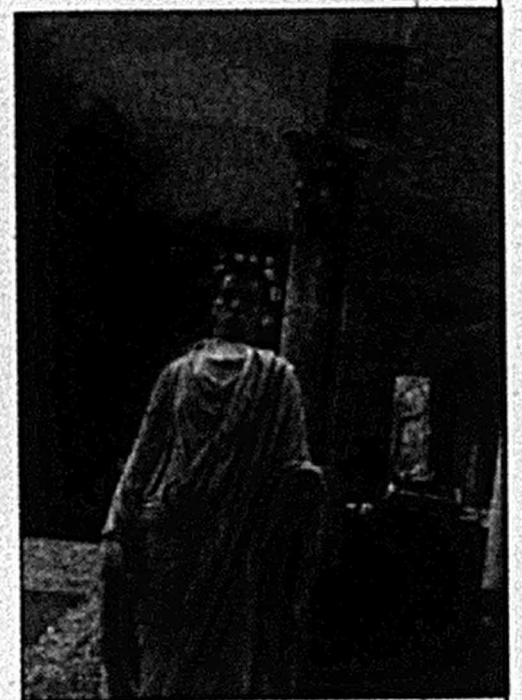
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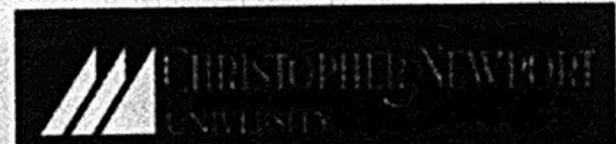


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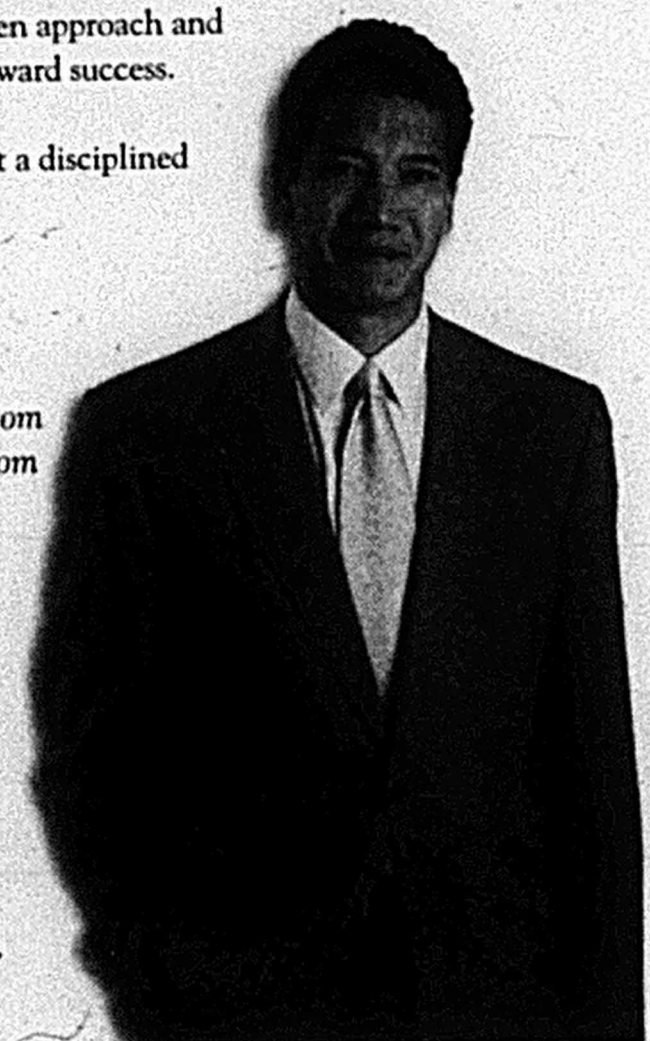
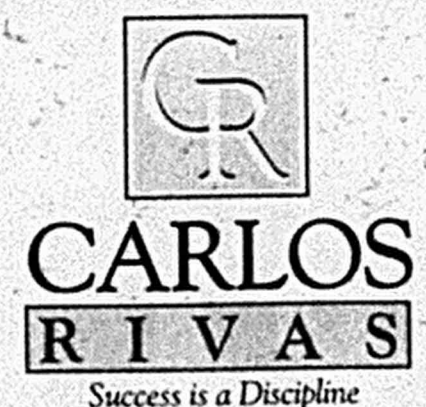
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## FILM

A miraculous struggle against all odds defines Alfonso Cuarón's adaptation of "Children of Men."



## GAMES

Didn't get any new games for Christmas? Revert to the SNES hit "U.N. Squadron."



## BOOKS

Check out our review of Corinne Maier's book "Bon jour Laziness: Why Hard Work Doesn't Pay."



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# RETELLING

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"But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize a shameful condition." With these words, the demonstrators in the rally raised their voices in agreement, making the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. almost inaudible. The date was Aug. 28, 1963.

Forty-four years later, the community of Christopher Newport and the residents of Newport News came together Monday night to celebrate at the Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Concert. The Multicultural Student Association has been hosting this event for the past four years. On that day, King would have been celebrating his 78th birthday this year.

Dr. Vernon Harper, a professor on the Department of Communication Studies, acted as master-of-ceremonies for the occasion. He began with the reading of "He Had His Dream," a poem written by Paul Lawrence Dunbar. "Dr. King was staring at a life of relative ease. But he chose a more difficult life over himself, his family, and his friends," said Harper. Throughout the rest of the night, Harper gave readings by Nikki Giovanni, Gwendolyn Brooks, Lucille Clifton, and Maya Angelou.

