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A piece of history

The Buffalo Soldiers were part of the forgotten history of how the west was won, for story see page 9.



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Security walk may lead to solutions to housing hazards

Legate leads the way to Cougar Village improvement with input from residents.

■ BY STEPHEN WHITE
STAFF REPORTER

University Housing's first "Security Walk" was held last Thursday at 5:45 p.m. Its focus was to get residents' input on housing safety.

Robert Legate, assistant director of University Housing Facilities Management, led the walk. He called it a "pro-active attempt to gain information to try to make things better for the students."

"By being pro-active we can avoid issues before they become problems," he said.

The "Security Walk" was Legate's idea and was the first exercise of its kind to be held at SIUE.

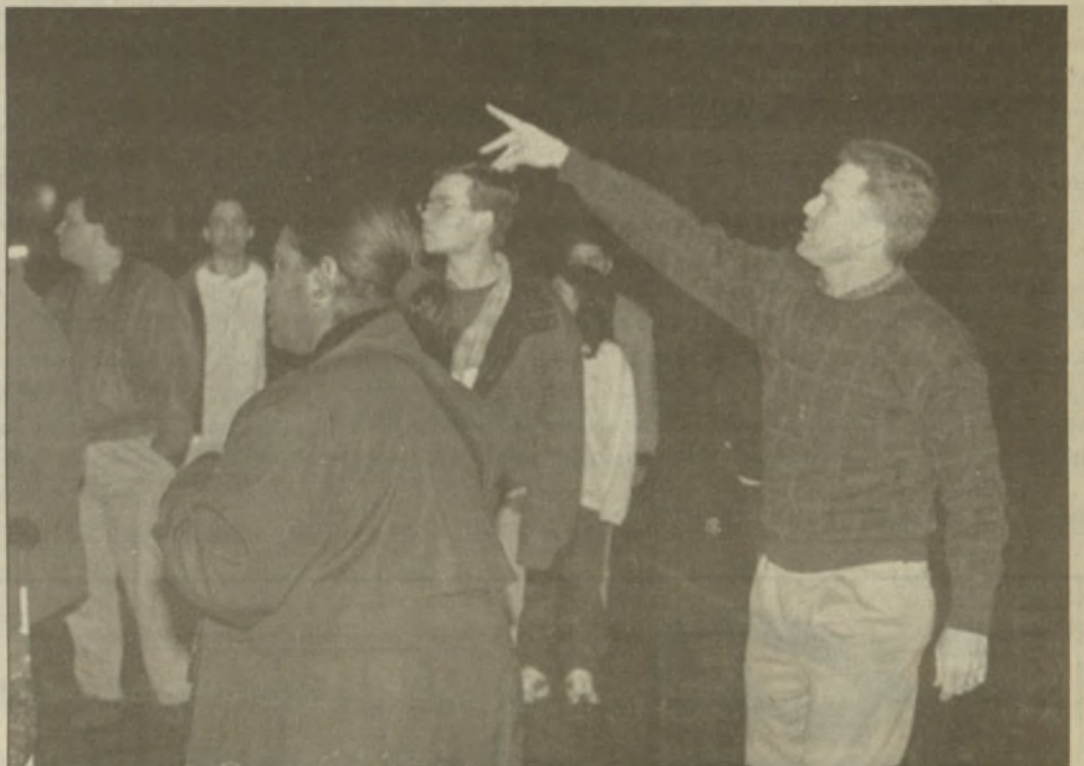
The walk encompassed the 31 buildings on the 400 side of Cougar Village and Tower Lake

Apartments and several buildings on the 500 side. It started at the Commons Building, the central focal point for the administrative offices within Cougar Village.

The purpose of the walk was to locate and try to find solutions to safety hazards such as poor lighting and unsafe walkways. In a safety and security survey, students rated various aspects of safety in Cougar Village as good, fair or poor and provided their own comments to be taken into consideration by University Housing.

Because of the difficulty maintenance workers had experienced with scraping snow and ice off the pavement, crumbling asphalt roadways and sidewalks were deemed as a safety hazard by residents of Cougar Village.

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Neil Beitzall/Alestle

Robert Legate, assistant director of University Housing, conducts the first "Security Walk" at SIUE. The purpose of the walk was to get residents' input on the safety of the Cougar Village and solutions to possible problems in the area.

Alestle staffers receive first place honors at Chicago convention

■ BY DANIELLE
BELTON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Alestle staffers Bob Fehringer and Jim Frame received first place honors from the 16th Annual Illinois College Press Association 1997 Convention in Chicago on Saturday.

The Alestle also received third place in general excellence among colleges with enrollment at 4,000 and more than 4,000.

Fehringer's winning photo essay was from the June 11,



Alestle Photographer, Bob Fehringer

motorcyclists and Harley Davidson owners.

Frame received his first place for a graphic illustration for the Oct. 7, 1997 issue of the Lifestyle story, "Net Addicts..." The illustration featured a student addicted to the internet.

1997 Lifestyle special on S I U E professor, M i k e Montgomery, and the participants in the Gypsy Tour for motorcyclists and Harley Davidson owners.

The event was held Feb. 20-21 at the Mart Plaza Holiday Inn in downtown Chicago. Along with the Alestle, 26 college publications participated in the two day event that was sponsored by the Chicago Tribune, the Illinois Press Association, the Daily Herald and Copley Press Inc.

The conference featured several workshops for students and faculty attending the event. Advice and viable information came from business professionals such as Sue Schmitt, editor of Copley's

Sun Publications .

The awards luncheon featured the presentation of the college publication's awards as well as individuals within the organization that helped bring its virtues to light.

The ICPA Convention is an annual event. This year, the organization experienced a 23 percent growth over the last year's number of participants at the conference.

In all, the Alestle received seven honors as follows:

Honorable Mentions: Brett Licata, sports news story and Greg Levrault, feature story.

Third Place: The Alestle, general excellence.

Second Place: Corey Stulce for both column and headline writing.

First Place: Jim Frame, graphic illustration, Bob Fehringer, photo essay.

All entries won in the non-daily newspaper with 4,000 or more enrollment category with the exception of Frame's Graphic Illustration, which won in the open category. The open category was for all newspaper entries at the conference regardless of size or whether a daily or non-daily.

Anthrax suspect and informant met in Colorado at Denver conference

DENVER (AP) — The man accused of possessing deadly anthrax spores in Las Vegas and the informant who set him up for arrest met last August at a Denver conference, where the suspect gave a lecture, "Are We Headed for a Biological Pearl Harbor?"

The informant, Ron Rockwell of Las Vegas, is a

twice-convicted extortionist who has been marketing a medical machine he claims can clean toxins from the blood, including anthrax.

Rockwell met Larry Wayne Harris on a circuit of conferences and trade shows dedicated to conspiracy theories, New Age spirituality, alternative medicines

and militia survivalism.

The Denver conference of Global Sciences was held Aug. 7-11 at a Holiday Inn in Northglenn.

Global Sciences is a meeting ground for believers in flying saucers, magnetic healing, New World Order conspiracies, militia and patriot groups, and

New Age spirituality.

An attorney for William Leavitt Jr., the second man arrested Wednesday with Harris, said his client believes Rockwell set them up because Leavitt and Harris had doubts about whether Rockwell's machine actually worked.

