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Sniper suspect's lawyers to argue insanity

by **Matthew Barakat**
Associated Press

FAIRFAX — Lee Boyd Malvo's lawyers said Thursday they will mount an insanity defense at his murder trial in the Washington sniper case, arguing that the teenager was a victim of "indoctrination" by the older John Allen Muhammad.

Defense attorney Craig Cooley said the basis for the insanity defense comes from mental health experts not appointed by the court.

"This case is so bizarre in its facts, and the degree of indoctrination is so severe, that we would be remiss if we failed" to put the sanity issue before a jury, Cooley said.

Cooley said that indoctrination is a form of mental illness and that it will ultimately be up to a jury to decide if it amounts to insanity.

A court-appointed psychiatrist has met with Malvo more than a dozen times, and the prosecutor in the case, Fairfax County Commonwealth Attorney's Robert F. Horan Jr., said Thursday there is nothing in that expert's report that points to insanity.

"It says absolutely nothing about insanity," Horan said. "Apparently it's a late-blooming insanity."

Malvo, 18, is set to go on trial Nov. 10 in the slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot store. She was among 13 people who were shot, 10 fatally, during a three-week spree in the Washington, D.C., area last fall.

Muhammad, 42, goes on trial Tuesday in the slaying of man who was pumping gas near Manassas. Both trials were moved 200 miles to southeastern Virginia.

Muhammad's lawyers have argued that Malvo was the triggerman, while Malvo's defense team has contended that the teenager was acting under the influence of the older man. Both defendants could be sentenced to death if convicted.

Termites bug architecture students

■ The Architecture Annex has had a termite problem, and college officials said they are doing all they can to remedy the problem

by **Eric Beidel**
Associate News Editor

When visitors to the Architecture Annex's computer lab found a carpet of termites on the basement floor this week, it wasn't the first time.

And it probably won't be the last. "They come out and squirm around on the ground before they die," said John Randolph, director of public and international affairs for the college of architecture and urban studies. "It's a little gruesome when you tip-toe

through them and hear the occasional crunch."

The Architecture Annex has had a termite problem for a while, he said.

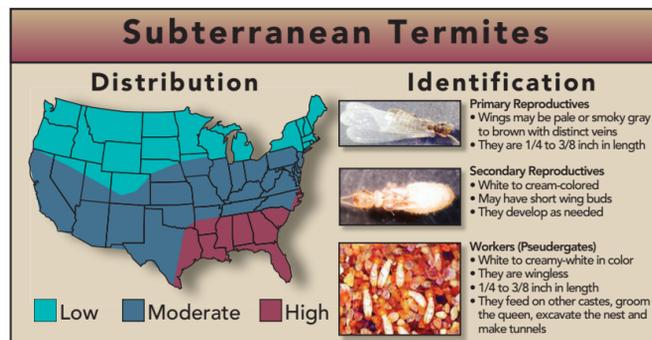
Exterminators did ground injections at the Architecture Annex this summer, but the termites returned Tuesday in a greater number than usual, said Teresa Phipps, office manager for landscape architecture.

"This is certainly the worst it's ever been," Phipps said.

Phipps said exterminators sprayed again Tuesday, but it's not likely the termites will ever disappear for good.

"The building is very old and it's built directly on the ground, so we're fighting an uphill battle," she said.

The location of the building complicates things a great deal for exterminators, said Patsy Perdue, project manager of housekeeping at Virginia Tech's Physical Plant.



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"Whenever you have soil contact with something primarily made out of wood, it's going to lead to this kind of problem," Perdue said.

There are many different methods

of drilling used to get chemicals underground, Perdue said, but it's not always effective in ridding buildings

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Meeting highlights LGTBA allies

■ The LGTBA is sponsoring a concert tonight by Rachel Sage in Squires Haymarket Theatre

by **Aaron Blackwell**
Associate News Editor

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance held an open forum for the Virginia Tech community to express the importance of homosexuals having allies from many different groups.

Rev. Christine Brownlie, pastor of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, spoke of how the church should actively reach out to the gay community.

"You are who you are and that's how God made you," she said. "Churches ... need to be active allies in the (gay) community."

Edd Sewell, professor of communication at Tech, came out eight years ago and has found a great source of

support from his church.

"Close to one-third of our congregation is gay or lesbian," he said.

Sewell said some straight parents choose to attend his church so their kids can grow up in a church where sexual orientation doesn't matter.

Another panelist, Lou Ann Slagel, a board member of Parents, Families and Friends, of Lesbians and Gays, spoke of her experiences with her lesbian daughter.

"I always thought I was open until my daughter came to me and said 'I think I'm gay,'" she said.

Slagel explained how hard it was at first, especially since she didn't have many allies.

"It was hard to find people to talk to," Slagel said.

Panelist Clarence Brown told of his experience being both African-American and gay.

Once he came out and started going to LGTBA meetings, he still felt alienated because he was black, he said.

"Virginia Tech isn't a very



ELEANOR HOPSON/SPPS

Panelists including Toby Quaranta, Susan Rinehart, Christine Brownlie, and Edd Sewell spoke last night about the importance of allies within the homosexual community.

diverse place," he said

He then said that being a friend to homosexuals can be the best thing you do for them, because so many are

tormented for being themselves.

"It can mean the difference between life and death," he said.

Brownlie likened the fight for equal rights for homosexuals, to other historical

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Tech hopes to halt two-game skid against Syracuse



ROBERT DRAKE/SPPS

Above, after missing last year's game against Syracuse, linebacker Vegas Robinson (6) and the Tech defense is looking for revenge.

Right, a pep rally was held last night to excite fans for Saturday's homecoming game. A flaming VT was displayed, and the Low Techs performed.



JOCELYN SCHNIEDWIND/SPPS

■ Last year the Hokies were without defenders Vegas Robinson and DeAngelo Hall in a 50-42 loss in Syracuse

by **Rajan Nanavati**
Sports Editor

Linebacker Vegas Robinson remembers the evening very clearly. After all, he considers it the worst day of his life. Sitting at home with cornerback DeAngelo Hall to nurse their injuries, the two were able to sit and relax during the first half despite the fact Tech held a 14-12 lead at halftime against their Big East rival, the Syracuse Orangemen.

But after the second-half kickoff, their rest and relaxation turned into shock and horror. Syracuse moved the ball up and down the Tech defense with relative ease, scoring 23 second-half points on the vaunted Hokie defense. For every big play the Tech offense made to try and regain momentum, Syracuse marched right over the Tech defense to respond — score for score.

"They started making plays," Robinson said, "... and we were all standing around the TV like 'what is going on?'"

By the time the Orangemen beat the Hokies after three overtimes their much maligned offense managed to accumulate 604 yards of total offense, includ-

ing over 200 on the ground, and 50 points. They defeated Tech 50-42 in one of the most shocking upsets last season.

"It had gotten to the point where I had to get my inhaler — I was like 'I can't breathe,'" Robinson said about the way Tech's defense played during the game. "I was probably about to have an anxiety attack."

"It wasn't very much fun to coach," said Tech head coach Frank Beamer. "I went back and looked at it (on film), and it wasn't very good to look at."

So when Syracuse rolls into town this Saturday afternoon in Tech's homecoming game, most Tech fans are going to believe, amidst the festivities and celebration, that last year's loss was a fluke, or a one-in-a-million upset. Perhaps what fans do not realize, or perhaps don't care to acknowledge, is the fact Syracuse may have figured Tech out in a way so many teams have not.

They beat the Hokies two years in a row, and virtually out-played Tech start-to-finish in both games. They used Tech's trademark of stellar special teams against the Hokies, blocking punts in both games, and

returning a punt for a touch-down two years ago.

This year, the Orangemen will bring an offense much more potent than the one that scorched Tech last season. They are No. 8 in the nation in total offense, and have scored 141 points in the last four games while averaging over 40 points in their three victories.

They host the leading rusher in the nation, tailback Walter Reyes, who averages more than 170 yards a game on the ground, and athletic quarterback R. J. Anderson looks much more efficient running the Syracuse offense after another year of experience under his belt. In addition,

Tech fans should not forget this Syracuse team soundly beat the University of Toledo, the same Toledo team that beat Pittsburgh just three weeks ago.

"This is a team we have to make a great preparation for, just because of all the things they can do," Beamer said. "They've got a good system"

The bright spots for Tech coming into this game are Robinson, Hall and tailback Kevin Jones, who will all play against

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News in Brief

Two arrested in connection with beating Texas man

LINDEN, Texas — Two more white men were arrested Thursday over the beating of a mentally disabled black man that left him comatose for week and prompted the FBI to investigate the alleged attack as a hate crime.

Dallas Chadwick Stone, 18, and Christopher Colt Amox, 20, were each booked on an aggravated assault complaint after they surrendered to police in this small Texas town in eastern Texas.

Two other suspects — John Wesley Owens, 19, and James Cory Hicks, 24 — were earlier arrested on aggravated assault complaints. All four suspects were each released on \$30,000 bond Thursday.

Convicted Pa. priest defrocked

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — An Episcopal priest has been defrocked following his conviction in a church court on charges of immorality and unbecoming conduct toward two teenagers.

Dane C. Bragg, 41, a former missionary for youth and social ministries for the Diocese of Bethlehem, was stripped of his priesthood on Oct. 3 by Bishop Paul V. Marshall.

"This is a situation in which no one takes pleasure," Marshall said in his decision, sent to church leaders last week and made public Wednesday.

Bragg does not face any

criminal charges. His attorney did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Two arrested for kidnapping wife

CARTERET, N.J. — Two men suspected of kidnapping a senator's wife in Virginia and forcing her to withdraw money at knife-point were captured in New Jersey after they stumbled into an undercover drug-surveillance operation.

Police in Carteret spotted the suspects' stolen car in a known drug trafficking area late Wednesday after Virginia police put out an alert for the vehicle, Carteret Police Chief John Pieczynski said.

Kathleen Gregg, wife of Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., managed to escape unharmed after her ordeal Tuesday, and police said there was no indication the kidnapers knew she was a senator's wife.

Some of her jewelry was found in the suspects' car, authorities said Thursday.

Priest fatally shot in Ohio church

CLEVELAND — A Franciscan brother pleaded guilty Thursday to fatally shooting a Roman Catholic priest in his parish office and setting fire to the church rectory with the man's body inside.

Daniel Montgomery, 37, known as Brother Dan, was sentenced to 24 years to life in prison for the December death of the Rev. William Gulas.

Termites: Lab usage not greatly affected

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of termite problems.

"You have to be careful where you drill, because there might be old waterlines," she said. "Plus it's very difficult to determine where the termites are living underground."

Usually people don't know there is a termite problem until they come close enough to the surface and swarm, Perdue said, and the areas they swarm may be nowhere near the area they are causing damage.

"The damage is unseen until it's gotten really bad," she said.

Housekeeping contracts exterminators to work the campus, Perdue said.

The contracting is done through a bid process.

Termites have not affected computer lab usage to a great extent, but some people find the termites too much to bear, Phipps said.

"Fear Factor comes to mind," she said. "Some people freak out and have to leave."

Randolph said the day after

first appearing, the termites are usually dead and vacuumed up by custodians.

"They basically come out to die," he said. "Last year, a custodian filled up more than one vacuum cleaner bag with termites."

Phipps said while some people question whether the university is doing all they can to remedy the problem, she feels there isn't much more Physical Plant can do to help.

"They've done quite a bit. There isn't much they can do

otherwise to stop the problem," she said.

The majority of people working and visiting in Architecture Annex seem to be handling the termite with little trepidation, Randolph said.

"It's definitely something that needs to be taken care of, but we take it all in good humor," he said.

The Architecture Annex was constructed in 1916 and served as Blacksburg High School before it was purchased by Tech in 1965.

Afghan militias sign truce after battle

by Amir Shah
Associated Press

M A Z A R - E - S H A R I F, Afghanistan — After fighting that killed dozens of people, rival warlords in northern Afghanistan said Thursday that they had reached a truce and would begin withdrawing tanks and other weapons within 48 hours.

But with soldiers squared off along a tense battlefield, it was not clear whether the cease-fire would hold despite assurances from both sides.

The fighting between the two groups — both nominally loyal to President Hamid Karzai — was the worst in northern Afghanistan in months, with one side claiming more than 60 people were killed.

One warlord, Atta Mohammed, said the truce took effect immediately and that both sides would return all weaponry to their bases in 48 hours.

"I am sure this cease-fire will hold," Mohammed told The Associated Press.

Gen. Majid Rozi, a senior commander for northern warlord Abdul Rashid Dostum, confirmed the details of the truce and said the withdrawal of weapons had begun.

The agreement followed talks involving Afghan Interior Minister Ali Ahmad Jalali and British Ambassador Ron Nash.

"If there is no peace in the north of the country, it will damage the trust the international community has in us," Jalali said after the signing of the truce on Thursday.