Following Harper's introduction, the program alternated between musical performances and several poem readings. The CNU Women's Chorus, the CNU Jazz Combo, and the CNU Chamber Choir provided the audience with music

from the mouths of the CNU students and faculty. Additionally, the Mount Zion Baptist Church Choir sang some selections. Hailing from Hampton, the "Holiday Choir," comprised of the older generation of Mount Zion, sang "We Give You Praise" and "He's Already Done What He Said He Would Do," underscoring the religious connotations of the celebration. Daniel Morse, one of several guest pianists to perform, finished his renditions of "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and "This Little Light of Mine" to a cheering audience. During the final selection, the audience joined hands and sang the traditional spiritual song, "We Shall Overcome."

The audience was mainly composed of local residents, rather than CNU students. Faculty and students could be seen dotted through the audience—a majority of the students were forced into the balcony level, given the high attendance level. Dean Douglas Gordon was



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CNU hosted a celebration service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday. In addition to local choral performances, King's famous speech was recited.

one of the speakers as well. "He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love," said Gordon, on what forgiveness actually is and what it entails. "Forgiveness means reconciliation." Michaela

Morton, president of the MSA, gave the keynote address, speaking on how she would raise her children to lift their heads and square their shoulders in the face of adversity, and to be proud of their own beauty. ■

# Globes garner stars, fashion

**AWARDS REVIEW** | 64th Annual Golden Globes revolve around light-hearted fun.

BY ANDRIA SIMMONS  
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The stars were shining Monday night at the Beverly Hilton Hotel for the 64th Annual Golden Globe Awards. About 200 of the biggest names in the film and television industry were in attendance, including high-profile couple Beyoncé and Jay-Z, Jennifer Lopez, and even Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

George Clooney was first on stage to present, handing the Golden Globe to Jennifer Hudson for her role in "Dreamgirls." Hudson, a relative newcomer in the industry gave a heartfelt, emotional acceptance speech, nearly crying.

However, this hardly set the tone for the evening, as many of the actors joked around, creating a light and humorous atmosphere that led to quite an enjoyable evening.

Clooney, and his follower Justin Timberlake, both joked playfully as they opened their envelopes, exclaiming, "Oh Leonardo Di Caprio has won again!" And Jeremy Irons accepted his award for Best Supporting Actor in a Television Mini Series saying, "This is a nightmare! I get

here and I can't remember anybody's name!" Masi Oka from "Heroes" was a favorite in the category with Irons, but failed to take home the award.

Perhaps the funniest moment of the evening came surprisingly, from Tom Hanks as he presented the Cecil B. DeMille Award to Warren Beatty, asking for a show of hands from the audience of those who had, at one point or another, been one of Beatty's "lovers."

Giants of the industry like Jack Nicholson, Dustin Hoffman, Clint Eastwood, and Meryl Streep were all in attendance and looking as good as ever.

As the president of The Hollywood Foreign Press put it, "the stars are ageless." Even Donald Trump could be seen amongst the famous faces.

It was no surprise that most of the year's top television shows were recognized, including "Medium," "The Closer," "Lost," "The Sopranos," "Desperate Housewives," "Monk," and, of course, "Grey's Anatomy." "Ugly Betty" was one of the night's pleasant surprises, winning for Best Television Comedy Series. America Ferrera, star of the show,

tearfully accepted her award for Best Actress in a Comedy or Musical Television Series. HBO's "Elizabeth I" was also a standout of the night, taking home three awards, one of which was Best Television Mini Series.

However, the night was not without its share of upsets. The "Dreamgirls" win for Best Musical or Comedy Motion Picture was rather unforeseen considering other nominees in the category including box office hits like "Little Miss Sunshine," "Borat," and "The Devil Wears Prada."

Eddie Murphy also took home the Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture award for his role in "Dreamgirls," despite being up against Jack Nicholson, Ben Affleck, Brad Pitt, and Mark Wahlberg.

Hugh Laurie left with the Best Actor in a Drama Series award for his role in "House," a bit of an upset as Patrick Dempsey or "McDreamy" of "Grey's Anatomy" and Kiefer Sutherland of "24" were also nominees.

I'm sure women across the country are breathing a sigh of relief at "Grey's Anatomy's" one win of the night—the big one—Best Television Drama Series. "Heroes" was also nominated for more than one award, but sadly received none this year.

The important winners

of the night included Sasha Baron Cohen as Best Actor in a Musical or Comedy Motion Picture for his role in "Borat," Helen Mirren as Best Actress in a Drama Motion Picture for "The Queen," and "Babel" as Best Drama Motion Picture.

No big award show could be discussed without mentioning the fashion standouts of the night. Some of the dresses were incredibly beautiful, some classic, some breathtaking, and some insanely large and poofy.

Reese Witherspoon glowed in a wonderful yellow strapless dress, as did Naomi Watts and Meryl Streep, looking elegant and refined as usual. Jennifer Love Hewitt was my personal favorite, wearing an amazing gold-jeweled dress, her hair long and left down.

Cameron Diaz was dressed, well interestingly to say the least, in a white dress that was quite wide and too frilly. Prince was sporting a rather strange outfit, as usual, wearing a gold-studded suit, but went home a winner nonetheless, taking home an award for his original score in the animated film, "Happy Feet."

It was a night of beautiful faces, stunning fashion, tears, smiles, and lots of laughter in Beverly Hills at the 64th Annual Golden Globe Awards.

All of the stars came out

and did not fail to disappoint. The upsets seemed balanced by the surprises, and the show went off without a hitch. Until next year... ■



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Naveen Andrews of "LOST" arrives on the Red Carpet at the 64th Annual Golden Globes.