The attorney, Kirby Wells,

said Leavitt claims the men had anthrax vaccine, which Harris has been promoting in patriot and survivalist circles. The government believes it was deadly spores. Testing by this weekend should determine who is correct.

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SECURITY

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"For those who aren't familiar with the apartment complex, we are currently in the midst of a complete asphalt renovation program on campus," Legate said. "The lots have been completed on the 400 side. However, this spring into early summer the roadway will be replaced as will the remaining lots on the 500 side."

Another safety concern addressed at the program was inadequate lighting, especially on the 400 side. Recently, to improve the dispersion of light at the apartment buildings and outlying areas, several trees were trimmed and pruned at their lowest limbs.

"When these buildings were built, I don't think they thought of the repercussions of how huge these trees would be today," Legate said. "The idea is to get the limbs up to let more light in so we can improve the turf. Also, it does wonders for the lighting."

"If you look at the other clusters of apartments where we

haven't pruned yet, you can really tell a difference," Gary Heininger, Legate's assistant said.

Low hanging limbs can also be a fire hazard.

"A recommendation was made several years ago by the fire department to raise the trees," Legate said, pointing at a giant oak tree near Cougar Lake. "There was a resident that loved that tree and he didn't want us to prune it. But the limbs were hanging so low that the fire truck couldn't get through. It was a beautiful tree and we hated to cut it. That just goes to show how far we will go with the safety end of things in mind."

Legate mentioned that the lights for the basketball and tennis courts have been completely renovated on both sides of Cougar Village Road. He also said that in the future there will be continuous lighting all the way through Cougar Village road to the four-way stop.

One resident told Legate that

a group of bushes on the side of a slope next to a laundromat near Building 429 should be removed because "people can hide behind them."

However, Legate said that the bushes act as a buffer zone, improving the landscape and helping to keep residents from walking down the hill.

"Another reason that we haven't taken the bushes out is that people, even though they're not supposed to, drive through this area and that slope is pretty steep," Heininger said. "We're kind of in a Catch-22."

Legate said he was challenged when it came to finding a way to deter residents from driving on the sidewalks in Cougar Village.

"When I started over fourteen years ago, they had gates set up at the entrances and they were chained with locks and a steel post," he said. "We had to think about how we got the service trucks in, the fire trucks in during emergencies, and also

the people who work with student deliveries had to get in. The only deterrent I can think of is better enforcement by campus police."

The buildings on the 400 side were built in the late 60s and those on the 500 side were built in the early 70s. Many still need renovation. Approximately \$10.5 million will be spent to add new balconies, siding, windows, kitchens and baths. From a safety standpoint, the aluminum wiring and interior lighting on the 500 side poses a fire hazard, so it will be replaced as well. According to Legate, construction should begin in May.

Pat Rzewnicki, coordinator for Risk Management, identified stove fires as the number one safety hazard at Cougar Village.

"We usually have at least one substantial stove fire each year," she said. "Many of them destroy entire kitchens. People should never leave their cooking items unattended."

Residents made several comments regarding safety

concerns on both the 400 and 500 sides. On the 400 side, residents said that people drive too fast on the inner roadways; people drive on the sidewalks and not the inner roadways; Cougar Village Road near Building 411 is dark; and there is a problem with mud near 411, 412, and 414 to 415. On the 500 side, residents said that the breezeways seemed closed off and have hiding places; sidewalks are poorly placed; lighting needs improvement; and more sidewalks are needed.

The University Housing Advisory Committee is looking for advice from residents of Cougar Village. Residents who see malfunctioning light poles or other safety hazards are encouraged to call ext. 2070.

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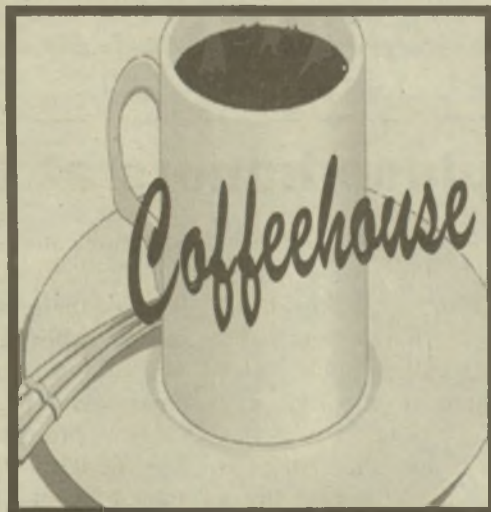


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Letters to the editor

Assorted editorials from around the United States

Here are excerpts from editorials in newspapers on Tucker execution, Clinton's credibility, and Charlie Trie.

Le Monde, Paris, on Tucker execution:

According to Amnesty International, as of October 1997, 100 countries out of 193 had abolished the death penalty. The only Western power which still practices this punishment, the United States, figures among the 93 countries resisting abolition, in the good company of China and Iraq among others.

Karla Faye Tucker, just executed in Texas, was certainly not innocent. She had never denied the double murder, committed in horrible conditions, for which she was condemned to death in 1984. Many Americans therefore think that justice has been served. Invoking the adage, "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," they subscribe to the barbarous assumption that murderers must be punished by execution.

(But) as Robert Badinter said when he obtained the abolition of the death penalty in France in 1981: nothing can justify "a justice that kills."

The Lima News, Lima, Ohio, on President Clinton's credibility:

Allegations of sexual misconduct and perjury engulfed the president for a week before he told the American public that he did not have a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Most Americans believe Lewinsky's claims. But many don't care even if the Arkansas Wonder has lied to the public.

Clinton's authority ultimately rests on his word. When Bill Clinton threatens Iraq or promises to fix Social Security, Americans and world leaders are supposed to believe him. But who can possibly believe anything this man says?

The programs the president

promised during last week's State of the Union Address won't cost much, he says. But what will we say a few years down the road when the costs boost the deficit or eat further into our pay?

Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal, on Charlie Trie:

On Tuesday, Monica Lewinsky fled to Los Angeles, and Charlie Trie returned to Washington. Their paths didn't cross. But they do have something in common. They both stand at the center of scandals swirling around President Clinton. In many ways, the one involving Trie is the far more disturbing.

Trie has been charged with arranging a scheme in which he allegedly collected money from foreign businessmen, who could not legally contribute to American political campaigns, and distributed the cash to "straw donors" who were citizens and legal residents. The "straw donors" then made donations to the Democratic National Committee.

Among the charges against Trie is the allegation that he used the fund-raising scheme to purchase access for himself and others to top administration officials, including the president. Did he and friends receive favors in return for the money? For the moment, that is unclear.

For 16 months, we've argued the scandal requires an investigation by an independent counsel. The president may have abused the powers of his office to achieve a campaign advantage. With the surrender of Trie, the Department of Justice has gained new momentum, even a dose of credibility, for its investigation.

Monica Lewinsky? What will Charlie Trie say?

History lies in my aunt's house

I found lives and stories I never knew in the home of Josephine Myricks



Danielle Belton

I don't remember how old I was when it happened, but I was still living in my old house, the one I was born in when my great, great aunt Josephine passed away. It was February when she died and she'd left the home to my father.

All my memories of my aunt were foggy, but I knew that I had loved her. I can still picture her thin, pale frame sitting in the house, fussing with her older sister, Bertha. I still remember the smells of food I didn't like to eat, like duck, filling the house I can still see the pictures on the wall. When I finally knew Josephine Myricks, she was an old woman who was my father's great aunt. She obviously loved him dearly, because she spoke so well of him and his brothers and was a constant spoiler of them. But I still didn't pay that

much attention to her, until she died.