Much of the fighting has occurred about 12 miles west of Mazar-e-Sharif, home to 1.5 million people and scene of some of the bloodiest battles in the U.S.-led war to oust Afghanistan's former Taliban regime.

The United Nations said the fighting that began Wednesday resulted in a "high numbers of

casualties," but did not have precise figures. One side said more than 60 died, but the other said it was fewer.

A spokesman for the U.N. mission in Afghanistan, Manoel de Almeida e Silva, said the conflict was "very intense," with both sides using tanks and mortars.

It was not immediately clear what sparked the fighting. A government spokesman in Kabul said it was most likely due to disputes over land or access to water, the cause of repeated clashes in the past two years.

The U.S. military in Afghanistan said it was concerned about the fighting and was closely monitoring it.

Hours after the signing of the truce, the battlefield was still tense, commanders said, and it was not clear whether the deal would hold.

Residents of Mazar-e-Sharif were less than optimistic.

"I do not believe in this cease-fire. It will just collapse,"

said Abdul Kadir, a guest house owner. Another resident, a teacher who only gave her name as Aziza, said foreign peacekeepers were needed to stop the fighting.

"Please Mr. Karzai send ... (peacekeeping) troops to Mazar-e-Sharif," she said.

There are about 5,500 NATO-led peacekeepers in Afghanistan, but they are restricted to Kabul. NATO has drawn up plans to expand the force to other cities, including Mazar-e-Sharif.

Both warring sides claim allegiance to the Afghan president and are members of the Northern Alliance, which helped U.S.-led forces oust the Taliban in late 2001.

The loose coalition of warlords is split along factional and ethnic lines and clashes between them are common.

The Northern Alliance supported Karzai as interim president after the Taliban's ouster. Several ministers in his Cabinet are northern warlords.

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Bush defends handling of Iraq, economy

by **Terence Hunt**
Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Slipping in the polls on the eve of an election year, President Bush forcefully defended his handling of postwar Iraq and the economy Thursday in a visit to the nation's first presidential primary state.

Bush recast his usual road remarks into a tough-talking speech that portrayed him as a decisive leader who has dealt with challenges arising from terrorist attacks, two wars and an economy that slipped into recession shortly after he took office.

"We've been through a lot, but we acted, we led," Bush said.

In a slap at Democratic critics on his first trip to New Hampshire in nearly a year, Bush said America's challenges "cannot be met with timid actions or bitter words."

Bush lost the state's presidential primary to fellow Republican John McCain three years ago but then won a narrow victory in the

November general election. New Hampshire was the only New England state Bush won in the election.

Bush opened the day with a speech at an Air National Guard base in Portsmouth to a military audience in camouflage uniforms, and then flew to Manchester to speak with business leaders. Like other candidates who frequent New Hampshire, Bush dropped by a

"I came to this office to confront problems directly and forcefully, not to pass them on to other presidents and other generations."

George Bush
U.S. President

Manchester pizza shop to shake hands with customers and pose for pictures.

The president also was raising money in Lexington, Ky., for Rep. Ernie Fletcher, who is in a close race with Democrat Ben Chandler for Kentucky governor in the Nov. 4 election.

Unwelcome news awaited Bush in a new poll in New Hampshire. The statewide survey found that 54 percent of adults approve of Bush's handling of Iraq, down from 64 percent in June.

And, for the first time, less than half — 46 percent — said they approved of his handling

of the economy, according to the poll by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center.

Nationally, Bush's approval ratings have dropped to the lowest levels of his presidency in recent weeks.

Bush said a president should not be swayed by the polls, and he was applauded when he declared, "I came to this office to confront problems directly and forcefully, not to pass them on to other presidents and other generations."

Responding to Bush's remarks, Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle said, "I don't think the American people want spin."

I think they want results, and I think that the only way we're going to get results is if we change the approach the administration has used from the very beginning. And that's going to take more than just another speech."

Bush acknowledged the economy was still struggling and said New Hampshire had lost one out of five of its manufacturing jobs. But on the other hand, he said his proposals had resulted in tax cuts for 112,000 small business owners in the state and 124,000 families had benefited from an increase in the child tax credit.

He urged Congress to make his tax cuts permanent rather than allow them to expire, as

now planned.

Bush talked about progress in Iraq on another day of violence and bloodshed in there. A 4th Infantry Division soldier was killed in a rocket-propelled grenade attack outside Baghdad. Separately, a suicide car bomber detonated an explosive at a police station, killing eight people and injuring 28.

Six months after the statue of Saddam Hussein was pulled down, Bush cautioned that "there is a temptation to think the danger has passed." He ticked off terrorist attacks that have taken place around the world since Sept. 11, 2001, and said, "We must fight this war until the work is done."

He defended his decision to go to war even though the United States has not been able to find any of the alleged weapons of mass destruction that he had cited as a justification for confronting Iraq. He said investigators had found evidence "of a clandestine network of biological laboratories" and "advanced design work on prohibited longer-range missiles."

"It is undeniable that Saddam Hussein was a deceiver and a danger," Bush said. "There is only one decent and humane reaction to the fall of Saddam Hussein: good riddance."

Allies: Churches, parents voice support

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movements in the United States.

She said that the civil rights movement wouldn't have been as successful without the help of white allies, and stressed the important roles men played in the women's movement. She said everyone, especially the straight community, could contribute so much for gay rights.

Members of the LGBTA were impressed with the amount of interest the community showed.

"It was nice to see a group of people come out to support

the gay community at Tech," said Jennie Valdez, a freshman University Studies major.

"I was very proud of all the allies here," said Toby Quaranta, LGTBA office manager and a sophomore political science major.

Many people came out to show the gay community their support, and thought the panelists did an excellent job of getting their message out.

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graduate student.

"This is more than I expected. Each individual story was so different but still had the same message. It was amazingly put together."

Lauren Pigott
graduate student, higher education and student affairs

Donna Maynard, a public and international affairs graduate student, said that supporting this cause is second nature.

"I came to show my support," she said. "What they had to say was common sense to me."

Tonight Rachel Sage will perform a free concert in Squires Haymarket Theatre. It will start at 8 p.m. and is sponsored by the LGBTA. It is part of the group's celebration of National Coming Out Day.

Carilion to expand Roanoke hospital

ROANOKE (AP) — Carilion Health System is planning a \$105 million expansion project that will see one of its Roanoke hospitals closed and transformed into a training school, and the other hospital renovated into "a world-class medical center."

According to plans released Wednesday, the 36-year-old Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital will close as an inpatient care center, while Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital will get two five-story additions. Roanoke Memorial just dedicated a new seven-story addition last month.

After the Roanoke Memorial expansion is completed, Carilion will create classrooms and a dormitory within Community Hospital for use by the Jefferson College of Health Sciences and three other, smaller medical training programs.

The college plans to grow by about 1,000 to 1,200 students, nearly doubling its cur-

rent enrollment. The 172-bed Community Hospital will keep its emergency room open for minor emergencies.

Carilion said no job losses are expected. The health system employs more than 9,800 people, the largest employer in the Roanoke Valley.

Carilion is awaiting state approval before beginning construction. Officials say work could begin as early as next summer and take about two years to complete.

Carilion expects to ask for state approval in January on grounds the project would meet a public need. The Health Planning Agency of Southwest Virginia will review the plan and recommend to the state health commissioner whether it should be approved.

"We have the potential to create a medical center here that is a world-class medical center on par with anywhere in the country," said Dr. Edward Murphy, Carilion's president and chief executive officer.

Suicide car bomb kills eight in Baghdad

by **Hamza Hendawi**
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide driver roared through the gates of a police station in Baghdad's biggest Shiite Muslim slum Thursday and detonated his car bomb in the courtyard, killing eight policemen and civilians and injuring up to 45 people, authorities reported. The driver and a passenger also were killed.

It was the latest in a string of bombings that have rocked Iraq since August, and like the others no one claimed responsibility for the attack.

Also on Thursday:

- A 4th Infantry Division soldier was killed in a rocket-propelled grenade attack on a U.S. convoy northeast of Baghdad, the military reported.
- A Spanish military attaché was shot to death outside his residence in Baghdad in attack by four men, one dressed as a Shiite Muslim cleric, who knocked on his door.
- U.S. civilian administrator L. Paul Bremer marked six months since the ouster of Saddam Hussein by recalling the fall of

the regime as "one of the most dramatic moments in Iraq's history."

The car bombing in the northeast Baghdad slum of Sadr City occurred about 8:30 a.m. as about 50 officers gathered outside the police compound to collect their pay, authorities said. A white Oldsmobile sped up, police opened fire on it, the bomber crashed into a parked vehicle, and the car exploded.

"I ran and got hit in the leg. When I looked back, all I could see was fire," officer Khalid Sattar Jabar said from his hospital bed.

Mangled police cars were scattered around the bomb site and debris filled the courtyard in front of the one-story building. The blast left a crater about 10 feet across and 4 feet deep, a U.S. Army officer said.

Three policemen and five

civilians were killed, said Capt. Sean Kirley of the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Two people in the car also died, said Iraqi police Capt. Bassem Sami.

Ambulances ferried wounded through the jammed traffic.

Sami said 28 people were wounded. Officials at Qasim al-Mubarka hospital said they had at least nine. Police said they had reports of an additional eight wounded at Ibn Nafees Hospital.

"It was a huge blast and everything became dark from the debris and sand. I was thrown to the ground," said Mohammed

Adnan, 35, who sells watermelons across from the station. The police building has been undergoing repairs, and several dozen workers were believed to have been inside at the time of the blast, according to U.S. and Iraqi officials at the scene.

Angry residents thronged

the area after the bombing, and scores of U.S. soldiers surrounded the police building in Humvees. An Iraqi policeman who pushed through the crowd was stabbed in the right arm after being set upon by the mob, which chanted "No, no to America!" U.S. military medics treated him at the scene.

A nearby mosque, meanwhile, blared warnings for people to leave the area for fear of another booby-trapped car.

Some blamed the bombing on ultraorthodox Wahhabi Sunni Muslims, religious enemies of the Shiites; policemen said they had been threatened by a local Shiite imam; and others blamed Saddam's ousted Baathists and the Americans.

"This is all the fault of the Americans. They didn't catch Saddam," said a woman outside the Al-Mubarka Hospital.

Inside, a police sergeant who was wounded in the legs, Saad Drawal al-Dharaji, 29, said an imam had threatened to take action against the police station unless it turned over some officers for "punishment" for having served under Saddam.

4-H fight promoters get community service

by **Chris Kahn**
Associated Press

ROCKY MOUNT — Four volunteer counselors at a 4-H summer camp were ordered Thursday to perform community service for forcing late night bare-knuckle brawls between campers, charging admission to the fights, then ordering children to lie about how they suffered black eyes, broken bones and split lips.

Three of the counselors, whose names were withheld because they are juveniles, pleaded no contest to charges of disorderly conduct and assault and battery. Judge David A. Melesco penalized each with community service time ranging from 40 to 100 hours.

Another counselor, 20-

year-old Joe Cocke of Goode, entered no plea to one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Melesco ordered him to complete 40 hours of community service and postponed his trial for a year.

Franklin County prosecutor Cliff Hapgood said the fighting at Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Educational Conference Center began on July 2, after the counselors observed two boys from different counties fighting over the same girl.

"They thought it was funny," Hapgood said.

Soon, the late-night brawls began. The counselors secretly announced the fights by telling everyone they were going to hold a "card game" in their dormitory. While one 15-year-old counselor standing as a

lookout, campers were dragged or pushed together and forced to start punching. Other campers were charged \$1 each to watch.

The brawls were a complete free for all, Hapgood said. Some were thrown into the melee and attacked from behind. Larger campers were forced to fight two smaller campers at once.

"Some of the kids actually hid under their beds so they would not have to come out" and fight, Hapgood said.

Still, the pressure to please the older counselors was intense.

"They would be told 'You're a bunch of wusses if you don't fight,'" Hapgood said.

Cocke, the only adult charged, did not participate in organizing the fights, Hapgood

said. But "he knew a little bit more than he should, and he didn't do anything about it."

Hapgood said more than a dozen campers between the ages of 10 and 12 were forced to defend themselves during the five-day camp. When they cried from injuries, the counselors told the campers to keep quiet about the fights.

One camper who broke his hand fighting later told hospital staff that he injured himself by falling off his bunk, Hapgood said.

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'Candidate-to-be-named' funding plan OK'd

■ A political group is backing a plan to get donations for a presidential nominee before the candidate is selected

by Sharon Theimer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission on Thursday backed a group's plan to gather donations for the Democratic presidential nominee months before the candidate is picked, turning aside concerns raised by commission lawyers.

The political action committee, known as WE LEAD, would be able to give an unlimited total to the Democratic nominee-to-be instead of facing the \$5,000-per-candidate limit applied to other PACs.