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Art Garfunkel, 8 p.m., Ferguson Concert Hall

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### local

**January 17**  
Funding A College Education, 11:30 a.m., NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach

Winter White: Images of Cold and Snow, 12:30 p.m., Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk  
Wine Tasting, 5 p.m., Carafe Wine Makers, Chesapeake

**January 30**  
The Music of Colonial Virginia, 7:30 p.m., Dr. Mary T. Christian Auditorium, Thomas Nelson Community College  
"The Art of Theater: An Exhibition of Theater Design and Related Arts" opening reception, 4:30 p.m., Falk Gallery

**January 30**  
Great Decisions 2007: Global Warming, 10 a.m., Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, Virginia Beach  
"Las Artes De Mexico" members opening, 5:30 p.m., Peninsula Fine Arts Center

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Virginia Symphony presents "The Symphony Strikes Back," 8 p.m., Chrysler Hall

**January 21**  
Rehab and Authority Zero with A Change of Pace and Jackmove, 6:25 p.m., The NorVa  
Virginia Symphony presents "Gigantic Adventures in Music," 3 p.m., Chrysler Hall

### movie releases

**January 30**  
"The Hitcher" Wanting an awesome trip for spring break, college couple Grace (Sophia Bush) and Jim (Zachary Knighton) hop in their car and hit the road. However, their simple and fun-filled trip turns into a real-life horror movie after picking up a shady and mysterious hitchhiker, played by Sean Bean. "The Hitcher" is rated R.

"The Dead Girl" Five people, completely unrelated in any way, shape or form, are brought together after the death of a young prostitute (Brittany Murphy). Their stories come together to form the circumstances behind her untimely demise. "The Dead Girl" is rated R.

"The Good German" American journalist Captain Jacob "Jake" Geismer finds himself in Berlin covering the Potsdam Conference. While there, he also finds himself amidst an investigation concerning his mistress, Lena Brandt (Cate Blanchett) as well as other men. "The Good German" is rated R.

### cd releases

**January 23**  
"Winning the Night Away" The Shins  
"Casually Smashed to Pieces" Six Parts Seven  
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"Friend and Foe" Menomena

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**January 23**  
"The Guardian"  
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"School For Scoundrels"



## Cuarón's adaptation merits the big screen

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Speculative fiction (science fiction, fantasy, alternate history) is a genre with a broad scope. It uses the human experiences known to us and creates worlds in the future or in distant lands that draw us from quotidian doldrums while still keeping us grounded in a relative reality.

P.D. James is a writer in this field and her book "Children of Men" has been adapted to the screen in a breathtaking way.

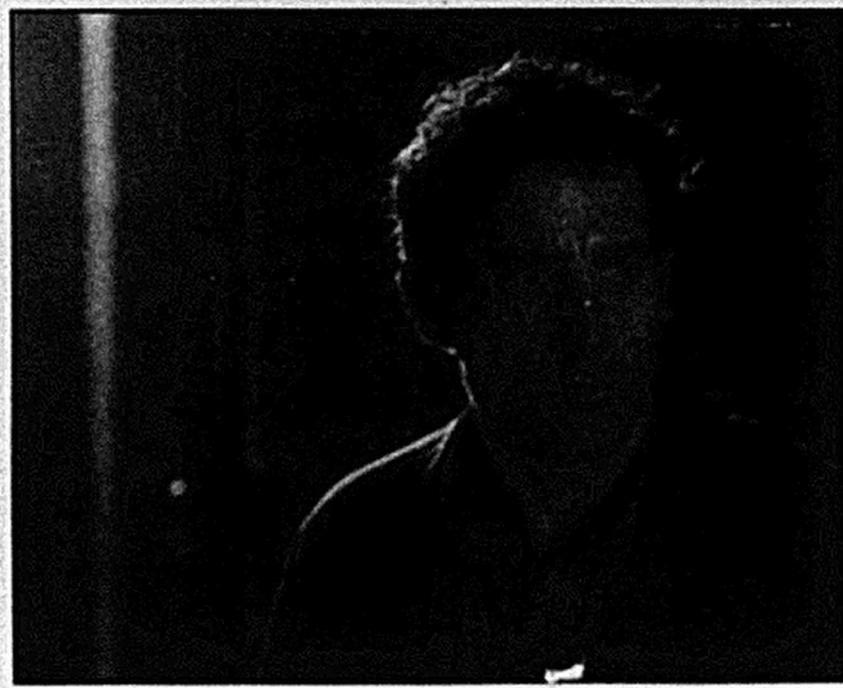
Directed by Alfonso Cuarón ("Y Tu Mamá También," "Harry Potter: The Prisoner of Azkaban"), this film takes the viewer on a 109-minute journey of truly epic proportions.

The film is set in London in 2027, and civilization is on the brink of total ruin because women haven't been able to bear children since 2007.

The protagonist, Theo Faron (Clive Owen), is called upon to protect a young refugee girl with his life. Why? She's the only pregnant woman on the planet.

The acting is superb in this film. Clive Owen does an incredible job, as he transforms from indifference to understanding and realizes he must carry this burden in order for there to be a future for mankind.

Kee (Claire Hope-Ashitey) is the expectant mother and at times is fiercely strong,



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Hero Theo must achieve the impossible in a futuristic world.

but at other times is very lost and helpless. Most notable is Michael Caine, who plays Jasper Palmer, a very old but very lively "hippie" type. He is Theo's only real friend in the film, except for Jasper's dog that is.

Caine's emotions are varied but equally well conveyed; he is sometimes crass, yet still warming, other times gentle and utterly heart-wrenching. He interacts with his wife who is physically alive, yet mentally catatonic.

The movie hooked me from the first explosive scene. The dismal near-future London is presented in a very naturalistic way.

Rules surrounding immigrants have become militant and intolerant, suicide drinks are handed out freely along with anti-depressants and the government is at war with at least one or two organizations at any given time.

Cuarón's expression and realization of James' novel is quite unrefined, but I do not in any way mean that the film is sloppily done. Much of the exposition of the film takes place in the scenery,

newspaper clippings and television ads rather than in the dialogue.

There are some interesting tributes to various art and music icons in the film as well, all of which provide a nice chuckle.

There were only one or two pieces of music that were composed specifically for the movie by John Tavener. The original music is, however, extremely powerful and is used in the most moving and personal scenes.