When we inherited the house, we found so many things. At the time, I was into stamp collecting and was fascinated about how my aunts had kept almost every stamp and letter they'd ever come across. Then, in all the rush to find things and move things around, I spotted something gold and shiny near the curtains in the living room. When I brought it to my mother, who was busy sorting out papers, she told me that it was probably just part of the curtain and to ignore it. But I told her to look at it again. Finally, we both looked at it, and my mother told me that it was Aunt Josie's wedding band. She told me to wear it, and not to lose it. I still wear it today and look at the inscription often: 6-16-30, their wedding date.

From there on, I began to discover an entire family history I never knew about. Soon stories of long ago about my aunt flowed from my father's mouth, causing me to fill with laughter, yet at the same time a sadness because I never really knew her.

Josephine Myricks was one of three sisters, like myself, only she was the baby. She looked almost whiter than most women I knew, but I knew that as far as she was concerned, she was as black as could be. She was a traveler. She was intelligent and bossy. In her day, she was one of the most beautiful women you could ever see. Her husband was John Myricks; he was a Buffalo Soldier in the U.S. military. Everyday, I learn something new from their lives.

Though I hardly knew them, I feel as if they have always been with me. I feel we all have a history and it is rewarding when we learn it. I know it was for me.

Danielle Belton
Editor In Chief

An open letter for help with important research on a former SIUE student

I am researching a book on the life and death of Nancy Dean Morgan who graduated from SIUE with a bachelor's degree in social welfare in 1969. After graduating, Morgan went to work as a community organizer for VISTA, Volunteers in Service to America (the "Domestic Peace Corps") in Madison County, N. C. She was murdered in that isolated Appalchian mountain community in June of 1970, a

crime that has never been solved. By all accounts, Morgan personified the idealism and dedication - as well as some of the free-spirited naivete - of the 1960s era. I would appreciate hearing from anyone now in the Edwardsville area who may have known Nancy Dean Morgan when she was a student, or who can recall what campus life was like at that time.

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The art of making paper

Using tree bark, leaves, grass, and plants students make paper.

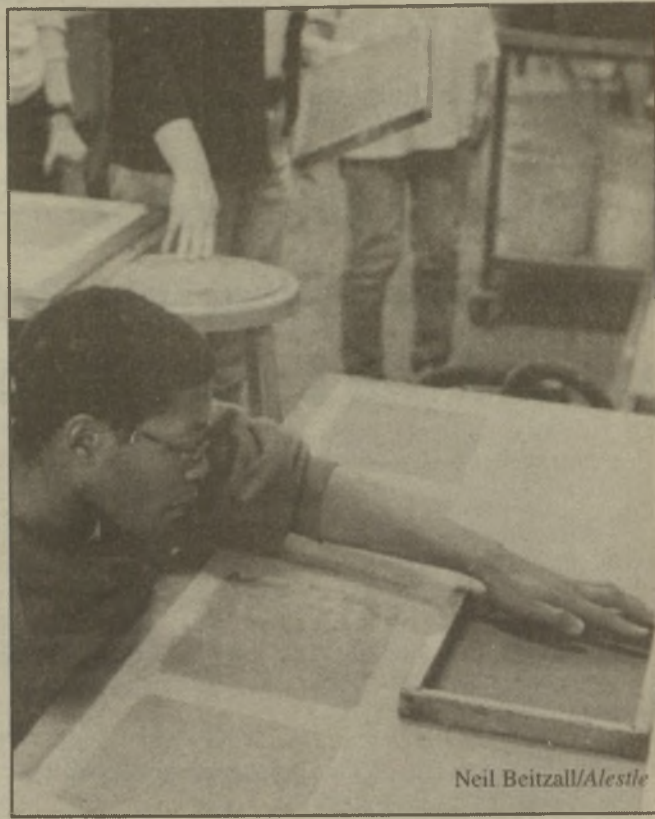
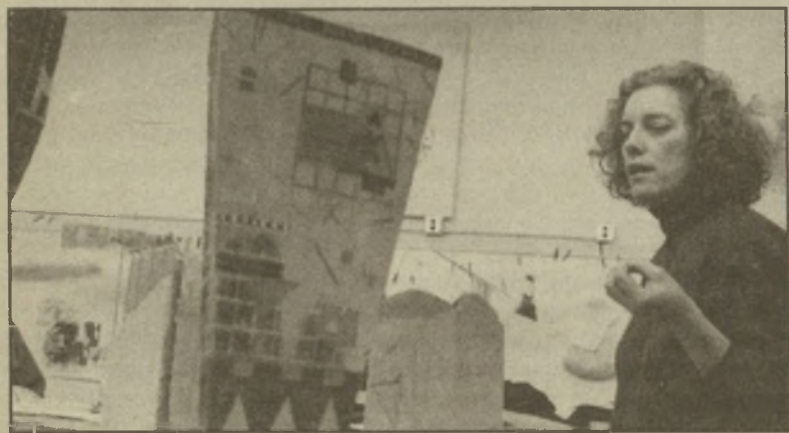
■ BY NEIL BEITZALL
PHOTOGRAPHER

Jo Staeley, a visiting lecturer from the University of Missouri at Columbia, conducted an afternoon workshop

showing students how to make flat sheets as well as three-dimensional objects like bowls and books with paper. The lecturer was conducted for Laura Strand's fibers class at SIUE on Feb. 12.

To make the paper, bark, leaves, grass, plants and vegetables of all kinds are chopped up, then boiled in soda ash, breaking down the fibers to form pulp. The pulp is then cooled in a large tub and stretched over a fine screen. A vacuum cleaner is then used to pull off the pulp onto another screen where it must sit and dry overnight or longer. The paper can then be molded and combined to form various objects.

Left: strand speaks to students on paper making. Right: Mike Penelton participates in the paper making process.



Neil Beitzall/Alestle

Sri Lankan journalist in serious condition after assault by police over suspected gang ties

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — A Sri Lankan journalist who wrote about illicit liquor gangs was assaulted by the police, who claimed the reporter had links with the gangsters, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Pradeep Dharmaratne, 24, a correspondent for the state-run Dinamina newspaper in the central town of Aranayake, was hospitalized with damaged kidneys after his arrest on Feb. 16, the Sunday Times reported.

The Kandy Media Foundation, a journalists' watchdog group in the nearby city of Kandy, has

written to President Chandrika Kumaratunga asking for an investigation.

Local police have launched an internal investigation into the complaint by the journalist, said Senior Superintendent Henry Perera, a police spokesman, but the government may decide later in the week whether it will send a special team of detectives from Colombo.

Dharmaratne, who had written about the liquor gangs in a Feb. 10 article, said uniformed policemen broke down his door at midnight, beat him up

and took him to the local police station.

He was kept in a cell for nearly a day and beaten several times by senior officers who threatened to cut off his hands if he wrote about the liquor racket again.

The following night, he was taken to an illegal distillery, where he was forced to place his fingerprints on bottles and barrels of liquor.

He was produced before a local magistrate the next day, to face police allegations he had links with the gangs. He was

released on bail.

It was the second action against journalists in the last two weeks.

On Feb. 12, Iqbal Athas, a reporter for CNN and consultant editor of the Sunday Times, was threatened by an armed gang who broke into his home in Colombo.