Each individual sending a check to the group earmarked for the "presumptive nominee" could give up to \$2,000.

This represents a new twist in the growing fund-raising practice known as bundling.

Usually, donations from multiple givers are gathered for a named candidate and given within 10 days of an individual collecting the checks.

Larry Noble, head of the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics and the FEC's former lead attorney, said the plan could create a major loophole by letting PACs sidestep contribution limits.

The commission directed its attorneys to draft an opinion reflecting its support for the plan.

The document will be circulated among commissioners for possible changes and voted on before the public has a chance to see it.

Commissioners also were weighing whether to let the group spend an unlimited amount soliciting the checks it gives to the candidate, without being capped at \$5,000 per candidate.

WE LEAD, a group of Democratic women, hopes to raise \$100,000, with the money going to the presumptive nominee to help offset

campaign expenses until the party's nominating convention.

If no nominee emerged before the convention, the money would be given to the Democratic National Committee.

Commission Chairwoman Ellen Weintraub, a Democrat, said she saw WE LEAD's plan as a way for women, particularly those who can only afford to make small donations, to have a greater say in politics.

"I don't think this is one of those (decisions) opening up a big loophole for fat-cat donors," said Weintraub, a former Democratic campaign attorney.

She said the FEC is circulating the new opinion for a vote without public review to get it done more quickly.

Commissioner Michael Toner, a Republican, also was among a majority of commissioners supporting the plan.

"We may not come from the same political party, and I'd be happy to have women activists contribute to the president, as well,"

Toner, a former lawyer for the Republican National Committee, told Weintraub.

"This clearly is a mechanism designed to try to energize and generate, at the grass-roots level, smaller donors to be involved in the political process."

Commission attorneys expressed some concern about the plan.

Typically, earmarked contributions must be designated for a specific candidate and given to a campaign by the group within 10 days of the checks' arrival.

While WE LEAD said it would decide who gets the checks it gathers based on the Democrats' delegate count for the candidates, other groups could come to the FEC and say they have their own set of conditions for who gets the money, said FEC lawyer Rosemary Smith.

FEC lawyer Noble said the argument that the plan would give small-dollar donors, particularly women, a bigger voice "a red herring."

It's not the FEC's job to decide who should play a greater role in politics, he said, adding that its rules have to apply across the board.

Pay version of Napster service debuts

by Alex Veiga
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Nearly a year after the Napster brand was rescued from the ashes of the ruined file-swapping service, a revamped online music store bearing the familiar name debuted Thursday in limited release.

A test version of Napster 2.0 launched with more than a half-million songs from all the major music labels and with individual song and album downloads as well as a subscription service.

It will be available to the general public Oct. 29, officials said.

Santa Clara, Calif.-based Roxio Inc., which owns the Napster name, shelved its former online music service, pressplay, and starting moving subscribers to Napster.

Pressplay, which went off-line Tuesday, offered access to songs only for a monthly fee.

Napster 2.0 users will see prices in line with what other services charge, which is about \$1 per song and about \$10 for full albums or monthly subscription.

The service allows users to copy, or "burn," single songs onto CDs an unlimited number of times, but, like other services, users can't burn more than five CDs with the same playlist.

"Our company's passion for what we're doing will really be felt by consumers and I think it's also very consistent with the original vision for Napster," said Chris Gorog, Roxio's chairman and chief executive.

The music industry has seen CD sales plummet over the last three years as illegal music file-sharing exploded, beginning with the original Napster, which established a peer-to-peer network for users to swap music without paying copyright holders. That service was forced to shut down in 2001 after a protracted legal battle with recording companies.

Roxio is betting the Napster brand will help set its new service apart from a bevy of other digital music retailers that have launched since April, when Apple Computer Inc. introduced its iTunes Music Store.

Also vying for a piece of the market are Buy.com's BuyMusic.com, RealNetworks' Rhapsody, MusicNow and MusicNet.

File-sharing over the most popular peer-to-peer networks has declined in recent weeks, coinciding with a lawsuit campaign against downloaders by the recording industry.

Traffic on Kazaa's network, the most popular, dropped 41 percent between the last week of June and mid-September, according to Nielsen NetRatings, which monitors Internet usage.

At the same time, online music sales are expected to grow from 1 percent of the total music market to 12 percent in 2008, generating about \$1.5 billion in sales, according to Jupiter Research.

High court called on to review Guantanamo appeals

by Jennifer Kerr
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A group of former judges and diplomats joined ex-POWs Thursday to urge the Supreme Court to review the appeals of some of the more than 650 detainees held by the U.S. military at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The Bush administration is flouting the rule of law by indefinitely detaining the prisoners without charges, without access to lawyers and without the opportunity to challenge their detentions, the group contends. Many of the Guantanamo inmates — who are suspected of ties to al-Qaida or the Taliban — have spent nearly two years in confinement.

"I think human rights are important," said Leslie Jackson, who was captured by the Nazis during World War II and held for 13 months. "If we don't set an example by treating people honorably, we're in big trouble."

Jackson signed one of seven separate friend-of-the-court briefs filed by the group, which includes 19 former U.S. diplomats, six former federal judges and several retired Navy and Marine officials. The briefs were filed in support of the

high court appeals of 16 captives — two Britons, two Australians and 12 Kuwaiti citizens — who are seeking hearings on their detentions.

Lower courts have rejected the detainees' arguments. In March, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia said the detainees are aliens held outside U.S. territory and therefore are not entitled to rights granted by the Constitution, such as access to a lawyer and not being held indefinitely without charges.

John J. Gibbons, the former chief judge of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, said the lower courts got the law wrong.

"The idea of treating this Navy base ... as not American territory is ludicrous," said Gibbons. "It's in total control of the United States and has been for a century."

Some of the briefs also supported the appeal of Yaser Esam Hamdi, an American-born man captured during the fighting in Afghanistan and held in a Navy brig in South Carolina.

He hasn't had access to a lawyer and no charges have been filed against him.

"I think human rights are important. If we don't set an example by treating people honorably, we're in big trouble."

Leslie Jackson
WWII veteran

Police investigating possible hate crime

FAIRFAX (AP) — Police are investigating an apparent bias crime attack on a Muslim woman who said she was stabbed and called a terrorist outside a shopping mall.

Michelle Rothstein-Latif, 47, the mother of a U.S. Marine Corps corporal who recently returned from a three-month tour in Kuwait, was not seriously wounded in the Sunday attack.

She said she was leaning against her car trying to unlatch her daughter's seatbelt when she felt a punch in the small of her back. She said her attacker, a white male in his teens, then ran away, shouting the word "terrorist" and another word she said could have been "pig."

She did not realize she had been stabbed until she saw blood.

A doctor at Inova Fairfax Hospital confirmed she had suffered a small knife-type wound, she said.

Fairfax County police spokeswoman Jacqi Smith said police were investigating the incident as a possible

hate crime.

Rothstein-Latif, the daughter of Russian Jews who later had a Catholic stepfather, said she was not religious until she converted to Islam in 1987. The Woodbridge resident said she was offended anyone would link her to terrorism.

"I don't believe in fanaticism. I'm just a regular American Muslim," she told The Washington Post. "Sure I wear a scarf, but I'm far from a terrorist."

Attacks against American Muslims are on the rise, according to the Council on American Islamic Relations. The group said it has received at least 62 reports of hate crimes against Muslims since the start of this year, a 50 percent increase over the previous 12 months.

Rothstein-Latif's 28-year-old son, Alan Tirol, is on active duty with the 3rd Marine Air Wing and is stationed at Twentynine Palms, Calif., a spokesman for the Marine Corps said. He returned from Kuwait last month.

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Walking to campus helps alleviate parking problems

Keith Parsons

Many people driving to campus are faced with a continual problem — their own stupidity. Every year it's the same old tune, students at an institution that ought to be renowned for the intelligence of its population showing they are more fit for the role of social lemming than for any sort of higher learning.

The continual griping about parking here at Virginia Tech is the most baffling display of mental incompetence I have ever encountered.

The solution to this problem is both simple and elegant. Simple because even a child could tell you what it is, and elegant because in solving the parking issue correctly we remedy a whole slew of social ills simultaneously. As any grade-schooler could say, in a piping voice innocent of the socially programmed ignorance displayed by many older human beings at Tech, the solution is to walk.

That's right, get off your lazy posteriors and walk to class. The benefits of walking are so many, and so profound, that even if the parking situation were the complete opposite of what it is, I would urge you against using your car. You don't believe me? Well then start using that organ which you reputedly came to this university to develop. Think about your money. When you no longer drive to class you save money, lots of it. First off you don't have to buy a ridiculously expensive parking permit. I haven't bought a permit even once during my tenure here even though I have lived off campus with a car since my freshman year.

Secondly, you don't have to buy as much gas. I have bought only a single tank of gas since the start of the school year, and half of it is still in my tank. A car is completely unnecessary in a town like Blacksburg, and I only use mine to go home. With less use, your car will also need less maintenance.

The most damaging part of a drive is starting the engine cold. Driving to and from class means you abuse your car in this way at least twice a day, which means heavy bills come registration time.

Think about your body. Americans are fat. One third of you are probably already fat if we are to believe a statistic quoted in a column Thursday ("Food industry needs responsible marketing," CT, Oct. 9).

That opinion blames the food industry, but I know better. The reason Americans are fat is because they won't get off their bloated bottoms and walk once in a while. All they do is ride around in cars getting precisely zero exercise as a result. Afterwards, some of them are mortified by this, and spend hundreds of dollars joining exercise clubs to remedy what they could have fixed by simply incorporating exercise into their everyday life.

Think about your environment. Cars are the primary source of air pollution, period. I don't care if you drive an H2 or a Prius, your car produces far more pollutants than walking does. That's because walking produces zero pollutants, unless you litter while doing it, in which case you should be shot, but that's another issue.

Think about your time. According to the article Thursday, which prompted me to write this, at least one professor comes fully an hour earlier each day because of the parking situation. No offense intended, but that is ludicrous. You can walk from Foxridge to campus in around 45 minutes. I do it all the time.

Furthermore, I'll wager you can walk from 90 percent of the places in town and get to your classes on average, faster than you can in a car. It takes me only 15 minutes to get to class from where I live, and I know for a fact that it would take at least as long in my car even assuming a good parking situation.

You have to walk a fair amount on campus anyhow, so just go all the way and redeem my flagging perception of your intellects.

In a small community like Blacksburg there is not one factor in which a car is better than your feet for everyday travel use. To continue to complain about parking when you were born with a solution to the problem is irresponsible, and I'm tired of hearing it. So shut up, get off your expanding backside, and walk to class before you get any dumber.

Keith Parsons is a senior English major.

Comfortable environment needed in class

Rob Rowland

The column, "Online classes have limited benefits" (CT, Oct. 7) presented a reasoned and compelling argument on the advantages of live classroom instruction over online courses. In his article, the author stressed the importance of exposure to the "free exchange of ideas" in an individual's education.

I agree completely with this strong support for intellectual diversity in the classroom. I also agree online classes fail to meet this most basic prerequisite for excellence in collegiate education.

However, not all courses taught by human instructors are created equal. Filling a classroom with eager students led by an equally enthused live professor is no guarantee what Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once called a "marketplace of ideas" will arise.

Students learn best, and maybe more importantly how to think independently, when they are allowed to see many viewpoints and to choose the best one for themselves. Of course, this applies most readily to matters of politics, religion, history and other studies of human social interaction, but the maxim holds true in any field in which there are competing normative or explanatory theories.

A professor takes on a great responsibility when he or she steps behind the lectern to begin class. The instructor is then the guardian of what the author refers to as the "duty of any university" to provide for an atmosphere of open thought.

Professors have all the power in the classroom. Before the term even begins, the professor has prepared the course's syllabus. In the process of choosing what topics to cover and what readings to assign, the instructor alone determines viewpoints worthy of inclusion and those deserving omission. He alone chooses how much involvement to allow from the class. He alone chooses how to respond to comments he disagrees with. Finally, he

alone controls assigned grades.

These choices and modes of power are not in and of themselves a bad thing. Most fields in education are astoundingly broad. Some things must simply be omitted as a nod to limited lecture time and the patience of students for excessive reading assignments. The instructor needs control over his or her classroom to best deliver his unique style of educating.

However, as with all means of power, there is a potential for professors to abuse their control of the classroom. When an instructor begins to speak, students will dutifully write what he or she says — almost without regard for the content. There is always a risk in higher education that the lectern may be used as a pulpit. Instruction can give way to indoctrination if an instructor takes his or her obligations to promote intellectual diversity lightly.

In addressing political issues, a systematic bias towards one side of an issue or giving undue attention to the views of one political party serves no one. It is only in seeing diverse perspectives that students will come to appreciate the broad scope innate to most fields of study.