The rest of the soundtrack is composed of rock and pop music from various generations (King Crimson, Deep Purple, Radiohead), and very intense classical music by Prokofiev, Shostakovich and Penderecki.

This film is truly one of the best of the past year. Its message is profound, and its effect is deep.

At times the movie is extremely gritty and raw, but it is balanced by the overall beauty of the movie.

I recommend "Children of Men" very highly and suggest strongly that you see it in theaters. ■

## Corporate world not all it's cracked up to be

Maier's "Bonjour Laziness" takes a different look at the workplace.

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As you start to approach graduation, you may be looking forward to the rich career opportunities that await you in the "Real World." You may be thinking that you'll be able to find a job where you will be challenged, stimulated and rewarded fairly for your efforts. If this sounds like you, you might want to stop reading this article here.

On the other hand, if you have even felt the mind-numbing boredom that comes with working within cubicle walls, or if you have extended your college career just to avoid getting a "real" job, then you might appreciate Corinne Maier's book, "Bonjour Laziness: Why Hard Work Doesn't Pay."

Following in the footsteps of the films like "Office Space" or television shows like "The Office," "Bonjour Laziness" is a sarcastic and cynical look at office culture.

In her book, Maier brings up a convincing argument against today's business world, saying that it is not humanistic, nor does it hesitate to walk over you. In referring to the collapses of huge corporations such as Enron, where trusting employees got screwed over the most, Maier says, "Not only is the corporate world boring, it's potentially brutal."

After establishing this truth, "Bonjour Laziness" becomes almost like a self-help book for frustrated office-dwellers. The book's chapters have titles like "The Biggest Rip-Offs," "The Idiots You Rub Shoulders With," and "Extra, Extra: Big Business is Doomed!"

All of the chapters focus on different aspects of office living, such as the incomprehensible jargon thrown around by executives or the idea of upward mobility, which Maier refers to as "the closest thing a middle manager gets to a religious truth."

These chapters are amusing at first, but after a while, the constant string of pessimism and complaints get to be a bit much.

For me, the big pay-off came at the end of this book in a section that is appropriately titled, "Begin Your Sabotage Tomorrow."

In this section, Maier calls readers to action, saying that they should stop trying to be employees of the month and instead, "Become the grain of sand in the machine, the anomaly that defies homogenization."

Since she knows that workers need their jobs to live, though, Maier preaches

that everybody should aim to become "actively disengaged," meaning you are participating in your job on the surface, but without any of the ideologies that your bosses want you to have.

In order to practice these methods of "active disengagement," Maier encourages readers to follow her ten

**"Not only is the corporate world boring, it's potentially brutal."**

CORINNE MAIER, AUTHOR

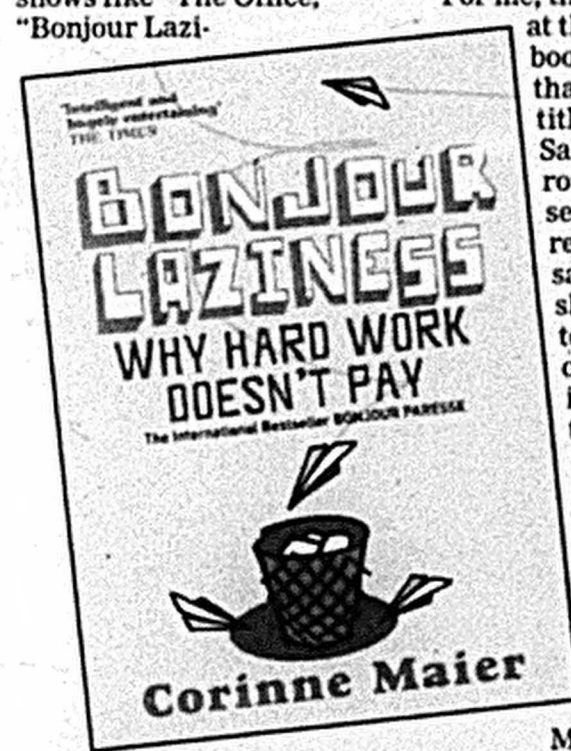
"Counterproposals." These rules center on remembering not to take the job too seriously or give it too big of an importance in your life. This means that you should just work for the paycheck and not try to attain some kind of personal fulfillment through your job.

Maier also advises workers not to attract too much attention to themselves. This means that you should avoid responsibility as much as possible, conform to the behaviors of everybody else in your office and avoid extreme shows of displays of frustration or rebellion against your job.

If you attract too much attention to yourself, good or bad, Maier reasons, you become a target, and thus run the risk of losing your job security.

While I'm not suggesting that everybody should give up their ambitions and become "actively disengaged" in their career goals, some of the ideas in "Bonjour Laziness" are interesting, if highly dramatized.

While it may be over the heads of most college students who probably haven't worked in the corporate world yet, this book paints a funny, but dismal picture of the business world that we can look forward to (or dread). ■



## U.N. SQUADRON

### Arcade port boasts years of replay

"U.N. Squadron" still a hit in next-gen gamers' world.

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U.N. Squadron  
Platform: SNES  
Developer: Capcom  
Released in 1991

First off, I hope that everyone had a wonderful time away from CNU. My daily ritual consisted of sleeping until 2 p.m. and then lying in bed for forty minutes trying to figure out a reason to get out. Boredom eventually prevailed, leading me to crawl out of bed and see if I hadn't actually managed to watch every video on www.YouTube.com. But towards the middle of the break, boredom actually became my rationale for staying in bed.

Fortunately for me, a long-neglected friend — my Super Nintendo Entertainment System — came to the rescue.

"U.N. Squadron" is a port of the side-scrolling aerial shooter arcade game of the same name ("Area 88" in Japan), and certainly contains all the elements of a classic arcade experience. For one thing, the story is virtually non-existent — you assume the role of a mercenary pilot who thwarts an antagonistic organization called "Project 4."