Athas frequently wrote about corruption in the military, and says he believes the assailants were from the air force.

The government has promised an investigation.

ANTHRAX

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It is illegal to possess the vaccine. They were arrested Wednesday night when they arrived at a medical office building, ostensibly to test the machine with the substance they brought along.

Harris and Leavitt planned to pay \$2 million for the machine, according to a criminal complaint filed by the FBI in Las Vegas.

The FBI complaint alleges that Harris and Leavitt told Rockwell they possessed military-grade anthrax. That relatively small quantity theoretically would be enough to kill tens of thousands of people. But delivering the spores to the victims would present a logistical problem.

Harris was convicted in Ohio in 1995 of fraudulently obtaining bubonic plague toxins. He is a former member of the racist group Aryan Nations in Idaho, which, in a November interview with U.S. News and World Report, supported the Aryan Nations' program of establishing a whites-only nation in five Pacific Northwest states.

In the interview, Harris warned that his associates would strike back at the government with biological weapons if provoked.

"If they arrest a bunch of our guys, they get a test tube in the mail. How many cities are you willing to lose before you back off? At what point do you say, 'If these guys want to go off to the Northwest and have five states declared to be their own free and independent country, let them do it'?"

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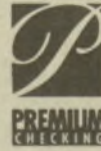
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Three-hour police standoff ends in suicide

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A Michigan fugitive is dead after barricading himself inside a Lexington home with a woman and turning on the gas as police tried to arrest him.

The man cut his throat as police broke into the home after a three-hour standoff Friday night, Lexington police Maj. Anthony Beatty said. The man died at the University of Kentucky Hospital and had not been identified by the Fayette County coroner Saturday morning.

Beatty said police decided to enter the home because they feared the situation would end with a fatality.

"He was making threats to harm himself," Beatty said.

Upon entering the home, police arrested author Gayl Jones, an obscure but acclaimed fiction writer featured in the Feb. 16 issue of Newsweek. Police said she was taken to Eastern State Hospital after threatening to hurt herself.

Beatty said Jones might be

married to the man who killed himself.

According to the Newsweek story, Jones is married to Bob Higgins, who was arrested in 1983 at a gay rally in Ann Arbor, Mich. Jones taught at the University of Michigan at the time.

According to an Ann Arbor newspaper, Higgins fought with rally participants, ranting about AIDS and "burning in hell." He then brandished a shotgun and was arrested by authorities.

Higgins later wrote a letter to President Ronald Reagan protesting the charges.

His wife, Jones, resigned from her teaching position at the university over the incident. The two then retreated from the public eye and Higgins was convicted in absentia, Newsweek reported.

Friday's incident began about 6 p.m. as police tried to serve an Ann Arbor warrant on the man at the Lexington home. Beatty said the warrant was for

assault with a deadly weapon.

When the man barricaded himself inside the home, a hostage team was called to the scene. Soon, police noticed an odor of gas coming from the building. They evacuated part of the neighborhood and called the fire department and gas company to turn the line off.

Police then broke into the home, as the man and woman inside were threatening to harm themselves and each other, police said.

5-year-old girl allegedly shot by father dies

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — A 5-year-old girl whose father allegedly shot her during an argument with his estranged wife has died without regaining consciousness.

Kendyl Smith died Friday morning at Community Medical Center after surgeons removed a .25-caliber bullet from her head, officials said.

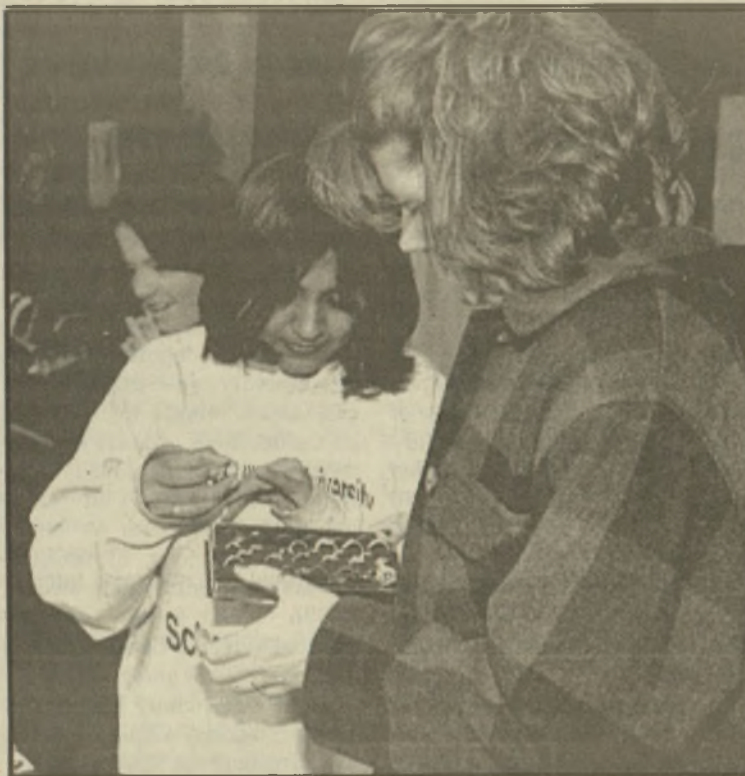
Robert Smith Jr. was in Wayne County Prison. Police said Smith tried to shoot his 2-year-old son, Robert Smith III, Wednesday but his gun jammed.

He was arrested early Thursday at a police roadblock.

State police in Honesdale said Smith went to the South Sterling home of his wife, Susan Smith, to get a protection order against him dropped and to discuss an upcoming custody hearing.

A police affidavit said Smith kissed his daughter and told her "good-bye" before shooting her, then grabbed his son by the hair and pressed the gun against his head.

Wayne County District Attorney Mark R. Zimmer said he may seek the death penalty if Smith is convicted of homicide. Smith also faces charges of attempted homicide and assault.



A piece of our culture

Bob Fehringer/Alestle
Nursing students Payal Mehta (left) and Julie Bazydlo (right) examine rings as they shop for jewelry at one of the vendor booths in the University Center during the SIUE Cultural Bazaar/African Marketplace. The marketplace was part of African-American history month and features vendors from around the metro east and St. Louis area. This particular booth was run by Renata Killgore. It continues through today until 6 p.m.

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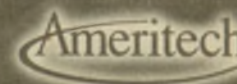
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Former mayor sentenced to a year in jail

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) — The former mayor of a St. Louis suburb has been sentenced to one year in jail for financing his re-election campaign and subsequent victory party with taxpayer dollars.

St. Louis County Circuit Judge Maura McShane also fined former Wellston Mayor Robert Powell \$1,500 for two counts of felony theft. She levied an additional \$1,000 fine for a misdemeanor conviction that involved the

purchase of \$115 in roses for his wife at Wellston's expense.

Powell was taken in handcuffs from a Clayton courtroom Friday, after he was sentenced.

Even after his convictions by a jury on Dec. 3, Powell tried to hold onto his office, or the trappings of the office. He fought with political foes on the City Council over his seat and over such perks as the city's Buick Roadmaster and city-

issued credit cards.

Powell officially resigned Feb. 10, after threats he would be impeached or removed from office by court order.

Powell's family members said Friday that he had been framed by his political opponents. Prosecuting Attorney Robert P. McCulloch said Powell was convicted because he stole money, and that the sentence should prove a deterrent to other politicians considering using public funds

for private purposes.