Also, it is only by searching through contrasting viewpoints that a student will learn to think critically.

Knowing how to separate compelling arguments from weak ones is important and will only come about from a learning environment where many ideas are offered for consideration.

Of course professors should share their own perspectives. One of the tremendous benefits of college education is hearing hard-earned views from experts in their fields. However, instructors should share their opinions while being respectful of dissenting opinions, both among their peers and within the classroom itself.

Course instructors should foster an environment where students feel free and comfortable in expressing their views, even where they differ from or are in opposition to those

of the teacher. Effective education requires students to question what they hear.

They must be critical of what they hear and also inquisitive so as to understand the material in light of their own background and experiences. Neither of these processes is possible when they fear their comments will be unwelcome, or more exigently, that their views will be disparaged or their grade will suffer.

Even when unfair grading and overt denigration of student comments do not occur, the potential remains for the atmosphere of a classroom to become so unwelcome to a viewpoint opposed by a given professor that students may decline to speak out of discomfort.

This will often occur when an instructor presents unyielding criticism of present government policies under the false assumption their attacks are somehow balanced by popular support. Students are by definition newly initiated to their field of study; they have neither the background nor the ethos to counterbalance a biased classroom.

Recently, after a meeting of a large lecture section, two students thanked me for taking a stand after I made some conservative comments in class. I took these comments as evidence that other students feel the same discomfort and sense of being unwelcome to participate as I do in some classes.

By relentlessly attacking their views, the professor in question had alienated a number of students. Without a voice from the right or any effort to balance the course's content the class as a whole suffers. The situation is unfair and unnecessary.

It is my hope for all course instructors to take a hard look at the methods and practices they employ in their classrooms to ensure they are doing all they can to fulfill the commitment expressed in Virginia Tech's strategic plan: "we will seek a campus climate welcoming to all."

Rob Rowland is a regular columnist for the Collegiate Times.

Letter to the Editor

FCC should be commended for upholding freedom

This commentary is in response to the article, "FCC: Bono's speech not indecent" (CT, Oct. 9). For decades, regulatory agencies of the United States have struggled with the exact meaning of indecency. The courts have debated it, and the citizens have protested it.

Historically, the Supreme Court has upheld the indecency standards set by the FCC. Indecency, when related to broadcast, is "material that, in context, depicts or describes, in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards, sexual or excretory activities or organs."

Supreme Court decisions, such as the Sable Communications of California, Inc. v. FCC

(1989) and FCC v. Pacifica Foundation (1978), have established indecency regulation in media broadcasting. So it is no surprise that in a recent FCC decision, the commission ruled in favor of using the f-word, so long as it "did not describe sexual or excretory organs or activities."

This decision was the result of a prior incident when Bono, the lead singer of U2, exclaimed "this is really, really fucking brilliant" during a broadcast of the Golden Globe Awards. Bono, as agreed by the FCC, used vulgarity as an adjective, which does not mean the word was obscene.

This constant war with words has been a common problem for the FCC. In recent years, the commission has expressed displeasure in regards to rapper Eminem's lyrics. Many people find these lyrics patently offensive and conclude they are indecent. However, the FCC did rule "the material broadcast was not patently offensive, and thus not actionably indecent."

The FCC also added the sexual or excretory references in Eminem's music as oblique,

and are intended merely to satirize or parody popular culture. Despite the rulings, Eminem has spoken out against the FCC, claiming it is his First Amendment right to say whatever he wishes.

According to the First Amendment, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Though guidelines for indecency in broadcast were set in the Pacifica case, the Supreme Court ruled "the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech has nothing to do with broadcasting."

Some people believe the FCC does not take indecency seriously enough. The Parents Television Council, the group that has pledged to appeal the decision regarding the f-word, was unhappy with the action of the FCC. We can be sure this decision will be discussed over

and over again in the political and the broadcast media arenas in the near future.

I believe it is essential to stop and realize America was founded on freedom. This includes the freedom of speech and expression. The First Amendment is one of the most important and fundamental rights set forth by the Constitution.

The FCC, by allowing the f-word to be used when it is not interpreted indecently, should be commended for relaxing control on such a broadcast regulation. And Bono, a continual force in the world of controversial issues, has yet again contributed to a revolutionary cause.

So next time you utter the f-word, take pride in the fact that we live in a country where we are free to express ourselves verbally ... and thank the FCC and Bono for allowing us to do it when it is "not actionably indecent" on air.

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Former FBI agent arrested for murder

BOSTON (AP) — A former FBI agent who handled high-ranking mob informants was arrested Thursday and charged with murder for allegedly helping to set up a 1981 mob hit on an Oklahoma businessman.

H. Paul Rico, 78, was arrested at his home near Miami in the slaying of 55-year-old Roger Wheeler, who was shot in the head at a Tulsa, Okla., country club after a round of golf.

Rico's arrest was the latest turn in a long-running scandal over the cozy relationship between the Boston FBI and its underworld informants. Last year, a former FBI agent was convicted of protecting gangsters, including James "Whitey" Bulger, who is on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list.

Investigators said Wheeler's slaying was linked to his purchase of World Jai Alai and his suspicion that money was being skimmed from the Florida company. At the time, Rico was retired from the FBI and was the head of security for World Jai Alai.

Investigators said Rico provided John Martorano, a hit man for Boston's Winter Hill Gang, with information on Wheeler's schedule so he could be killed. Martorano admitted pulling the trigger and is awaiting sentencing.

Rico "flat-out categorically denies this," his attorney, William Cagney III told The Associated Press. "He never assisted the Winter Hill Gang in trying to get inside information so they could ... do away with people."

Rico was jailed in Florida. District Attorney Tim Harris of Tulsa did not return

repeated calls. Gail Marcinkiewicz, a spokeswoman for the Boston FBI, declined to comment.

Rico spent 24 years with the FBI, specializing in organized crime cases in Boston in the 1960s and '70s. He cultivated mobster Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi and others as informants.

Bulger, the boss of the Winter Hill Gang, Flemmi and Martorano were all charged in Wheeler's murder in 2001 by Oklahoma prosecutors.

Prosecutors in Florida followed with an indictment charging all three in the 1982 slaying of World Jai Alai executive John "Jack" Callahan in Miami. Investigators said they believe Callahan was killed to keep him from telling authorities about links between World Jai Alai and the mob.

A congressional panel is investigating the Boston FBI office's ties to its mob informants, including Bulger, who fled in 1995 after being tipped off by then-agent John J. Connolly Jr. that he was about to be indicted on federal racketeering charges.

During Connolly's trial, prosecutors said Bulger and Flemmi were left untouched by law enforcement for decades because they were informing for the FBI on the New England Mafia, which is separate from the

Winter Hill Gang. Connolly is serving a 10-year prison sentence.

In 2001, Rico testified about another case before a congressional committee. He denied that he and his partner helped framed an innocent man for a 1965 gangland slaying, but acknowledged that Joseph Salvati wrongly spent 30 years in prison for the crime.

Republican Rep. Christopher Shays accused Rico of feeling no remorse for his role in the conviction of four innocent men in that case. Rico replied, "What do you want, tears?"

Salvati's lawyer, Victor Garo, predicted that Rico's arrest will split the Boston FBI scandal wide open, exposing more government wrongdoing in Boston and Washington.

"He was the inside man of the Boston office of the FBI in dealing with informants like Steve Flemmi and others," Garo said. "I would imagine that right now many people are concerned about what he knows and what he will say. ... He knows about all the skeletons in the closet."

Wheeler's son said he was pleased with Rico's arrest.

"It's something I've wanted for years," said Larry Wheeler, who said he believes Rico played a role in his father's murder.

"I would imagine that right now many people are concerned about what he knows and what he will say. ... He knows about all the skeletons in the closet."

Victor Garo
Defendant's lawyer

Authorities search for Calif. bomber

by Paul Elias
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Federal officials are searching for a California man believed responsible for blasts at two firms tied to a business that conducts drug and chemical experiments on animals.

The FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said federal prosecutors have charged Daniel Andreas San Diego, 25, with the Aug. 28 detonation of two pipe bombs at biotechnology company Chiron Corp., and a Sept. 26 explosion at cosmetics maker Shaklee Corp.

Documents detailing why authorities believe the Sonoma County man should be arrested were sealed.

All three blasts caused minimal damage and no injuries.

An animal rights group called Revolutionary Cells claimed responsibility and said the California companies were targeted because of their ties to New Jersey-based Huntingdon Life Sciences, which conducts

drug and chemical experiments on animals for other firms.

Chiron makes drugs and federal regulators require all drugs to be tested on animals before they are approved for human consumption. Chiron said it doesn't have any current contracts with Huntingdon but wouldn't rule out future work with the firm.

Shaklee specializes in cosmetics and household products but does not test products on animals. However, the company is a subsidiary of Yamanouchi Holdings Group, which does business with Huntingdon.

"You never know when your house, your car even, might go boom," said an e-mail posted on several animal rights Web sites four days after the Shaklee bombing. A complaint Sunday against San Diego charges him with "maliciously damaging and destroying, and attempting to destroy and damage, by means of explosives, buildings, and other property," the FBI said Thursday. He could receive a 10-year prison sentence for each bombing if convicted.

Presidential hopefuls aim fire at Wesley Clark during debate

by Ron Fournier
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Democratic presidential hopefuls focused fire on Wesley Clark in campaign debate Thursday night, deriding the retired general as a belated convert to their party — and indecisive to boot.

"I did not vote for George Bush. I voted for Al Gore," Clark retorted in the most contentious of four debates to date in the battle for the Democratic nomination.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and Sens. John

Kerry, Joe Lieberman and John Edwards took turns criticizing Clark, saying he was speaking warmly of Bush as recently as 2001, and more recently switched positions to oppose the war with Iraq.

Clark struck an above-the-fray pose at one point, insisting, "I'm not going to attack a fellow Democrat."

But even that drew a sharp response from his rivals, primed to attack the retired Army general who jumped to a lead in some national polls within days of his entry into the race in September.

"I want to say ... welcome

to the Democratic presidential campaign," Lieberman said. "Look, none of us are above questioning."

After the debate, Clark said the criticism came as no surprise.

"When you're the front-runner, you have to expect that," he said in an interview with The Associated Press. Although he leads in national surveys, he trails his rivals in state polls, including a recent New Hampshire survey.

With the pace of the campaign quickening, the Democrats traded jobs over economic policy as well.

Gephardt told a questioner in the debate audience he favors repealing Bush's tax cuts in their entirety, and insisted that would not result in an increase in her taxes.

But Kerry, who favors retaining Bush's tax cuts only for middle-income individuals, said, "You're going to pay more tax" if all cuts are repealed.

The field of Democratic contenders — shrunken by one with Florida Sen. Bob Graham's withdrawal from the race — met onstage at the Orpheum Theater in Phoenix, capital of a state that holds an early primary on Feb. 3.

For the first half of the debate, the candidates sat on tall chairs in front of identical lecterns, each one bearing a CNN logo. The cable network sponsored the debate, and Judy Woodruff, a network anchor, served as moderator.

The format switched halfway through. The lecterns disappeared, the men shed their suit jackets and fielded questions from the audience — the first time in any of the debates that the candidates have responded to questions from men and women whose votes will prove decisive in the early primary states.

When they weren't sparring with one another, Democrats took time to heap fresh criticism on Bush's postwar policy in Iraq, faulting him for failing to win significant help from other countries.

"You remember on your report card you had your English grade, your history grade and then it said, plays well together? He flunked that part," jabbed Gephardt of Missouri.

Former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois made a similar point, saying, "I think we have to work well with others and begin to bring our troops home with honor."



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Japan paves way for parliament elections

by Kenji Hall
Associated Press

TOKYO — Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi ordered the lower house of Japan's parliament dissolved Friday, paving the way for national elections that he's counting on to strengthen his party.

The dissolution places the 480 seats of the powerful lower house up for grabs. Koizumi is expected to set Nov. 9 as the date for the balloting.

The order was issued after a morning Cabinet meeting, Japan's public broadcaster NHK and the Kyodo news service said. It will formally take effect after it is approved by Emperor Akihito and read to the lower chamber Friday afternoon.

Elections would offer the popular prime minister a chance to solidify his leadership over the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, after his landslide re-election as party president last month. The LDP hopes the poll will help extend its dominance over parliament in the face of a more unified opposition.

Koizumi's three-party ruling coalition already controls a majority in the chamber, with 244 seats. The largest opposition bloc, the Democratic Party of Japan, has 137 seats.

Japan's prolonged economic slowdown is likely to be the central issue of the election.

Despite his push for a public spending cap and new laws to deregulate industry and privatize government institutions like the post office, Koizumi's policies have yet to usher in an era of prosperity.