Nothing is known about this organization or their intentions, but you know that you are on the right side for two reasons. They seem to be the aggressors due to series of fortifications that come right up to the edge of your home base. More importantly, your

employers are willing to pay you good money for blowing up their war machines. Likewise, the ending consists of your team flying off into the sunset. As they fade into the distance, you hear a quip from the pilot (there are three to choose from) you played with.

But arcade games are not played for story. They are played to set the highest score. The arcade gaming approach is to show any and all onlookers that you can indeed beat the game using only one life, the crappiest plane and the most pathetic character. That's the last of my waxing philosophical deconstruction of the arcade gamer's psyche. Let us focus now on the gameplay.

What sets this game apart from most of the other side-scrolling shooters I've played, namely "Gradius" and "R-Type", is twofold. First, I appreciate the fact that I am flying a real plane instead of some futuristic spacecraft.

I am also blowing up helicopters, mobile missile launchers, battleships, tanks, subs and planes of every shape and size. This aspect, for one reason or another, makes the shooter more relatable and the satisfaction more genuine.

Second, this game is hard, hard, hard. Beating the final of ten stages compels one to fist-pumping jubilation. By the way, I don't mean hard as in "I had to restart checkpoint 3 twice before I learned the enemies' movement patterns."

How hard exactly? It would suffice to say that my resolution to clean up my language did not last terribly long. Every time your enemy kills you it feels as though

you were completely and utterly robbed in the worst way. You slam the controller on the ground, turn off the game, pace around the house for ten minutes and then go right back to it. After numerous attempts, you achieve remarkable ability to focus on the entire screen at the same time. It's amazing. Just watch the videos on YouTube posted by Firebot.

One slight drawback is that the game suffers from a moderate slowdown in frame-rate at a few points in the game. Such instances are due to the fact that the game sees fit to fill up the entire screen with enemies, each shooting off five bullets. That basically means that even with the slowdown, you are still likely to get shot.

"U.N. Squadron" only assigns functions to half the available buttons (X, Y and B), making it one of the simplest configurations on the system, but one that is also comparable to other early SNES entries. It's actually quite impressive that one could have such an enjoyable time without joysticks, wireless controllers, Wii remotes or pressure-sensitive buttons that have become the standard of modern gaming.

Finally, the game has four difficulty settings, six planes to fly and three pilot characters possessing unique combat abilities all. A word to the wise — Mickey's is apparently glitched so that he actually has no special ability. The replay value of this game is high.

All told, "U.N. Squadron" is a gem on the SNES that many people have probably overlooked.

Final Score: \*\*\*1/2 ■

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## SPORTS SCORES

### men's basketball

(1-0, 9-5)

**December 20 Finals:**

John Carroll 92, CNU 71

**December 21 Finals:**

Fisk 72, CNU 71

**December 29 Finals:**

CNU 86, Fisk 74

**December 30 Finals:**

CNU 87, Oswego St. 85

**January 6 Finals:**

CNU 78, Wesley (DE) 74

**January 10 Finals:**

CNU 84, Shenandoah 81 (OT)

**January 13 Finals:**

Piedmont 74, CNU 72

#### Standings

1. Greensboro	2-0	11-3
2. CNU	1-0	9-5
3. NC Wesleyan	1-0	6-7
4. Averett	1-1	10-4
5. Methodist	1-0	6-7
6. Shenandoah	0-2	6-7
7. Ferrum	0-2	6-9

#### Upcoming games:

1/20: CNU vs Ferrum

1/23: CNU vs Averett

### women's basketball

(1-1, 7-6)

**December 2 Finals:**

CNU 84, Mary Baldwin 64

**December 9 Finals:**

CNU 80, Hood 59

**December 17 Finals:**

Benedictine (KS) 76, CNU 69

**December 18 Finals:**

CNU 65, #22 Lake Forest (IL) 62

**January 2 Finals:**

CNU 66, St. Mary's (MD) 56

**January 4 Finals:**

Catholic 62, CNU 55

**January 6 Finals:**

#18 Mary Washington 63, CNU 48

**January 10 Finals:**

Shenandoah 66, CNU 64

**January 13 Finals:**

CNU 67, Peace 42

#### Standings

1. Shenandoah	3-0	10-3
2. Ferrum	2-0	9-4
3. Greensboro	2-0	8-4
4. CNU	1-1	7-6
5. NC Wesleyan	1-1	4-5
6. Methodist	0-2	4-6
7. Averett	0-2	0-9
8. Peace	0-3	5-7

#### Upcoming Games:

1/20: CNU vs Ferrum

### ice hockey

(3-4, 5-5)

**November 10 Finals:**

Richmond 7, CNU 1

**November 11 Finals:**

UNCW 7, CNU 5

#### BRHC Rankings

1. Richmond	8-1-0
2. CNU	3-4-0
3. ODU	3-4-0
4. VCU	3-5-0
5. William & Mary	1-6-0

#### Upcoming Games:

1/20: CNU at Richmond



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## Captains' streak ends



JESSE HUTCHESON/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

(Top) Coach CJ Woollum's chair is empty during the loss to Piedmont. (Bottom) Freshman Rachel Clark hugs her coach following her performance in the Women's Shot Put.

**SPORTS BRIEFS** | After losing head coach CJ Woollum and star freshman Theo Baker, the men's basketball loses to Piedmont 74-72.

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#### Men's Basketball

The Captains fell apart on their home court Saturday night against Piedmont College to lose the game 74-72.

The loss ended the Captains' four game winning streak.

They played without head coach CJ Woollum and many of the players were suffering from injuries.

The game was rough from the start as the Captains trailed for all of the first half until senior Korey Lewis finally put CNU over the top at the 3:55 mark.

Piedmont immediately followed with a 3-pointer on their next possession.

Lewis led the Captains with 16 points and seven rebounds. Junior Davon Barton added 15 points and 10 assists and senior Donta Selden contributed 14 points.

Ed Riley had 10 points and Mark Blasingame finished with 10 points and 12 boards. After the loss, their record fell to 9-5.