Wellston taxpayers paid more than \$7,000 for Powell's re-election campaign and victory party, prosecutor Kelly Hill has said. But Powell denied that he ever billed equipment, supplies or food and drink to the city in 1994.

He also denied having an affair with Rose Jackson, Wellston's former finance director. Jackson was the state's main witness against Powell.

Powell's attorney cited

Powell's age of 72 and asked McShane to give Powell probation. McShane denied that request but allowed Powell to go free, pending appeal, if he comes up with \$30,000 — \$10,000 more than the bond he made when he was arrested two years ago.

Powell was impeached as mayor in 1982, then he won a city council seat in 1987. He lost a race for mayor in 1991 by four votes but won a special election for mayor in 1992. He was re-elected in 1994.

After triple slaying, Georgetown Starbucks coffee bar reopens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Georgetown-area Starbucks, where three employees were slain last summer, has reopened with a pledge to donate all store profits to anti-violence groups in the city.

District police have made no arrests seven months after the murders in the coffee bar in a fashionable section of the city, where customers have included such luminaries as Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former House Speaker Tom Foley.

Area residents hope the reopening will help the community.

"The trauma of what went on inside was so violent," said Lisa

Holmes, drinking coffee there Friday. A nurse who lives two blocks away, Holmes went to Starbucks almost daily before its closing. "Memorializing it is a ritual in the process of healing."

Three maple panels adorned with three aluminum blades of grass serve as a reminder of Mary Caitrin Mahoney, Emory Allen Evans and Aaron David Goodrich, who were shot while closing the store July 6.

With repainted walls, new artwork and a redesigned lounge, the store is committed to staying in business.

"They got rid of anything old that would remind us of the past," said Suzanne Hughes, who used to work there. "The

atmosphere is very positive. We're happy we're moving on."

The Starbucks killings are one of two unresolved triple homicides in the nation's capital. The police department "has aggressively investigated this case and continues to follow up on the hundreds of leads we have received and developed," Lt. Brian McAllister said in a briefing Friday.

The company is offering \$100,000 for information leading to an arrest, and company regional director Dean Torrens said, "We're not going to rest."

The Community Foundation of the National Capital Region will distribute the store's profits.

Britain warns Saddam that time is running out

LONDON (AP) — Cautiously welcoming the announcement of a U.N. deal with Iraq, Britain said Monday that President Saddam Hussein has "moved a long way."

"If you look at where Saddam has been over the last month — he began by saying there should be no visits to the presidential sites, then he offered one visit," Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said in a BBC radio interview.

"Now, if he has actually signed up to what was in the mandate that Kofi (U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan) took to Baghdad, he has agreed to repeat visits as well," added Cook.

"Now that is a lot of movement in one month, if it is the case, and it only has happened because he has... known the resolve of the international community."

Cook spoke soon after Annan announced in Baghdad

he had signed a deal to end the impasse over U.N. inspections of suspected sites for producing weapons of mass destruction.

Britain is America's most enthusiastic ally in being prepared to attack Iraq unless Saddam backs down.

Cook said a deal was possible, in particular, because the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France, has all agreed "the same bottom line."

Cook said the deal must stipulate that U.N. weapons inspectors are in control of the operation, but Britain had no objection to diplomats accompanying the inspectors.

"What we could not accept would be an 'UNSCOM minus' which undermines the effectiveness of UNSCOM... We must look at the agreement to make sure we have UNSCOM plus," Cook added.

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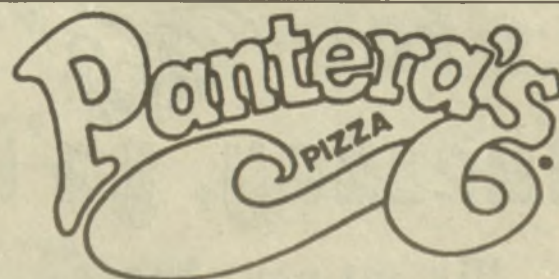
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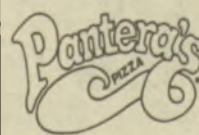
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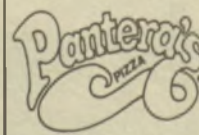


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Building prisons, fewer paroles pose predicament

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Members of Michigan's parole board get it coming and going — fuming prisoners denied freedom on one hand and weeping relatives of victims on the other.

Their job isn't easy. All they can do is sympathize with the victims, duck inmates' missiles and tell themselves they're protecting the public.

"We've all been spit on, hit. I got knocked out in Muskegon," said Stephen Marschke, a burly former Berrien County sheriff who now heads the panel that decides whether to keep inmates behind bars or let them free.

"We've all ... had paper thrown at us. One inmate threw a bag of feces," he said.

"These aren't people who take disappointment well."

It's just as hard facing the people who sob during a parole board hearing about a relative who's been savagely killed or raped or mutilated.

"I hate Fridays," Marschke said. "I know every time we meet with victims, you are going to hear these gut-wrenching stories. Your heart just goes out to these people who have tragically lost a loved one."

Marschke and his colleagues can take some solace in evidence that Michigan's tougher new parole rules seem to be working — although there's a down side, too.

Those same dangerous prisoners kept behind bars longer help jam cells to the point that new prisons may be needed at the

cost of millions of dollars.

The stricter approach has differing effects on convicts. Some inmates rebel at the hard time they find themselves serving, while others adapt and live for the day — maybe — when they can breathe free again.

"I have changed my life," Henry Bonner, 46, said at his January parole hearing at Carson City Regional Corrections Facility. Early this month, he was granted parole and was expected to be freed by May at the latest.

Bonner is serving a life sentence for killing a man in a failed drug buy almost three decades ago. The hearing was his chance to convince officials he deserved freedom.

"I have changed my life. I was young and wild. I have grown out of that," he said.

The Michigan Parole Board — 10 citizens with backgrounds in law enforcement, criminal justice or counseling — is on the front line of Michigan's fight against crime. As much as the police and prosecutors, what they decide affects public safety.

According to the state, the percent of paroles granted to eligible inmates dropped to 55.7 percent in 1994-97 from 66.1 percent in 1988-91. Meanwhile, the percentage of prisoners serving their maximum sentence has gone from 19.2 percent in 1988-91 to 34.8 percent in 1994-97.

The department says 71 percent of prisoners denied

parole are serving time for violent crimes. And 87 percent have committed major misconducts while behind bars.

After a drop in paroles earlier this decade, the number of paroles is edging up again as the prison population swells. Michigan approved 10,306 parole requests in 1996, compared to 9,678 in 1995, 11,854 in 1992 and just 3,856 in 1985.

And parole denials are down lately — 7,482 in 1996 compared to 7,923 in 1995 and 2,694 in 1985.

According to Marschke, the Parole Board granted 8,363 paroles in 1997 through November, 54 percent of those considered. It denied parole 7,227 times, or 46 percent of the time.

"We're a lot more conservative than the parole boards up to 1992," Marschke said.

The 1992 changes altered the makeup of the Parole Board from Civil Service members to appointees of the state corrections director. The new appointees were in no mood to be lenient.

The tougher policy stemmed in part from a crime spree embarked on by Leslie Allen Williams, who kidnapped 14-year-old Michelle Urbain and her 16-year-old sister, Melissa, near their Fenton home in September 1991. The girls' bodies were found several months later in a

Genesee County cemetery.