While corporate profits are improving, businesses continue to suffer from a prolonged downward trend in prices, known as deflation, which cuts deeply into profits and diminishes the value of other assets. Joblessness continues to hover above 5 percent, near a record high.

Supporters say Koizumi needs more time to complete his reforms. But Japan's largest opposition bloc — which merged in anticipation of elections — has blamed him for the country's economic woes and slammed him for backing the U.S.-led wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Koizumi's party will also face a high-profile challenge from former Foreign Minister Makiko Tanaka, an outspoken conservative and one of the few politicians in this country who can rival his popularity.

Tanaka, the daughter of a former prime minister, became the first woman in Japan to head the foreign ministry when Koizumi named her to his first Cabinet in April 2001.

Schwarzenegger names transition team

by Beth Fouhy
Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger introduced key members of his transition team Thursday, saying the first thing they would do is conduct an audit to find out just how serious the state's deficit is.

Schwarzenegger, who will take office as soon as the results of Tuesday's recall election are certified, said his first priority will be investigating the state's finances.

The Republican said the state's budget shortfall for next fiscal year may have risen to at least \$10 billion.

"One of the first things we have to do is audit. Open up the books and let the people look inside. Let the sun shine in," Schwarzenegger said at a news conference at a Santa Monica hotel.

Several Democrats are among the 67 California notables on the Republican's team, including San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn and former Assembly Speaker Bob Hertzberg. Republicans include former Gov. Pete Wilson, former

U.S. secretary of state and treasury George Shultz and Bill Simon, once a rival of Schwarzenegger's in the recall election.

Business leaders on the team include billionaire builder Eli Broad and Hewlett-Packard chief executive officer Carly Fiorina.

Schwarzenegger on Thursday also called on Gov. Gray Davis not to make any more appointments or sign legislation in the waning days of his administration, although Schwarzenegger acknowledged it is Davis' right to do so.

"I would like it really if he doesn't sign any more bills, as far as that goes," Schwarzenegger said. "But we will be working on that, and I'm absolutely convinced that when the governor says that he wants to have a smooth transition, that we will in fact have a smooth transition. And I am looking forward to that and the process has

already begun."

Davis spokesman Steven Maviglio said Davis will continue to make appointments and act on legislation. He added, "The governor-elect might be interested in learning that bills that Gov. Davis does not act on before October 13th automatically become law."

In California, the governor may veto a bill, sign it or allow it to become law without signing it.

Schwarzenegger also introduced Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., who is heading his transition team.

The first member of the team they announced was its finance director, Donna Arduin, who is on loan from the administration of Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, where she is budget director.

Schwarzenegger has vowed to immediately repeal the recent tripling of the state's car tax and to preserve educational programs as he trims the budget.

Meanwhile, Davis met Thursday afternoon with his cabinet members, congratulating each one and asking that they cooperate with Schwarzenegger's team.

"They may need our help and if they ask, I want you to provide it," said Davis, who did not take questions from reporters.

"Our service is not complete until we've done everything humanly possible to prepare the next administration for their assignment."

Davis has about 100 pending appointments to make, 15 of which require Senate confirmation, Maviglio said.

Another 21 appointments already are pending before the Senate.

Majority leader John Burton said he is considering calling the upper house back into session to act on the appointments before Davis, like Burton a Democrat, leaves office.

Even after becoming only the second governor to be recalled in U.S. history,

Davis still has a sense of humor. On Friday, he was to read the Top 10 list on David Letterman's "Late Show."

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Arnold Schwarzenegger
Calif. gov.-elect

Charges dismissed against Knox's co-defendant

ROANOKE (AP) — A federal judge Thursday dismissed 10 more charges against Roanoke pain specialist Cecil Byron Knox and two of his associates, a day after all the charges were thrown out against a Pulaski contractor caught up in the federal sting on Knox's Roanoke practice.

Chief U.S. District Judge Samuel Wilson's rulings Thursday were another setback for prosecutors. But Wilson did not get rid of the most severe charges in the indictment. Knox and his office manager, Beverly Gale Boone, still face potential life sentences.

Prosecutors say Knox distributed OxyContin, Oxy IR, MS Contin, oxycodone, methadone, morphine, Dexidine and Ritalin for

no legitimate medical purpose, contributing to the death or serious injury of 10 patients. Knox and the other defendants also face other charges, including conspiracy and fraud.

Attorneys for Knox have argued that the overdose deaths occurred more than a year and a half after he stopped prescribing medicine to the patients. Attorneys also argue that he and the other defendants did not intend to perform criminal acts with reference to the racketeering, fraud and conspiracy charges.

Several of Knox's former patients testified for the defense Thursday. They said he helped them with their medical problems.

Beverly Douglas, whose husband, Douglas, was a

patient, testified that the Knox "gave me back my husband instead of a person who lies in bed in pain all day."

Wilson dismissed charges that Knox, 55, traded OxyContin pills to Edwin Shomaker for marijuana on at least 10 occasions. Shomaker, who testified for federal prosecutors, could not identify Knox either in the courtroom or from a photograph.

Wilson also threw out racketeering and conspiracy charges against the third defendant in the case, licensed professional counselor Willard Newbill James, and judge dismissed eight counts related to allegations of kickback arrangements with regard to reimbursement for services.

Chicago garbage collectors end strike

by Brandon Loomis
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Union garbage collectors voted overwhelmingly Thursday to end a nine-day strike that left stinking piles of trash around the Chicago area.

Members of the Teamsters union, following the recommendation of their negotiators, voted 1,540 to 373 to accept a pact giving workers a 28 percent raise in wages and benefits over five years.

The Chicago Area Refuse Haulers Association said trucks would work through the night clearing festering piles of trash. The city's sanitation official said, however, it would be days before all the trash is gone.

"We are absolutely delighted to have our

workers return to service," association spokesman Bill Plunkett said. "Tonight we get back to the business of serving our customers."

The association accepted the Teamsters' contract proposal earlier in the day after a nearly 20-hour bargaining session with a federal mediator.

"It's a good contract," Teamsters spokesman Brian Rainville said. "(Members) should be proud of the effort they put forth on the strike line. This is the sort of thing you fight for."

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Features

'School of Rock' gives a lesson in comedic perfection

Jason Bayer

This move may just as well have been named, "Comedic Perfection." All too often a comedy of this sort falls short of its goal: to keep both the audience laughing and its story moving uniformly.

Independent film director favorite Richard Linklater does a splendid job of melding comedy with substance, which is reminiscent of his 1993 masterpiece "Dazed and Confused." Jack Black was born to play this role — written specifically for him by Mike White (who also has a role in the movie).

The surprising thing about the movie is its audience appeal.

Whether you are a college student, a parent or a 5-year-old (which lessens the probability you would be reading this article), you will find something you like in the film.

Dewey Finn (Black) is a down-and-

out rock n' roller who finds his dreams of winning the Battle of the Bands crushed after being kicked out of his own band.

He finds himself in between a rock and a hard place when his roommate Ned Schneebly's (White) evil girlfriend (Sarah Silverman) wants to kick him out because he can't pay his rent.

He realizes he must get a real job instead of just contributing to society by rocking.

When he takes a phone call for meant for roommate and substitute teacher Schneebly, he can't resist impersonating Ned to get the job at one of the top private elementary schools in the state.

At first, Finn wants everything to do with the paycheck and nothing to do with the class, insisting they take recess indefinitely.

However, he is inspired after seeing them in music class and decides to teach them everything there is to know about rock n' roll and turn them into his new band.

The plot progresses predictably as Finn gradually bonds with his students, teaching them the essentials of rock, and turning them into his rock band while keeping all this secret from the principal of the school (Joan Cusack) and the children's parents.

What transforms this film from a mediocre comedy into one scaling heights of comedic genius are two things: Black and the film's brilliant ability to keep itself out of comedic danger zones.

Whether you love or hate Black, it can't be denied he is one of the most inventive comics out there today with his zany behavior and creative approaches to humor.

This movie gives him a lot of the creative freedom he craved in previous comedies such as "Shallow Hal" and "Saving Silverman," in which he was more confined by the roles. Finally he takes center stage with this movie and is much less inhibited by the script.

The majority of the humor is obvi-

ously added by Black, but his students prove to be a good supporting cast and Joan Cusack gets a few shots in as well.

Comedies of this type tend to fall into cliches, including resorting to raunchy gross-out humor and starting off well only to ruin themselves with sappiness.

On many levels, this film does neither. It is relaxed but still manages to keep the audience satisfied.

The film simply leaves the audience laughing from its opening sequence to the end credits.

It is sentimental but stays out of sappiness. It contains themes that make it worthy of being a family film, but is not condescending to college students.

For all of you people out there still shouting, "You're my boy, Blue" after last year's Old School (I say you people as if I'm not leading the pack), I can guarantee you'll find numerous quotes in this movie as well that will still be on your lips come



School of Rock

» **Synopsis:** A down and out rocker becomes a substitute teacher and turns his class into his new band

» **Cast:** Jack Black, Joan Cusack, Sarah Silverman, Mike White

» **Director:** Richard Linklater

» **Running Time:** 108 min.

Rated PG-13 for some rude humor and drug references

Grade: A-

next October.

The bottom line is — this movie rocks!

"School of Rock" is playing at New River Valley Mall.

Jason Bayer writes movie reviews for the Collegiate Times.

Step show brings rhythm to Burruss

by Karima Adkins
Staff Writer

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated is responsible for bringing back Virginia Tech's second annual homecoming step show.

For many students at Tech the term stepping might be unfamiliar, or just not quite clear.

Fortunately, multi-platinum artist R. Kelly explained it best on his recent album Chocolate Factory, when he said "Stepping is not just a dance, it's a culture."

Steeping started out as just a group of young, frat burgh's singing a cappella in the various universities across the nation.

Shortly after, during the 50's

and 60's, with inspiration from popular groups like the Four Tops and the Temptations they began to incorporate dance.

Sororities also joined the bandwagon and added a dash of femininity to the new movement.

Since then the song and dance collaboration has evolved into a global tradition and into what we know today as stepping.

However, stepping is not your average two-step hand-clap.

It is a series of exact movements, made by both hands and feet, which harmonize with beats, that in turn create rhythmic synchronized patterns.

What is even more exciting about stepping is that it often involves props.

These could be chairs, canes, stubs or even whipped cream

The NPHC, formed in 1930, is an organization composed of nine historically Black Greek Letter sororities and fraternities.

Homecoming is a time where every college campus is plenti-

ful with parents, alumni and prospective students. Another reason is because active members of NPHC, would like members of all academic standing, ethnicities and social groups to attend the event. A big misconception about NPHC events is that they are only for African Americans and other minority groups on campus.

Senior Jamal Duke, an active member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and step chair of the 2003-2004 NPHC said, "Ideally, we'd like to spread our influence across campus. The goal of the NPHC is to allow the individual groups with it, to have events and programs. By having programs like the step show it's lets the students know that we (NPHC) are here. Ultimately, we'd just like to be supported by the students."

The NPHC's mission is one inspired by unanimity and unity on college campuses. The goal of all the nine organization individually and collectively is to help foster brother and sisterhood. In honor of those principles, the second annual NPHC step show has been greatly publicized around campus.

This year the step show will be held in Burruss Hall Auditorium, tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for the show are available at the Squires box office.

Museum highlights Wright brothers

■ A new exhibit at the Smithsonian commemorates the first engine-powered airplane

by Randolph Schmid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Wright Flyer, the world's first successful engine-powered airplane, has come down to earth.

After years on display hanging from the ceiling of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum the plane moves to eye level Saturday for the first time as the centerpiece of a new exhibit commemorating the centennial of that first flight.

"We're letting people get up close to this awe-inspiring artifact," said Peter Jakab, chairman of the museum's aeronautics division.

Noting that both the Wright's first flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C., and the moon landing 66 years later were accomplished by Americans, museum director J.R. Jack Dailey said.

"It's a proud heritage of this country."

The flyer dominates the new exhibit, built at a cost of \$1.6 million.

The Wrights spent an estimated \$1,000 developing their airplane.

The exhibit opens Saturday and is expected to remain open for at least two years.

Actors playing the Wright Brothers will be on hand to explain the Wrights' work and answer questions.

The museum, in downtown Washington, also plans to

open a new building Dec. 15 at Dulles International Airport to help commemorate the first Wright flight on Dec. 17, 1903.

The new downtown exhibit is a tribute to Orville and Wilbur Wright and includes a replica of part of their Dayton, Ohio home.

On display next to the airplane is an original Wright Brothers bicycle — they made a living with a bicycle shop before going into aviation.

Some 260 period photos have been culled from archives for the exhibit, which tells about the Wrights themselves, the development of aviation and its effect on society.

Evoking the enthusiastic times in which the Wrights lived, the show includes a replica of a French parlor, decorated with aviation posters and background music of the era when the brothers toured Europe promoting their invention.