The team's highest scor-

ing rookie, freshman Theo Baker, was absent from the game with an injury.

The Captains remain 1-0 in their conference and are 9-5 on the season. They host NC Wesleyan on Tuesday with the tip-off set for 7:30 pm.

#### Women's Basketball

CNU ended its three-game losing streak Saturday afternoon by defeating Peace on the road, 67-42.

Senior Candace Bryant led the way with 22 points and eight rebounds. Senior Nikki Rowland contributed 13 points and five assists and senior Shantel Burwell added 10 points and six boards. Junior Colandra Rollins had five points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Senior Dee Luck had five points, eight rebounds and nine blocks.

The Lady Captains also set a new school record for blocks in a game with 17, shattering the old mark of 14 that was set against Averett back on Feb. 17, 2004. The impressive defensive performance was led by Luck with her nine blocks. Luck's blocks also tied a school record for blocks in a game.

The Lady Captains are now 6-6 on the season and 0-1 in the USA South. They host

NC Wesleyan with tip-off in the Freeman Center set for 5:30 p.m.

#### Track and Field Brief

Christopher Newport University hosted the CNU Holiday Open Dec. 3 in the Freeman Center. The meet included such colleges as William and Mary, Hampton, Virginia Commonwealth University and others.

The Women's Shot Put was won by freshman Rachel Clark who hit with a Provisional distance that may qualify her early for Nationals.

Clark also competed in the Women's Weight Throwing event with freshman Kelsey Farmer.

Clark led the Captains placing fourth and throwing for 11.28m. Farmer placed sixth with a throw of 9.49m. Only six women were registered to throw.

The CNU Women's 4x400m Relay finished in last place out of 17 relay teams. Their combined time was 4:35.40. Hampton University finished first with a time of 3:52.55.

The CNU Men's 4x400m Relay came in 12th out of 19 relay teams with a time of 3:31.98.

Lincoln University ran a 3:15.70, which was enough for a first place finish. Their time was less than a second away from beating the Freeman Center record of 3:14.19.

## D.C.'s Gilbert Arenas front runner for NBA MVP

**IN THE PAINT** | The NBA season waits for no one's college break. During winter recess, a fight breaks out and a Wizard steps up.

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The NBA season waits for no man (or group of dedicated college students at a small-to-medium-sized liberal arts university in the Tidewater area of southeastern Virginia who have undoubtedly been anxiously awaiting the resumption of a certain NBA column) so we have plenty to get caught up on with the ongoing happenings in The League.

Unless you watch the NBA really closely you may have missed this, but apparently there was a fight between the Denver Nuggets and New York Knicks on Saturday Dec. 16 at Madison Square Garden. I can't believe they haven't made a bigger deal of this. Allow me to get you

caught up. Without getting too long-winded about any social/cultural reactions and all that crap, here are the two things you need to know: 1) competitive professional athletes have short fuses, so don't start a fight with any of them. It doesn't matter what color a guy's skin is or what sport he plays. If he's a professional athlete then he makes a living on feeling slighted and competing at the highest level possible to disprove his doubters. This has been known to start a few fights. OK, maybe more than a few. This should not surprise anyone. 2) Nate Robinson (the Knicks' shooting guard trapped in a cornerback's body and reigning NBA Slam Dunk contest champion) is a complete and total idiot (this is my opinion, obviously; but

when little Nate gets arrested for running up and punching a cop because he was writing a parking ticket on Mardy Collins's car outside of Scores at 4 a.m. some Saturday morning in mid-June don't say I didn't warn you).

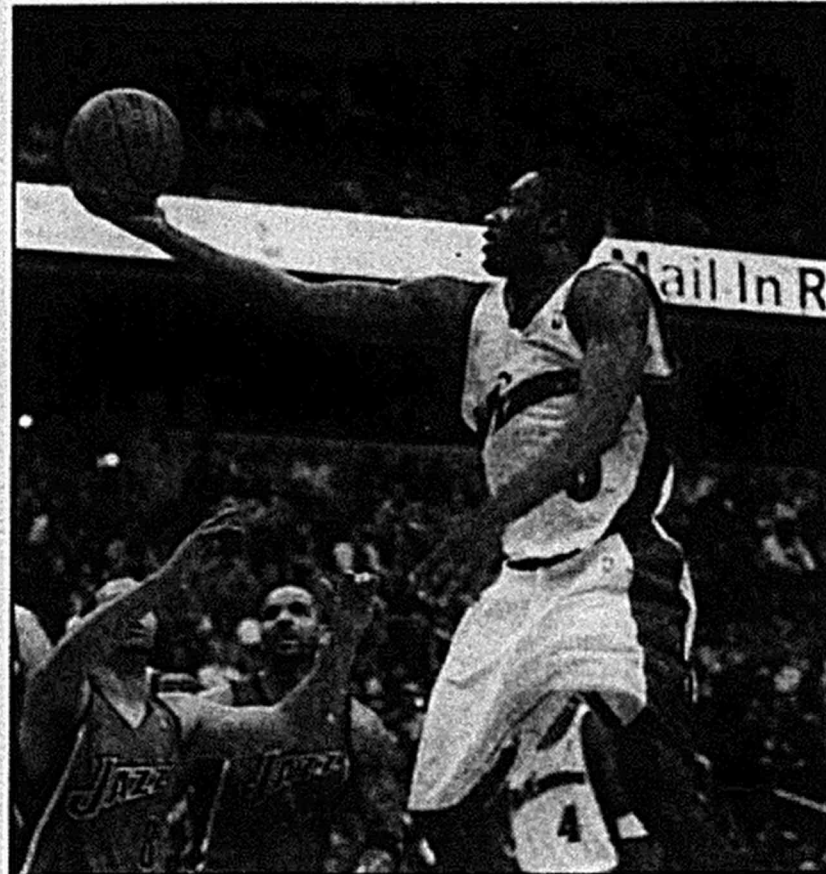
In a brilliant PR move by NBA commissioner David Stern to keep people from talking about the "brawl," he mandated that the rims be widened four inches for the Wizards-Lakers game the following day so that EVERYTHING was going in (this may not be true). The Wizards won the game in overtime, with our homie Gilbert Arenas dropping 60 points in Los Angeles all over Kobe Bryant and his smug sense of self-satisfaction. Gilbert has turned himself into a legitimate MVP candidate, as predicted in this very space a few short months ago. As it stands right now, Washington is fifth in the Eastern Conference playoff seedings, but we should expect them to move

higher because they rule. Go Wizards.