Williams, who committed the crime while free on parole after serving seven years of a 25-year sentence for sexual assault, also raped and killed two other girls that fall and winter and abducted another girl and one woman. He now is serving five life sentences for the four murders.

Outraged citizens supported making it tougher to get parole. But the policy has had consequences. Michigan's prison population hit 42,287 as of Jan. 1, up from 35,131 in 1992. At least part of the increase is due to fewer inmates winning their freedom from the board.

To deal with the increase, Gov. John Engler has asked lawmakers to approve 5,400 new beds over the next four years. He said it will cost \$186 million to build two new prisons and add onto eight more to get the necessary space.

The state already is sending some inmates to other states to alleviate the strain on the state prisons. It sent 39 to West Virginia in December, and plans to send more.

Norman Donker, Midland County prosecutor and president of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, approves of the tougher parole policies.

"I don't think you can lay the problem for (prison) overcrowding on the parole board," he said. "We've been very impressed with the changes that have taken place with the parole board. In looking at the public safety aspect ... it's not a rubber stamp."

But the endorsement of Michigan parole practices is hardly unanimous. Kay Perry, head of the Michigan chapter of Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants, said Michigan is badly handling its prisoner load.

"We are locking up way too many people for far too long," she said. "We should be locking up only violent offenders ... The system has never hired enough therapists (to treat inmates). This is a fairly mean time for government in Michigan."

Laura Sager, Michigan director of Families Against Mandatory Minimums, said the state prison population is tightly linked to drug and alcohol addiction. With treatment, those inmates could be paroled.

"Michigan is warehousing thousands of individuals who could benefit from rigorous treatment and followup to return them to taxpayer status," she said.

Corrections officials said most of the least violent offenders have been paroled out of the prison system. What's left are the most dangerous convicts serving the longest terms.

Now, more than a third of prisoners — nearly 15,000 — are serving terms of 10 years or more, and the number has tripled since 1985.

Those serving lengthy sentences include sex offenders. The parole approval rate for sex offenders, a rapidly growing part of the prison population, is only 16 percent and unlikely to go higher, officials said.

"The pool of people they're (parole board members are) seeing is much more violent as we've diverted (nonviolent) people from prison," said Corrections Director Kenneth McGinnis.

Even those who get out on parole aren't always home free. Many more inmates than before are being returned to prison because of parole violations and because of new felony convictions while on parole.

"We've been making parole tougher for a long time," McGinnis said. "(But) they keep coming back."



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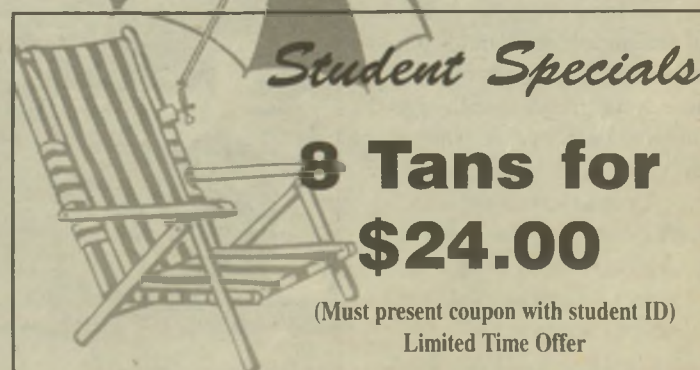
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RAVANTS & RAVES



■ BY COREY STULCE
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I hate to complain, but I am starting to grow tired of the greedy leeches I keep coming across. I like free stuff as much as the next person, but some people don't know where to draw the line.

Example. I went to the famed Souldard Mardi Gras parade Saturday afternoon. It was odd to see so many children involved in an event that is highly known as a carnival of indulgences like food, drink and sex. Oh well, the children weren't much of a problem. They were just in the way and got pushed, stepped on and smacked in the head with my arm (all accidental instances, I assure you).

My friends and I secured a nice area on the street to watch the parade and to catch beads that were being thrown by the paraders. I understand that these beads are a hot commodity. But give me a break, it's not as if at the end of the day you can trade them in for cash. People were being ridiculous. They were pushing strangers out of the way, scouring the filthy ground and pulling plastic strands of beads away from children. These were grown middle-aged women! I didn't get it. They didn't appear to be intoxicated, which I could have expected. Drunk people are easily amused, especially by shiny things.

I won't lie and say I didn't scream and wave in order to catch some beads. I even did a decent impression of a starving French-revolution child (see Les Miserables) begging for beads.

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Buffalo Soldiers

Their story is not highly publicized but their legacy will not go ignored

■ BY COREY STULCE
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Black History Month is a time to celebrate and remember those who worked to make the world a better place, be it through invention, inspiration or protection.

The buffalo soldiers were the 9th and 10th Cavalry and 24th and 25th Infantry, who were part of the United State's armed forces during the period after the Civil War and through World War II.

Until recently, the buffalo soldiers have been left out of many history textbooks. But a proud few are attempting to teach others of their legacy.

They were given their name by Native Americans who called them buffalo soldiers because their short, curly hair was like the hair on the back of a buffalo's neck. They were also compared with the buffalo's strength and tenacity.

The buffalo soldiers protected and helped expand the West in a time when the color of their skin was still cause for great discrimination even in the armed forces. Therefore, the troops had to work harder to receive the same amount of respect due a white soldier.

The buffalo soldiers' orders included clearing Indians from the West after the Civil War.

But the relations between the black soldiers and the Indians were unclear.

According to William Loren Katz' book "Black Indians" the buffalo soldiers helped to relocate some Indian families while some Indians helped blacks to hide during the slavery era.

Buffalo soldiers did not necessarily agree with their orders to fight the Indians, but they were forced to follow the governmental policies, Katz said.

Other duties included building telegraph lines, repairing and building forts, settling railroad disputes, helping settlers find a place to live and protecting the settlers from Indian attacks.

According to Katz, the desertion rate for buffalo soldiers was the lowest in the Army. They were also regarded as hard workers and received praise from high-ranking officers.

They were not highly publicized as defenders of the nation. It was not until 1992 that they were fully recognized as heroes. At that time Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, honored the black soldiers with a monument at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

It was Powell who had discovered ten years earlier in 1982 the two walkways that were the remnants of the homesite of the Ninth and Tenth Calvaries. Carlton G. Philpot, a Navy commander, raised the \$850,000 for the monument.

Sixteen years after his discovery the soldiers are still being remembered. Earlier this month, a re-creation of the buffalo soldiers was on display at the St. Louis Arch. The buffalo soldiers are also



Jill Stevens/Alestle
Photos: Left and above: Earlier this month there was a buffalo soldiers re-creation staged at the St. Louis Arch.

being remembered with care by their descendants. (See related story on page 9.)

The cable network TNT aired a film about the buffalo soldiers in December. The film starred and was produced by Danny Glover.

Another group working toward remembering the efforts of the buffalo soldiers is America's Buffalo Soldiers Re-Enactors Association (ABSRA). The group was founded in 1990.

"The whole thing started after we were making a film called "Cry Vengeance." It featured the buffalo soldiers and we continued from there," Charles Long II, president and CEO of ABSRA said.

Their goals are to educate young people through discipline. They attempt to mold young minds through early intervention. All of their activities incorporate the history of the buffalo soldiers.

ABSRA worked with the Smithsonian Institute, the University of Oklahoma and military organizations to do research for the ambitious project.