Music includes such hits as "Come Josephine in My Flying Machine (Up She Goes)" and "Come Take a Trip in My Airship."

The Wright Flyer's fabric covering was replaced in 1984, but pieces of the original muslin are included in the display along with such artifacts as the stopwatch the brothers used in the first flight tests, an original propeller (now broken), a letter the brothers wrote the Smithsonian in 1899 asking for information on flying and a 1910 Alfred Stieglitz photo of their plane in flight.

A major financial contributor to the new exhibit was Alcoa which, under the name Pittsburgh Reduction Company, provided aluminum used in the original Wright Flyer engine.



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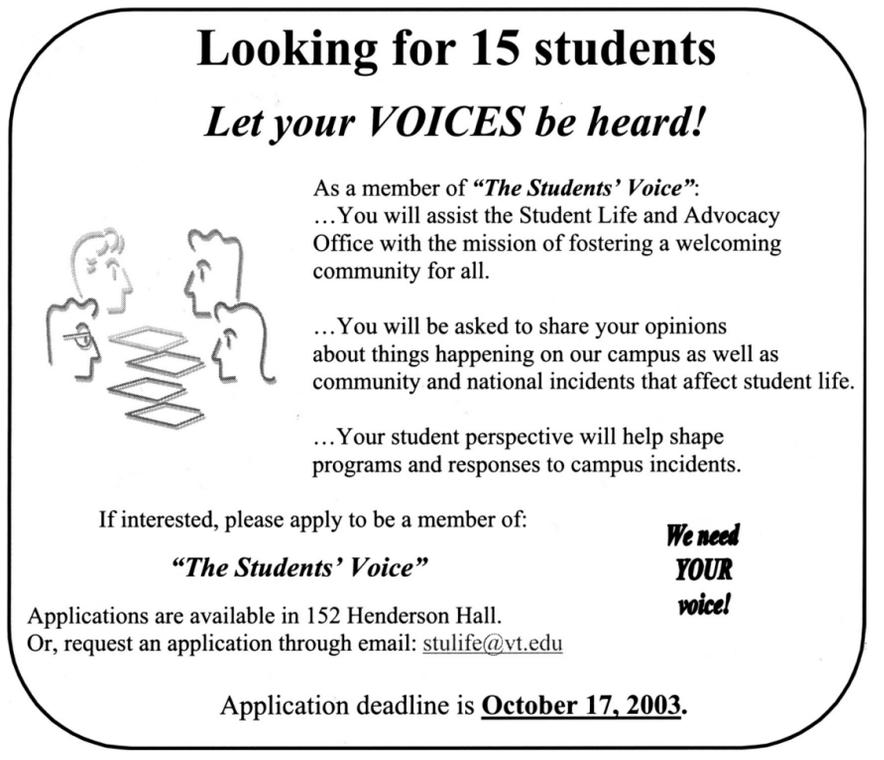
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Exhibit showcases art students' work

by Ashley Crockett
Associate Features Editor

The Arts and Exhibition Committee will present an exhibit of student work at Baylee's on Sunday, Oct. 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The exhibit will feature 12 pieces of art, ranging from paintings to photographs, and the respective artists will be there to answer questions about their works.

The art will be hung from the ceiling and the balcony for people to enjoy.

According to senior Jessica Lum, secretary for the committee, the purpose of the exhibit is to showcase student and community work.

"We are dedicated to getting work shown and getting work exhibited that doesn't have an outlet," Lum said.

Lum, a fine arts major, said the exhibit will show students

it is not intimidating to get artwork displayed.

"They will find that it's not as scary to exhibit work as they may think," Lum said. "By exposing the work from students or amateurs, it kind of makes it seem a little more accessible and opens up the possibilities."

The student-run committee is a new organization this year.

"It's a group of students that are trying to raise awareness about the arts in town," Lum said.

"We were first affiliated (with the university) this fall. This is our first official exhibit."

The exhibit Sunday is a casual atmosphere to meet and greet the committee and the artists.

"Doors open at seven and anybody and everybody is welcome to come," Lum said.

Benefit honors cancer survivors

by Neil Harvey
Associated Press

ROANOKE — Terri Ferris and Pat Ammen didn't know each other when they were seated together at the Pink Ribbon Gathering, a luncheon benefit for the American Cancer Society.

The two women, however, soon learned they shared some grim common ground.

Each lost a sister to breast cancer, and each recently survived a brush with the disease.

Ammen, a teacher living in Roanoke, was diagnosed with breast cancer July 3. On July 23, she underwent a double mastectomy with reconstruction.

"Other than having four children, I'd never been in the hospital before," she said.

Ferris, also of Roanoke, learned she had cancer in April 2002 and recently completed her treatment.

"I'm a new survivor," she said, adding that all eight women at her table were cancer survivors as well.

The women were there as

guests of Dr. Bob Williams of Salem Surgical Associates, who invited about 15 of his patients and employees to attend the benefit Wednesday at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center with him.

"I wish I could've invited everybody," Williams said. Events such as the Pink Ribbon Gathering spread awareness, he said, and often lead to early detection.

"Breast cancer is a curable disease," he said. "Not all, but most women can be cured of breast cancer without a mastectomy. Most don't even need to spend a night in the hospital."

"The earlier we find it, the more curable it is." Early detection and awareness was a theme in the keynote address by Susan Ford Bales, whose mother, former first lady Betty Ford, publicly announced her struggle with breast cancer in 1974.

"It is my love for her and respect for what she's accomplished that brings me here today," Bales said. "Breast can-

cer is not a death sentence," she said, and elaborated on ways in which the plight of its victims had improved over the past three decades.

Those include breast preserving surgery, comprehensive breast centers, mammography, self-examinations and benefits supporting research. Cheryl Lynch, one of the co-chairs of the Pink Ribbon Committee, said she expected this year's luncheon would raise \$40,000 to \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society. Besides the 510 tickets sold, the event also featured a fashion show, a raffle with prizes donated by Roanoke businesses and local sponsorship, including The Roanoke Times.

One of the most potent weapons in the battle against breast cancer, Bales reiterated, is early detection.

"Let it grow louder each and every day until there is not one woman who hasn't heard it," she said.

Williams agreed but said, "A lot of the people who are here today already know this."

Complex devoted to jazz planned

by Verena Dobnik
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jazz at Lincoln Center will move next fall into its new home, the world's first arts complex devoted to jazz.

Wynton Marsalis, who will head the complex, said that for the first time "acoustics in a hall were designed for the sound of our music."

"In classical music halls, we have to play very softly for jazz to resonate," the Grammy- and Pulitzer Prize-winning trumpeter told The Associated Press Thursday. "And it still comes out muddy."

On Oct. 18, 2004, Marsalis will help inaugurate the \$128 million arts complex — the Frederick P. Rose Hall — which is under construction at Manhattan's Columbus Circle.

A half-dozen blocks below Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, it's part of the \$1.7 billion twin-tower complex that will house the Time Warner headquarters, office space, a hotel, condominiums, a garage and shopping mall.

The sound spaces will include the Rose Theater, with about 1,150 seats; the Allen Room, whose 300 to 600 seats (depending on its flexible configuration) look out at Central Park through a mammoth glass window; and Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, a 140-seat space.

The first nights after the opening "will be a celebration of jazz featuring the greatest musicians, playing a wide range of music," Marsalis, the artistic director of Jazz at Lincoln Center, said in a telephone interview from Topeka, Kan., where he was performing.

Experts dispute 'accidental' attack

▪ Animal experts said the tiger that mauled Roy Horn did so intentionally

by Adam Goldman
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Animal experts on Thursday disputed a theory that a tiger accidentally mauled Roy Horn of the duo "Siegfried & Roy," saying the 600-pound animal was going for the jugular.

"The cat wasn't trying to protect him," said Jonathan Kraft, who runs the Arizona-based nonprofit group Keepers of the Wild. "That was a typical killing bite."

"I admire the guys, I just think they are sending a wrong message," Kraft said. "The message needs to be: These are wild animals."

Horn's partner, Siegfried Fischbacher, said Wednesday in interviews on CNN and ABC that the animal had been trying to help Horn after the illusionist slipped during Friday's performance.

Fischbacher said he was backstage when the Royal White tiger named Montecore took hold of Horn's neck and dragged him offstage.

Show workers set off fire extinguishers to distract the tiger, which then scurried to his cage.

Fischbacher said Horn muttered after the attack: "Don't harm the cat."

Louis Dorfman, a Dallas animal behaviorist, said Fischbacher's account of an

accidental mauling was "a beautiful story but it just doesn't wash."

"Stress led to the bite," said Dorfman, who works with the International Exotic Feline Sanctuary in Texas. "It was an outlet for his irritation. Roy got lucky."

"Siegfried & Roy" debuted in 1990 at The Mirage and earned the hotel-casino about \$44 million in annual revenue. The show's 267 employees have been told to find new jobs.

Horn, 59, was injured before a sellout performance of 1,500.

He remained in critical condition Thursday and could not speak. Fischbacher confirmed to

The Associated Press that Horn suffered a stroke after the attack but is now communicating through hand signals.

M G M Mirage spokesman Alan Feldman cautioned that the full story probably won't be known until Horn can talk.

Fischbacher hinted at a return to the stage if Horn recovers, saying the duo would "take a different path, I'm sure, but ... the show is our life."

The duo's manager, Bernie Yuman, told The Associated Press early Thursday that Siegfried would never continue to perform without his long-time partner.

"It is Siegfried and Roy and that's the way it began and that's the way it will always be," he said.

The cat remains quarantined at the casino. The federal Agriculture Department is investigating.

Manilow helps fire victims

▪ A fire about a block away from where Manilow once lived displaced a number of families

NEW YORK (AP) — Barry Manilow has donated \$25,000 to help families who were displaced by a fire on the high holy day of Yom Kippur in the Brooklyn neighborhood where he grew up.

The singer made the donation to a fund the American Red Cross will administer, his publicist and the Red Cross confirmed Thursday.

Manilow, born Barry Alan Pincus, donated the money after "he read the headlines in the newspaper about the fire on a street a block from where he lived," said his publicist, Jerry Sharell. "He wanted to help the victims who were left homeless recover."

No civilians were injured in the Saturday night blaze in Williamsburg, which damaged

three buildings and a synagogue. Many of the displaced families are Orthodox Jews.

Leslie Gottlieb, a Red Cross spokeswoman, said the money will be used for immediate emergency needs, such as food, medicine, clothing and shelter.

As of Thursday, she said, the agency had registered 103 people who needed help. She said the number likely would go up.

"We are grateful," Rabbi David Niederman, executive director of the United Jewish Organizations, told the New York Post. "It's wonderful that people remember their roots."

The 57-year-old entertainer, known for such ballads as "Looks Like We Made It" and "Mandy," now lives in Palm Springs, Calif.

His latest release is "A Christmas Gift of Love." He also produced Bette Midler's album of Rosemary Clooney cover tunes.

"It's wonderful that people remember their roots."

David Niederman
Executive director of the United Jewish Organizations

Replacement rebels ignored at Ole Miss

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — University of Mississippi officials ended their search for a new mascot Thursday, citing lack of interest in the two proposed replacements for the ousted Colonel Rebel.

Ole Miss will have no on-field mascot for sporting events, but will continue to license merchandise with Colonel Rebel, a white-haired old man who carries a cane and resembles a plantation owner, said Barbara Lago, the school's director of media and public relations.

In a vote to gauge interest in the proposed replacements, Rebel Bruiser or Rowdy Rebel, the university received just over 2,400 votes from the 40,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni, season ticket holders and athletic boosters who were eligible to vote for either

replacement, school officials said.

"It is clear from the responses received and from general public discussion that there is no community support for either of the proposed mascots," Chancellor Robert Khayat said. "Therefore, the matter is closed."

The vote was supposed to run through the weekend, but athletic director Pete Boone said the school decided to stop the polling early because of the lack of participation and opinions gathered from several sources.

"More important to the teams than any mascot is the support of our Ole Miss family," Boone said. "I regret that this has become such a divisive issue. It is now time to move forward."

Lago said there were no plans to start the search for a new mascot next year.

"Rebel Bruiser," a younger, pumped-up version of the current colonel, was leading in the election, with 2,080 votes. "Rowdy Rebel," who resembles a musclebound version of the bald advertising icon Mr. Clean, had 344 votes.

Ole Miss officials said a new mascot was needed because Colonel Rebel didn't look athletic or intimidating enough.

The removal of Colonel Rebel has been met with disapproval by many Ole Miss supporters, who say the school is trying to abandon its Southern traditions.

The university has stopped fans from waving Confederate battle flags at football games in recent years.

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Tech: Willis, Johnson injured, likely will sit

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Syracuse — after all three were injured during the last contest. Receiver Richard Johnson may see playing time for Tech, but if he's not able to play, receiver Justin Hamilton will start opposite Ernest Wilford, who had a career-high 279 yards receiving and three touchdowns last year against the Orangemen.