I was only able to attend one game in December, witnessing a brutal murder as the hapless Memphis Grizzlies tried to come to the MCV Center and run with the Wizards on the day after Christmas.

The game was 45-18 in favor of the Zards after the first quarter, allowing the (ahem) victory celebration to start early for the young, rich alcoholics with floor seats who took that whole week off work, like yours truly. How much of that paragraph is true? Hmmm...

Another story that got surprisingly little coverage on all 17-ESPN channels is that Allen Iverson was traded to the Denver Nuggets in exchange for Andre Miller, a pack of cigarettes and a copy of the K-Fed CD. Watch out Atlanta Hawks! The 76ers are challenging you for the right to be the worst-run franchise in the NBA! ■



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Washington Wizards' Gilbert Arenas (0) scores in front of Utah Jazz' Deron Williams (8), left and Carlos Boozer (5).



Missed the games?

If so, here's a recap of the playoff action that you crave.

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It's the playoffs in the NFL, the greatest time of the year. It's time to do or die. Las Vegas bookies are pulling overtime, and people are betting their life-savings away on one football game. Crazy? Not in this writer's opinion: here's a recap of the playoffs through the Divisional Round.

The first playoff game was Kansas City against the Colts in the RCA Dome. Pre-game speculations about the Colts' ability to stop the run were flying all over the place, even during the game. However, the Colts shut everyone up when they knocked running back Larry Johnson down, leading to a 23-8 victory.

The second game was over in the NFC, as the Seahawks took on the Cowboys. It was a back and forth game throughout. Anyone who has watched SportsCenter since that game has by now seen the image and video of quarterback Tony Romo muffing the placement of the ball when the Cowboys attempted what was essentially an extra-point. Seattle pulled through when they managed to stop the attempt by Romo to run for the goal line after the miscue.

Personally, I say that image will never get old. At least people have stopped treating Romo like a god. But on to other things.

The next day was the hyped-up match-up of the Patriots and the Jets. The student fought the mentor, and the mentor won. The Patriots had very little trouble grounding the Jets, winning 37-16.

The night game was the Giants against the Eagles and I have to say that the Giants played better than most had anticipated. But the foot of David Akers sent the Eagles flying into the Divisional Round, with a 23-20 victory.

Now we come to the games that happened this past weekend. On Saturday, the first game was Indianapolis against Baltimore. Again, another hyped game.

All anyone wanted to focus on was Baltimore's defense and whether they could knock down Peyton Manning and the Colts.

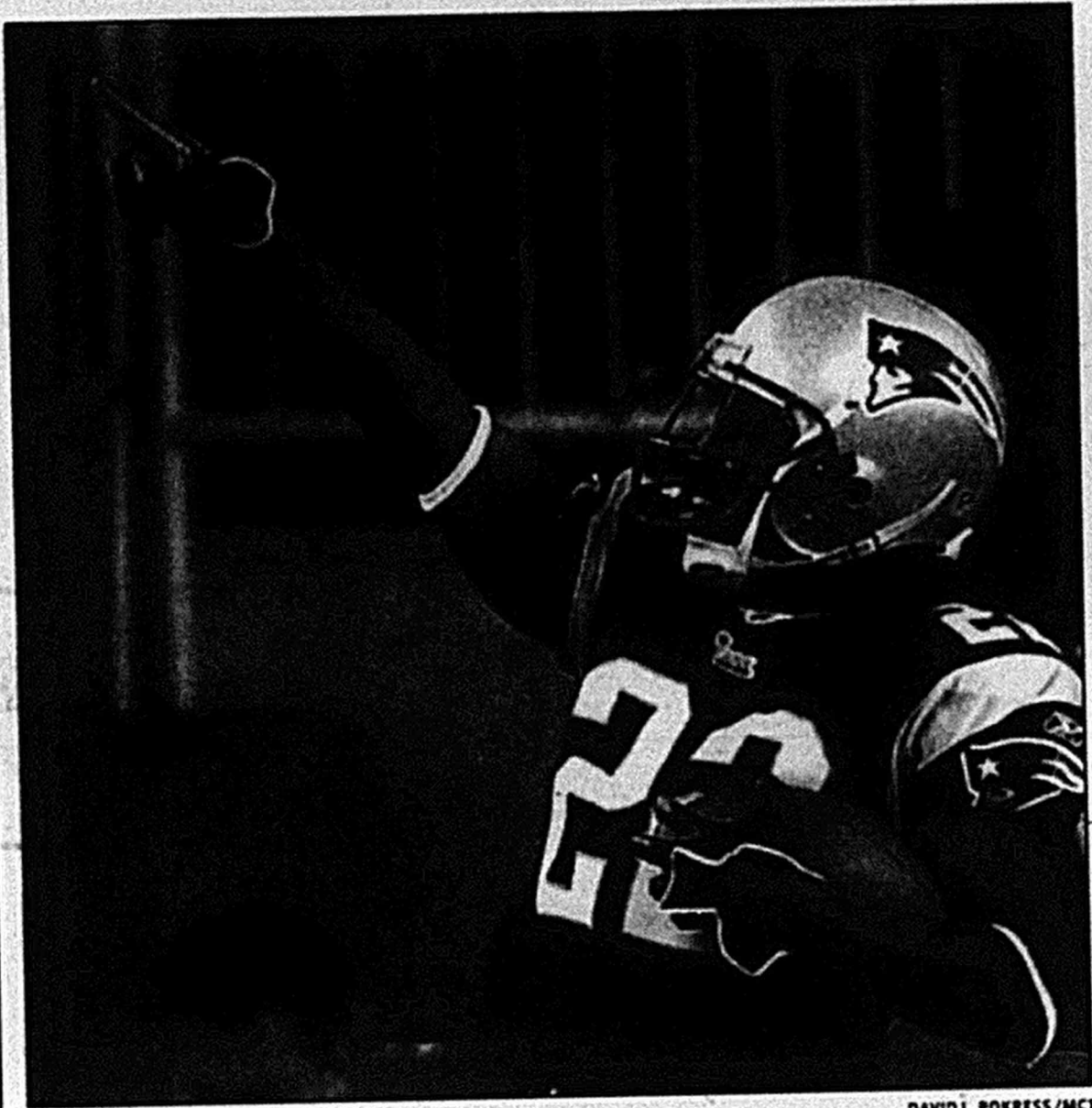
Turned out that both defenses shut down both offenses and the game was all field goals. Colts win, 15-6.