Some of their services available are educational lectures, film performances, a wild West show, parades, documentaries, color guard, honor guard and funeral detail.

With the help of organizations like ABSRA and individuals like Colin Powell and Danny Glover, someday the history of the buffalo soldiers will be commonplace.



Remembering a soldier: One family's attempt to keep history alive

■ BY COREY STULCE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Most, if not all of the buffalo soldiers who defended the nation from the end of the Civil War through World War II are gone. The only thing that remains for future generations are the photos, military records and the memories.

Deloris Belton, great-niece to buffalo soldier John Myricks, has gathered photos and records for her family history. Belton has taken great care to keep the life of a career soldier alive in book form.

Myricks joined the Army when he was very young because work was scarce for black men Belton said. He received training at the famed West Point Academy for working with livestock.

From 1908-1940 through his 30-plus year career in the Army, Myricks met and befriended such luminary war heroes as General George S. Patton.

He left the Army on several occasions but according to Belton, he could not stay away long. "He would retire, but after a couple of years, he was so miserable he joined again," she said. Myricks was honorably discharged from the army eight times.

Myricks was a big fan of military life. "He loved the military. He told everyone to join. He said, 'It makes a man out of you,' which is one myth I don't believe," Belton said.

"It was all he ever talked about, though. He loved the times he was there. Even after retiring, he would get up and do all the exercises, the push-ups," Belton said.

Besides caring for the livestock, Myricks also did trick riding on the horses and was a member of the Army's track team.

Belton said one of his regrets was having to fight the Indians. "Once you join the military, you don't have the option to say 'I don't want to do this.'"

Belton thinks it is important to remember the work the buffalo soldiers did like guarding the stagecoaches and forts, instead of the wars with the Indians.

"I don't know why they don't include them in the [history] books. They helped settle the land, even though they didn't get any [for themselves]. He was proud of the time he spent," Belton said.

Myricks lived to be 96 and he died in 1981.



photos contributed by Deloris Belton

Photos: Above, John Myricks, a buffalo soldier, gives a horse a skin test in 1939. Part of Myricks duties were caring for livestock for the U.S. Army. Above, left, Myricks greets an officer. Left, the staff at Fort Riley, Myricks is located in the back row, fifth from left. Bottom, Myricks with some of his fellow buffalo soldiers.

Drew Barrymore: She's come a long way baby

NEW YORK (AP) — If you believe Drew Barrymore, the 23-year-old actress hasn't exactly matured into a knockout screen goddess.

"My God, no! Look at me," she insists, turning her gaze downward. "Look at this. That's not sexy! I'm, like, such a geek."

Despite a cherub's face mounted on a Jezebel's body, Barrymore insists on her utter geekiness during a recent interview to promote her new movie, "The Wedding Singer."

"I'm not one of the hip people," she says, brushing her bleached-blond hair from her porcelain skin. "I stick out like a sore thumb in a crowd of the hip people. It's so embarrassing."

Ah, who needs the hipsters, anyway? These days, Barrymore — the child star turned hellraiser, doesn't need to fit in. She's the very definition of post-rehab, freshly scrubbed cool.

Once a notorious party-hearty vixen who closed her share of bars and flashed her breasts at David Letterman, Barrymore even shed her clothes in a Manhattan nightclub.

Then, of course, there were her early struggles with drugs and alcohol that are the stuff of Hollywood nightmares: drunk by age nine, a coke casualty at 13 and a recovering addict at 14. By 19, she was married, quickly divorced and a Playboy pinup.

Things seemed to have tumbled completely out of control for the actress once dubbed America's Sweetheart following her debut role as the wide-eyed Gertie in "E.T.

The Extra-Terrestrial."

Still, as if to demonstrate that child stars don't necessarily have to end up in a drug-hazed coma, Barrymore has recently emerged from her dark teen-age years as a vibrant and approachable young woman ... and hardly a geek.

"There's a great lightness to her. And yet she also has a lot of wisdom, especially for a young girl," Frank Coraci, director of "The Wedding Singer," says. "Drew is the kind of girl every guy falls in love with."

And now, with three new, upbeat films and a maturity beyond her years, the gushy, charming Barrymore is finally the kind of girl you can bring home to mother.

"I feel as old as the Stone Age," she says, laughing hard. "My past is such a great part of my life, but I like to live in the now. It's really just been a natural evolution. I keep trying to find my way."

Barrymore made her show business debut as an 11-month-old promoter of Puppy Choice Dog Food, landing the role of Gertie opposite Steven Spielberg's darling alien by age seven. Two years later she was burning up the screen in "Firestarter."

But after her embarrassing and much publicized battles with addiction, a painful year of institutionalization and a tell-all teen-age autobiography, "Little Girl Lost," directors more or less laughed when her name came up.

"One thing that really bummed me out big-time was that on a professional level people thought I was incapable, or that I would be problematic," she says. "That was



Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler in "The Wedding Singer."

so hard for me because I'm such a stickler for professionalism. I don't tolerate any ... ego or lateness. Never in my life have I had a problem on a set."

Barrymore was forced to take on sleazier movie roles, as a promiscuous teen in 1992's "Poison Ivy" and a troubled teen experiencing "Mad Love" in 1995. She also starred in "Guncrazy," "Boys on the Side" and "Bad Girls."

Last year she made tentative steps toward the lost limelight by appearing in two celebrated films, Wes Craven's "Scream," the successful comic send up of horror movies, and Woody Allen's offbeat musical, "Everyone Says I Love You."

Now she stars as the girl-next-door with Adam Sandler in the romantic comedy "The Wedding Singer," and will next appear with boyfriend Luke Wilson in "Home Fries" and as the title character opposite Anjelica Huston in "Cinderella."

"I firmly believe after watching her work

that she can do anything that she wants," Allen Court, who co-stars in "The Wedding Singer," says. "She has a natural talent. And she has no fear."

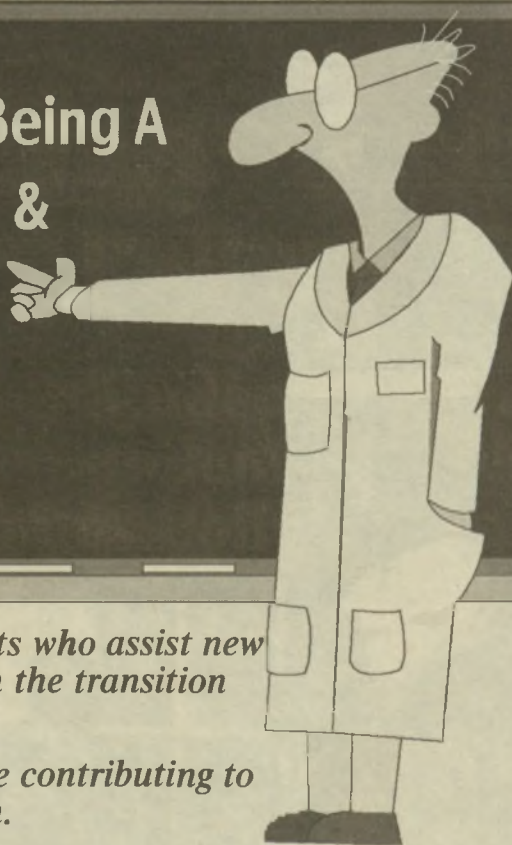
"I feel great," Barrymore says, beaming. "I feel so unscrewed-up. The older I get, the less uptight I get and the younger I feel. You know, I felt so much responsibility growing up. I was terrified because I didn't have a family and I was terrified that I wouldn't have a place to stay or food to eat, or anything."