Tight end Keith Willis will likely also miss the game Saturday, suffering from a sprained joint in his foot and turf toe.

Perhaps the brightest spot for Tech, however, has been the play of quarterback Bryan Randall.

After completing almost 73 percent of his passes for 250 yards and four touchdowns last week, gaining Big East offensive player of the week honors as a result, the Hokies are hoping he can provide a similar effort against Syracuse.

Kickoff is set for noon and will be nationally televised on ESPN.

Syracuse University leaders, at a glance



Passing:
R.J. Anderson (69 of 106, 797 yards, 4 TD)

Rushing:
Walter Reyes (92 att, 681 yards, 10 TD)

Receiving:
Johnnie Morant (21 catch, 375 yds, 2 TD)
Jared Jones (15 catch, 143 yds)

Lam shows class on and off the court

by Bennett Aikin
Staff Writer

The Virginia Tech women's tennis team has something to prove this year, and junior Felice Lam has already begun to make her statement.

She has been one of the stars of the early fall schedule, and she said she is hoping her fast start will translate into a breakthrough regular season for the team.

Through the first two tournaments of the year, the Hokies have been trying to gain experience as a team. This is their first year under new head coach Terry Zawacki-Woods. Lam's performance has made the transition a little easier.

Lam started off the season by sweeping through the Tech Invitational Tournament to win the Flight B singles bracket. She also teamed with junior Elissa Kinard to dominate the Flight B doubles bracket.

She then followed up with a strong showing in the Wake Forest Invitational. There she went 2-2 to finish fourth in Flight B singles while teaming with Kinard again to take third in Flight A doubles.

Lam's success comes from a game that uses all-court range and terrific accuracy. What makes her performance

even more impressive is she is doing this on a surgically repaired knee. After a very impressive 7-2 start to her freshman year, Lam tore her ACL, which caused her to miss the rest of the season as well as the fall portion of her sophomore year.

"It was tough going through that injury," Lam said. "I had to do two-a-day rehab workouts to come back."

Lam showed she was ready to get back into action the following spring. She went through last season with an 18-9 record helping Tech to a third-place finish in the Big East and a No. 69 national team ranking.

Lam said she thinks the Hokies can improve even more this year. When asked what her goal for the team was this season, she said a top-40 ranking was not out of the question.

Lam is not only a quality collegiate athlete, but she also shows great class off the court. After her first-round match in Tech Invitational, she took the time to talk to her defeated opponent from East Tennessee State University and wish her luck for the upcoming season.

Lam shows the kind of character and skill Tech can be proud to have representing its tennis team.

Men's soccer drops game to UConn

■ The Hokies will travel northward to regain their winning ways when they take on UMass on Saturday

by Susan Suddarth
Staff Writer

The No. 16 Virginia Tech men's soccer team dropped to 3-2 in the Big East after getting shutout by the University of Connecticut 2-0 on Wednesday.

"We gave the effort but didn't get the job done," said Tech forward Bobby O'Brien.

The Hokies dominated the first half, putting up 12 shots to the Huskies' one. Despite keeping the ball on UConn's side of the field, Tech could not maneuver it into the back of the net.

"I'm not interested in a team

that can control the game," Tech head coach Oliver Weiss said. "I care about producing a team who knows how to win."

Big saves by the Huskies' goalie, Adam Schuerman, kept the Hokies from capitalizing on goal-scoring opportunities.

In the 54th minute of play, UConn had a huge opportunity to score, but the Hokies' Brent Dillie came up with a big save when he bicycle-kicked the ball out of the box.

At the end of the first half, the game was tied 0-0.

The Hokies once again controlled play for the first 25

minutes of the second half, but UConn clinched the victory, scoring two goals in the last 20 minutes of the game.

"We were on a roll coming into it, but we just didn't step up," Tech forward Bailey Allman said.

At the 77th minute, the Huskies took over. After a scramble in the box, Huskies' defender Glen Carnahan managed to sneak the ball past Tech goalkeeper Chase Harrison for a goal. The Hokies tried to recover from the one goal deficit, but the Huskies wanted to put this one away.

With 30 seconds remaining in the second half, Huskies'

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Stanley Ford received a ball over top of Tech's defense. With only Harrison to defend the goal, Ford, on a break away, pushed the ball past Harrison and into the left back corner of the net.

"When you let a team that good hang around until the end, they will get you," O'Brien said.

The Hokies could not recover. With the win, the Huskies improved their record to 5-4-2 overall and 3-1-2 in the Big East.

The Hokies' record is now 8-3-1 overall and 3-2-0 in Big East play. The Hokies travel to Massachusetts Saturday to play Boston College and return home Oct. 18 to host league-leading St. John's at 7 p.m.

Randall entrenched as Hokies starter

■ Quarterback Bryan Randall has played so well this season, he has been mentioned as a Heisman trophy candidate by some national publications

by Jana Renn
Sports Assistant

"He's been just perfect."

Virginia Tech head football coach Frank Beamer's words reflect the thoughts of every college football fan this year when the name Bryan Randall is mentioned.

Over his first five games, Randall, the 6-foot-1-inch junior quarterback, performed at a level reminiscent of a superstar, making it hard for anyone to believe he actually had to battle for the starting job.

Toward the end of August, a lot of talk in Blacksburg and in the media revolved around how redshirt freshman Marcus Vick would end up as the starter and thrill the fans of Lane Stadium just like his brother Michael did a few years ago. However, Randall's performance so far has silenced those critics and proved you don't need the last name Vick to successfully command the Hokie offense.

In the first five games, Randall has completed 66 of 97 passes for 808 total yards with nine touchdowns.

He has also run for 203 yards and two touchdowns in leading Tech to an undefeated record and No. 4 ranking in both the NCAA Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today coaches polls.

Numbers like these put Randall right in the midst of the Heisman race.

Sports Illustrated has him ranked No. 7 in the hunt for the trophy after throwing four touchdown passes last week at Rutgers.

"I don't try to think about stuff like (the Heisman)," Randall said. "It's just a distraction."

Much of Randall's success in throwing the football can be attributed to the change in Tech's offensive game plan over the past year.

Going into the 2002 season, the Hokies were a team that mostly ran the football. Last year's game at Syracuse changed all of that.

In last fall's game against the Orangemen, Tech couldn't seem to get anything done on the ground, forcing Randall to take the game to the air.

He ended up completing 23 of 35 passes for 504 yards and five touchdowns — setting a Big East record for passing yards.

"It was like magic," Randall said. "Almost like 'Wow, I can throw now.' I think (quarterback coach Bryan) Stinespring was trying to work me in at a slow pace and make sure I was comfortable. He didn't want to put too much on me."

Despite the huge numbers put up by



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Quarterback Bryan Randall is the reigning Big East offensive player of the week, the second time in this young season he has been awarded this honor.

Randall that day, the Hokies lost at the Carrier Dome 50-42 in triple overtime. Going into this Saturday's game against Syracuse, he sees things turning out much different than last year.

"If we can put up around 42 points again, I don't plan on seeing overtime," Randall said.

To be able to put those kinds of points on the scoreboard, Randall will have to rely on the help of wide receivers like Ernest Wilford and Chris Shreve. Wilford has been Randall's go-to guy all season, and Shreve will get the start again this week in place of the injured Richard Johnson. Last week against Rutgers, the little known Shreve caught four passes, two of them touchdowns.

Both receivers are very comfortable with Randall taking the snaps and have seen him improve greatly over the past two seasons.

"He makes it look easy to play quarterback," Shreve said. "He's just a field general out there"

One of Randall's qualities is his ability to lead the Tech offense.

"Leadership is the biggest improvement

I've seen out of Bryan Randall," Wilford said. "His being able to lead the offense and lead the team is one of the biggest assets we have going right now."

Part of that leadership role has shown this year in Randall's decrease in turnovers.

Last season, he threw for 11 interceptions, but has only thrown two so far this season.

"Preparation has allowed me to be a better general out there and make better decisions," Randall said.

"The game is slowing down for me. Right now, everything is at a slow pace for me and I'm able to see things that I didn't last year. I think it's allowed me to cut down on my turnovers."

Even if Randall keeps up his impressive statistics this year and finishes out a storybook season, Hokie fans can expect to see him back in the maroon and orange next season.

"Stuff like that is funny to me because it never runs through my mind," Randall said.

"Unless God has different plans for me, you'll see me next year.

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Sorenstam's shot at hall is rained out

■ LPGA golfer Annika Sorenstam will be eligible for the Golf Hall of Fame after playing one more event

by Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

THE WOODLANDS, Texas — Annika Sorenstam at least got her birthday cake.

The other half of Thursday's celebration — finally getting into the World Golf Hall of Fame — had to wait another day when the first round of the Samsung World Championship was washed out by heavy rains.

"I guess the sun is supposed to shine when I get in," Sorenstam said with a laugh. "Maybe tomorrow."

Sorenstam, 33, took care of the golf requirements for the Hall of Fame at the start of the 2000 season, but she still had to put in 10 years on the LPGA Tour to be eligible.

The Samsung Championship is her 15th event of the season, officially marking her 10th year, and all she had to do was play 18 holes — on her birthday, no less.

Instead, she never made it off the first tee.

Sorenstam ducked under an

umbrella on the practice green, smiled and waved to fans who wished her "Happy Birthday" as she walked to the first tee. Minutes later, she was headed to the clubhouse.

"It was going to be a special day, and it was such a coincidence that it was my birthday," she said. "But it will happen eventually."

It could have been worse.

The other players in the 20-woman field who started the first round had to slosh in from the rain; she stayed dry.

“I'm still in my prime. To be in the Hall of Fame, it kind of makes me sound old. But I feel younger than ever.”

Annika Sorenstam
professional golfer

And The Woodlands girls golf team, three-time state champions, presented her with a food basket, flowers, a card, a handmade poster (with ink smudged by the rain) and a cake that could have fed the entire field.

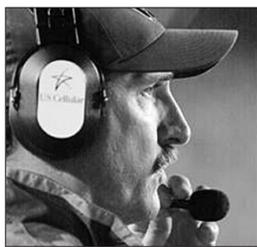
"I don't know if I've inspired them with my cooking or golf," said Sorenstam, who worked as a chef in the offseason.

Sorenstam pretended to blow out candles that weren't on the cake, and then made it clear that "Hall of Famer" doesn't always apply to those close to retirement.

"I'm still in my prime," she said.

"To be in the Hall of Fame, it kind of makes me sound old. But I feel younger than ever."

Chalk talk with Bud Foster



by Brent Anderson
Staff Writer

Virginia Tech defensive coordinator Bud Foster has gained a well-deserved reputation as an outstanding defensive coach while serving on Frank Beamer's football staff.

Beginning his 17th season at Tech, Foster has helped mold nationally-ranked defenses during each of his seven years as the Hokies' defensive coordinator.

Since coming to Tech in 1987, Foster has helped build the Hokies into one of the hardest-hitting defensive units in college football. Under his guidance, last year's defense proved to be one of the nation's best, ranking among the top eight teams in Division I-A in six different categories and leading the way in shut-outs with four.

Just a few days before the Syracuse game Saturday, staff writer Brent Anderson caught up with the mastermind behind the defense to talk some off-the-field X's and O's.

Q. True or False: Offense wins games, but defense wins championships, and why do you think so?

A. True. Obviously you have to have a good offense to put points on the board, but any team that plays great defense ends up winning championships on any level of the game. I think the defense puts the offense in a good position, and if you keep the opposing team out of the endzone, it gives you an opportunity to win games.

Q. Who is the best player you have ever coached?

A. Oh boy, you're putting me on the spot. I've had several; I can't say there's one individual. I'd have to say my top three are Cornell Brown, Corey Moore and Ben Taylor. There have been some difference makers, but I can't single any one out.

Q. Who is the best player, or team, you have ever faced and have actually lost sleep over trying to figure out a way to stop them?

A. I would say Syracuse when they had Donovan McNabb. They did so much offensively, you needed more than a week to prepare for them.

Q. What's the best thing about working with a head coach like Frank Beamer?

A. Coach (Beamer) is a guy who lets his assistants coach. He obviously has his

hand on everything, but he's not a guy that we're looking over our shoulders wondering if he's peeking in on us. He has a lot of confidence in us.

Q. Being a defensive coordinator is harder than it looks because ...

A. ... at Virginia Tech everybody expects you to be the best.

Q. Do you think the scheme makes the player, or the player dictates the scheme?

A. I've been in this deal a long time and I've been coaching the same way whether we were 2-9 or 11-1 and playing for the national championship. You're a great coach when you have great players. You can be a great coach without great players, but nobody will notice it. So I'd say the players are the key.