Later that night, the Eagles landed in the Superdome of New Orleans, facing the Cinderella story of the year, the Saints.

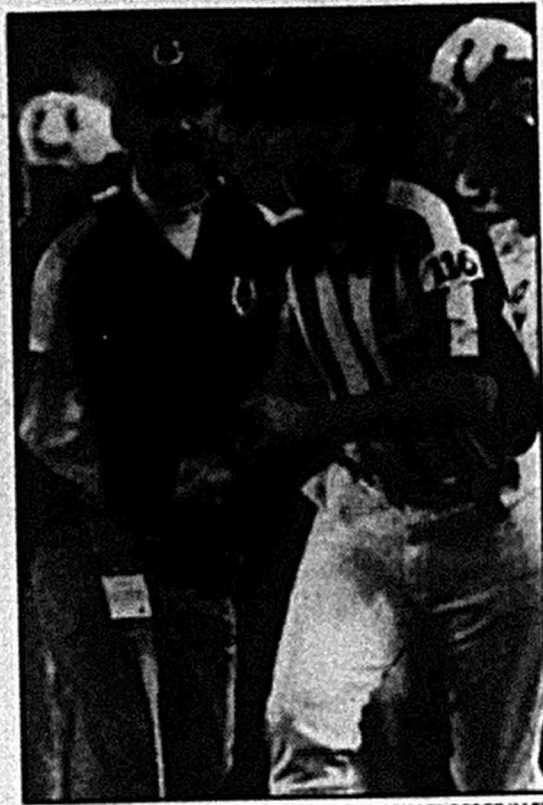
Running back Deuce McAllister scored two touchdowns as the Saints proved that they had earned the number two seed and were no fluke; they won 27-24.

Sunday's games worked their way to a high point on the list of the most heart-wrenching games ever. The NFC had the early game, as the Seahawks came into Soldier Field to face the NFC's top seed, "da Bears." It was another back and forth game, eventually going into overtime and resulting in a

NFL playoff preview



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(Left) Running back Deuce McAllister runs into the end zone in Saturday's playoff game against Philadelphia. (Right) Colts head coach Tony Dungy voices his disagreement with a referee during their game against the Ravens.

TEAM	OPPONENT	ODDS	WHY THEY'LL WIN	WHY THEY'LL LOSE	WHY TO ROOT FOR THEM
PATRIOTS	at Colts	-3.0	Tom "The Golden Boy" Brady and defensive genius Bill Belichick have the most experience and the most success of any of the teams in the post season.	Rookie Kicker Steven Gostkowski has proven he's clutch but he's got a long way to go to catch the new Colt, Adam Vinateri.	Four Superbowl Rings in six years will go a long way to silencing the critics who say the Pats are not as good as the other dynasties.
COLTS	vs. Patriots	+3.0	The Colts defense has finally woken up and has yet to allow a touchdown in the post-season.	Eventually the Colts defense is going to remember that they were statistically the worst in the NFL this season.	Peyton Manning gets the ring and silences all talk of how he can't win the big one forever.
BEARS	vs. Saints	-2.5	Rookie Devon Hester consistently provides the offense with good field position and the defense is as dominant as ever.	If your main offensive threat is your kickoff and punt returner, you know you have a very serious problem.	The Bears once again prove that offense may win games, but its defense that wins championships.
SAINTS	at Bears	+2.5	With the two-headed back system of Reggie Bush and Deuce McAllister, the wide-out tandem of Joe Horn and Marques Colston, and the leading quarterback Drew Brees, the Saints have one of the most prolific offenses in the NFL.	The Saints' worst enemy are themselves. For example, if someone pitches the ball back to Reggie Bush, Bush needs to catch the ball and run with it, novel concept that it may be.	The Saints fight not only for their franchise which was once comparable to the Cardinals, but for the state of Louisiana. They're the Cinderella story of the century.

Bears victory thanks to the leg of Robbie Gould: Bears 27, Seahawks 24.

After the heart stopping action of the first game, who could have thought that the second game would be as intense?

Many people didn't. However, it was just that. The Patriots managed to squeak by the top seeded Chargers on a late fourth quarter field goal by rookie kicker Stephen (say his last name three times as fast as you can) Gostkowski.

We have reached the last rest before the top of the mountain: the conference championship round.

In the AFC, the third seeded

Colts will face the fourth seeded Patriots in an all out brawl. It was the AFC Championship match that many were expecting last year only to see both teams exit early in the second round.

In the NFC, the top two seeds will slug it out in Chicago when the Saints come to town.

Both of these games are too close to call. However, I'm going to say that the Colts and the Saints will meet on Feb. 4 in Miami.

The playoffs haven't disappointed, and the conference championship match-ups are classic playoff scenarios. Let the games begin. ■

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