Q. If you could take one career mulligan — have one game back — which one would it be and what would you do differently?

A. It would be the national championship game right now. I don't know if I would do anything differently. I think we were a little keyed up, but there wasn't a call I'd change.

Q. What do you do before a game, or at practice throughout

the week, to get the defense fired up and focused?

A. That's a good question. Obviously, we demand that we practice the way we play, and we try to get some motivational things that can help get our guys pumped up for the opponent we're playing. Maybe something somebody has said, or if they feature a certain player.

We get geared up for good people, and that's motivation enough. Hopefully, we won't need a whole lot this week because we've lost the last two times we've played Syracuse.

Q. What do you think of your demeanor during game day?

A. If you ask my guys, they'd probably say that I'm pretty intense. But by the same token, I try to stay even keeled as much as possible. I want our guys to know that I have a lot of confidence in them. When you see me get upset and irate that's usually when they're making mental mistakes, and that is one thing I do not tolerate.

You're going to get blocked and knocked down, but I just do not tolerate mental mistakes.

Q. If you were a coach for another team, would the fans at Lane Stadium intimidate you?

A. No question, without a doubt.

NFL warns both Arrington and Sapp to avoid pregame hostility

■ The league has warned both defensive players after they exchanged threats during the week

by Joseph White
Associated Press

ASHBURN — The NFL weighed in on the LaVar Arrington-Warren Sapp spat with a stern warning: If Sapp prances through the Washington Redskins' jumping jacks, he's going to get flagged.

The NFL on Thursday told both the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Redskins that no pregame

hostilities will be tolerated when the two teams meet Sunday.

Specifically, the Bucs were told that it is not permissible to run through opponents' formations during pregame stretching. Sapp has been known for doing just that, including some fancy stepping through Colts' players before Monday night's game against Indianapolis.

"The Buccaneers have been notified that it's not permitted, and it will result in a 15-yard penalty," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

The penalty would be assessed on the opening kickoff.

If a fight break out before the game, the participants will be subject to ejection.

The warning comes a day after Arrington called Sapp's pregame actions disrespectful and threatened to retaliate if Sapp did the same against the Redskins.

"I'm expecting for Warren Sapp to cause me to grab him — because he's going to try to run through our lineup in pregame," Arrington said Wednesday. "You never let a man run through your stretching line."

Sapp responded by calling Arrington "Mr. Can't Get Right."

"Tell him don't be looking for me — because I'm easily found," Sapp said.

The NFL, reacting to taunting incidents in previous seasons, placed a new emphasis on pregame behavior this year. Teams were alerted in a video presentation during preseason, and game officials are now required to take the field 50 minutes before the opening kickoff.

No pregame penalties have been called since the new guidelines went into effect.

Arrington didn't answer Sapp's "Can't Get Right" jab on Thursday, telling reporters "I've already said what needs to be said," but other Redskins weighed in on Sapp's reputation for pregame intrusions.

"It is real disrespectful," cor-

nerback Fred Smoot said. "Then you're doing it in our house? Naw, he won't do that."

Smoot, one of the smallest players on the team, said he'll go fetch some linebackers to wage the battle if Sapp does try anything.

"I'm going to tell my guys and we're going to go," Smoot said.

"The Mouth of the South is going to go over there, and I'm going to give them a piece of my mind. We're going to talk a little noise."

"I doubt it'll get that far, but I will be ready for any festivities that go on. Get to the stadium early — and keep your seat."

Coach Steve Spurrier called the Arrington-Sapp trash talk "just a little conversation."

"It's OK in pro football," Spurrier said. "In college, you shouldn't do that. Our game is a little bit different. There's more freedom of speech."

Spurrier said he expects the officials to keep the calm if Sapp crosses the 50-yard line during stretching.

"I think Lavar's just saying, 'Don't run through our stretch lines and you won't have any problems,'" coach Steve Spurrier said.

"They have a rule that you're not supposed to do that."

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Virginia backup gets less attention

by **Hank Kurz Jr.**
Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Anthony Martinez' locker area is nowhere near as crowded as it was earlier in September, when he was suddenly Virginia's quarterback.

About the only reporters blocking access to Martinez' cubicle these days are those who overflow from the area in front of Matt Schaub's nearby dressing area, the 2002 ACC player of the year, having returned from a shoulder separation and reclaimed his job.

For Martinez, this season has become a lesson in the ups and downs of being a quarterback, and Schaub serves as the perfect example of why to keep trying.

"Watching him has taught me a lot," the redshirt freshman said this week.

"He's been through a lot of situations — the ups and the downs — and I've seen how he's been able to go out and not have a great game and then come back and have a great game."

Even Schaub's player of the year season started as a downer. He was ineffective in Virginia's opener last season against Colorado State, got benched in favor of Marques Hagans and had to watch as Hagans started the next week against Florida State.

The year before, Schaub got off to a terrible start in the opener against Wisconsin, got benched in favor of Bryson Spinner and shared the job all season.

For Martinez, who did reasonably well in his college debut last month after Schaub got hurt on the first series of the season against Duke, his first start was near disaster.

He was 10-for-20, but for just 54 yards in the Cavaliers' 31-7 loss at South Carolina, prompting coach Al Groh to move Hagans from wideout back to quarterback.

"It was a rough game and I took it as a rough game, but I learned from it," Martinez said. "I tried not to let it bring my confidence down at all. I try to be a confident person, try to be humble, and that was an instance right there that just humbled me even more."

You can go out there and have a great game, and you can go out and not have such a great game. That's just part of playing. It's going to happen."

Gardenhire gets two year deal

▪ The manager of the AL Central champions received a two year contract extension from the Twins

by **Dave Campbell**
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Ron Gardenhire, who led the Minnesota Twins to the AL Central title in each of his two seasons, was given a two-year contract on Thursday.

Gardenhire, who joined the Twins' staff as a third-base coach in 1991, replaced Tom Kelly as manager when he retired after the 2001 season.

"Everyone's been real good to me here," Gardenhire said. "That's a wonderful thing."

His original deal called for a team option at \$500,000 next year. After getting approval from owner Carl Pohlad, general manager Terry Ryan replaced that contract with this one that will start in 2004.

Terms weren't revealed, but Gardenhire said he's getting a healthy raise.

"They've treated me as good as you can be treated," he said by phone.

In Gardenhire's first season the Twins won 94 games and beat Oakland in the first round of the playoffs before losing to Anaheim in the AL championship series.

This year, after struggling through the first half, the Twins went a major league-best 46-23 after the All-Star break and overtook Chicago and Kansas City in the division race. They were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by the New York Yankees last Sunday.

Though his team was stumbling into the break after starting with high expectations, Gardenhire said he wasn't worried about his job security at any point during the season.

"That's something you have no control over," he said. "As long as I was going out on the field and busting my butt

every day to help make this team better, that's all I was concerned about. And we got it turned around. When things like that happen, that's when you get contracts."

Gardenhire's celebration plans for the night? Simply to watch his wife, Carol, bowl in her league.

"I don't have to do anything, but sit back and watch," Gardenhire said. "That's great."

The move didn't come as a surprise. The front office — starting with Pohlad — has been more than satisfied with the job Gardenhire has done.

"He lives in the community, he's great with the media, he's had success and the players like him," Ryan said. "Ron's done a tremendous job here."

Ryan assured Gardenhire that his entire coaching staff — hitting coach Scott Ullger, pitching coach Rick Anderson, first-base coach Jerry White, third-base coach Al Newman, bullpen coach Rick Stelmazek and bench coach Steve Liddle — would be invited back.

Mutombo signs with Knicks

▪ The veteran center gives the New York Knicks a presence in the post they have not had since Patrick Ewing retired three years ago

NEW YORK — Dikembe Mutombo signed a multiyear contract with the New York Knicks on Thursday, two days after he accepted a buyout and was waived by the New Jersey Nets.

"I know Dikembe very well through the years and there is no question he'll fit right into our system and thrive," Knicks coach Don Chaney said.

"There aren't many players in that can change the course of a game as much as he does."

The eight-time All-Star has been on the decline the past two seasons, but he provides the Knicks a much-needed defensive presence at center — a void that has gone unfilled since Patrick Ewing was traded prior to the 2000-01 season.

The Knicks were the worst shot-blocking team in the NBA last season when they missed the playoffs for the second straight year.

Kurt Thomas, a natural power forward, has been the Knicks' starting center for most of the past two seasons.

New York tried to acquire Mutombo from Philadelphia two summers ago before the 76ers dealt him to the Nets.

Mutombo is expected to join New York

on Friday.

"Adding a shot blocker and rebounder of Dikembe's caliber to our team dramatically improves key areas that we were looking to upgrade," team president Scott Layden said. "His basketball resume is so impressive that having the chance to add him to our club was something we were not going to pass up."

Mutombo, a four-time NBA defensive player of the year, played in only 24 games last season because of a wrist injury that required surgery around Thanksgiving.

The 37-year-old did not return to action until late in the regular season and was sitting on the bench for most of the Nets' playoff run to the NBA Finals.

The Nets, currently for sale, cited financial concerns in announcing the buyout of the final two years of Mutombo's contract, which had \$37 million remaining on it.

Mutombo's chances of playing more this season diminished with Jason Collins and Aaron Williams returning and Alonzo Mourning, Mutombo's teammate at Georgetown, signing with New Jersey as a free agent.

Mourning criticized the move Sunday, saying it showed the two-time defend-Conference champions were more interested in money than winning a championship.

Mutombo's contract with the Knicks, guaranteed for two years, will pay him approximately \$8.5 million.

NBA history

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Don Chaney
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Eagle county sheriff describes encounter

▪ A graphic recount of the alleged sexual assault committed by Lakers guard Kobe Bryant was revealed

by **Tim Dahlberg**
Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — The woman who accused Kobe Bryant of rape told police a flirtatious encounter quickly turned ugly when he grabbed her by the neck, bent her over a chair and attacked her from behind, repeatedly asking, "You're not going to tell anyone, right?"

The 19-year-old woman was raped after agreeing to go to Bryant's suite at the resort where she worked, Eagle County Sheriff's Detective Doug Winters testified Thursday at a preliminary hearing to determine whether Bryant will stand trial.

Winters described in graphic detail for a packed courtroom how the woman said she excitedly met the Los Angeles Lakers' star in the lobby but left the hotel in tears after a vicious attack.

It began with a tour of the resort on June 30 that led to some flirting.

She went back to Bryant's room and showed him a tattoo on her back, then turned down his request to join him in the hot tub, Winters said.

Her shift at the front desk was ending and she wanted to go home, he said. "She stated she was starting to feel a bit uncomfortable."

She stood up to leave and Bryant gave her a hug that led to some consensual kissing, Winters said.

When she turned around to go, Bryant grabbed her by the neck from behind, pulled up her skirt and raped her against a chair, Winters said.

She told investigators she told Bryant "no" at least twice, before bursting into tears as the five-minute attack went on.

During and after the rape, he said, Bryant kept asking, "You're not going to tell anyone, right?" She said she agreed at one point.

"She didn't want him to commit more physical harm to her," Winters said.

The woman said that Bryant forced her to kiss his penis after the attack, Winters testified. He said a nurse who examined the woman later at a

hospital found injuries consistent with a sexual assault.

The prosecution presented photographs showing injuries to the victim, including one of a bruise on her jaw.

Defense attorney Pamela Mackey suggested Winters had no idea when the bruise occurred. He said a nurse told him it came during the attack.

As the detective testified, the 25-year-old Bryant stared at him stone-faced, occasionally clenching his jaw.

He faces up to life in prison if convicted of a felony charge of sexual assault.

Legal experts had expected the defense to waive the hearing and head straight to trial rather than allow prosecutors to lay out their case publicly for the first time.

"The only reason the defense would choose to go ahead with a preliminary hearing when it doesn't have to is it believes — given the minimal amount of evidence the prosecution is going to be putting on — it may gain more by cross-examining those witnesses," said Stan Goldman, a professor at the Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

He suggested the defense may call witnesses to testify, a list that could include Bryant himself.

Judge Frederick Gannett, who said he would not rule Thursday on whether to proceed to trial, rejected defense requests to have the woman testify and to see her medical records.

He also issued a gag order in the high-profile case.

The hearing began as hundreds of reporters and a handful of spectators gathered outside the courthouse to catch a glimpse of Bryant.

He arrived with his lawyers amid tight security in a caravan of three SUVs and said nothing to the crowd. He had to take off a necklace and was checked with metal detectors before walking into the courtroom.

Gannett had ordered Bryant to appear for a bond hearing even if the preliminary hearing was waived.

He left the Hawaii training camp of the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday.

Bryant, free on \$25,000 bond, was in Colorado in June to have knee surgery.

He has the right to go to trial within six months, but he could agree to push that back until later, perhaps after the NBA season ends early next summer.

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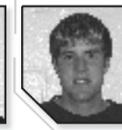
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