"And you don't think, when you're six years old, I can call my friend and say, 'I need to live in your guest house.' If I was an adult, I'd do that I'd reach out to somebody. But when you're a kid, you don't understand that concept."

"I was such a self-sufficient little nut," she continues. "I felt like I was on this hamster wheel, thinking, 'I've got to do this,' and, 'I've got to do that.'"

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Real "Big Lebowski" speaks out about the Coen Brothers new flick

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The real Jeff Lebowski wants you to know he isn't anything like the pot-smoking loafer depicted in the Coen brothers' new movie, "The Big Lebowski."

"I'm not aware of any parallels between my life" and the movie, said Lebowski, an assistant attorney general in Minnesota and a former Minneapolis prosecutor.

Lebowski, 37, went to the same high school in the Minneapolis suburb of St. Louis Park as filmmakers Joel and Ethan Coen, whose previous movies include "Fargo," "Blood

Simple" and "Raising Arizona."

Joel Coen says he has no recollection of going to school with Lebowski, according to Alan Schoolcraft, chief of operations for the Coen's production company. Schoolcraft said the Coen brothers got the name Lebowski from a friend of their sister.

"So Mr. Attorney General is in the clear, or we are," Schoolcraft said.

In "The Big Lebowski," actor Jeff Bridges portrays Jeff Lebowski, also known as "The Dude," a shiftless bowling fan who gets caught up in a

kidnapping after he's mistaken for a millionaire also named Jeff Lebowski.

The real Lebowski says he's "having a good laugh" with the notoriety.

"I just had a judge today ask me, 'Are you the original Lebowski?'" he said.

Lebowski will be in Jamaica on vacation when the movie, which also stars John Goodman, Julianne Moore and Steve Buscemi, premieres March 6.

Asked if he planned to see the movie, Lebowski replied with a Minnesotan "You betcha."

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Now, I'm still on that hamster wheel but my priorities have changed. It's not because I need to make sure I have food and shelter. It's because I need to make sure I don't waste my day. I want to do the things that I believe in."

These days, Barrymore is a spokeswoman for the Female Health Foundation, an organization that educates young children about sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies. She also volunteers her time to the Wildlife Waystation, a California animal sanctuary.

Growing up in the Hollywood fishbowl has tempered those youthful and reckless nights of bra-tossing, vodka-soaked revelry, she says.

"You have to be smart about it. You have to think, 'OK, I can't do that. I don't get to go and have fun with people because I will be publicly judged and depicted and criticized for that.' And that ... bites," she says.

"But when I think of that, instead of sitting around and complaining, there are things that I get to do in my life that are so extraordinary that I'm willing to give up going out for a beer in order to work in a program for the U.N. Now that's important."

And, as if to cement her newfound image, Barrymore will soon appear as Cinderella. How bizarre is that?

"I know, it's going to be weird," she says, unleashing peals of laughter. "I'm honored, are you kidding? Cinderella? I'll take it, OK?"

GREED

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But, by no means, did I embarrass myself as did these supposed grown-ups. (No, I do not consider myself a grown-up.)

Not convinced of the the greedy tendencies of adults? Okay, second example. I go to quite a few free advance movie screenings for review purposes. They are also attended by some of the general public who win passes on radio giveaways and such. Sometimes the radio station sends a rep to give away free crap with the movie's logo on it: t-shirts, hats, posters, condoms, toasters. You get the idea.

I had never seen people react this way before. I literally have witnessed a woman, who must have been at least 50 years old, run down the aisle screaming for a Spice Girls CD. Another time, she scraped at the sticky movie theater floor for coasters with a picture of David Spade on it. She was a nut. I can just imagine her home. She has a whole room covered in movie garbage and has a story to go with each and every item.

And, sadly, she is not a rarity. I have seen countless, supposedly mature, adults (actually trash) scream, yell, jump and make complete asses of themselves for a hat with a "Ernest Goes to a Leather Bar" logo on it like they were begging for bread for their starving children. I weep for society. Then I do a little dance called the "I'm Not Them Boogie."

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No. 3 Cougars to face No. 6 Kentucky Wesleyan in quarterfinals

■ BY JASON TRIPLETT
SPORTS REPORTER

The bracket for the Great Lakes Valley Conference women's tournament is out and has SIUE ranked No. 3 with home court advantage in the first round.

The Cougar women will face Kentucky Wesleyan College at the Vadalabene Center tonight. In the Cougar's first two meetings with Wesleyan the game's were high scoring and hard fought.

"Kentucky Wesleyan is a tough place to play," Cougar head coach Wendy Hedberg said, "For that and obvious reasons we are happy to be at home in the first round."

Hedberg and the team knew they would have home court advantage after an easy 61-47 victory against a struggling Quincy University team last Thursday.

Quincy's slow offense kept the Cougars off balance. The Hawks were below full strength with only four players on the bench and SIUE took full advantage of the opportunity.

"They walk the ball up the court whereas we like to get out and run," Hedberg said. "Throughout the game we tried to get them to play our type of basketball."

Misi Clark scored 19 points with Leslie Phillips and Kim Lowe scoring both in double figures. Lowe also grabbed 15 rebounds still pushing toward rebounding title next year.



Jill Stevens/Alestle
Forward Leslie Phillips, No. 15, shoots for two while center Kim Lowe, No. 34, looks on. The Cougars went on to beat Quincy 61-47.

Quincy's leading scorer, center Laura Sorenson, or Swede as they call her, was held to only eight points and four rebounds. Eileen Kerrigan and Colleen Sexton both scored in double figures for the Hawks.

Saturday's contest against the University of Missouri-St. Louis was a much more physical game according to Hedberg. But the Cougars achieved their goal of a seven game winning streak to end their season with a 79-64 victory.

"We had more trouble this weekend against UMSL," Hedberg said. "They would be aggressive when we cut into the lane and we had to be more physical in the post."

Aside from the more physical play from UMSL, four SIUE players scored in double figures. Senior Alicia Harkins made her last regular season game count, scoring 25 points. Harkins set the standard and scoring became contagious as three other SIUE players scored in double figures. All but two Cougars got on the board.

Although the two freshman guards, Erica Cory and Clark are going to have their first experience in post season college play, Hedberg has total confidence in her guards and thinks they have measured up this season.

"Misi and Erica have seen some tough games this year," Hedberg said. "Although I admit the upperclassmen know a little better what to expect."

The GLVC tournament opener for the Cougars will start tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the V.C.

Focused Cougars basketball end regular season with four game streak

SIUE Men's hoops focus on gaining momentum as they prepare for quaterfinals
■ BY BRETT LICATA
SPORTS REPORTER

Picking up momentum was the focus of the SIUE men's basketball team as they ended their regular season schedule.

Wins over Quincy University and University of Missouri-St. Louis last weekend give the Cougars a four-game winning streak going into the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament beginning today.

SIUE played its final home game of the season on Thursday night and gave its fans something to cheer about with a 104-97 win over Quincy.

Quincy led for a good portion of the first half until SIUE's two outside guns started heating up. Rusty Sarnes and Tommy Shurn both hit two three-pointers in a matter of three minutes to give the Cougars the 37-34 lead with five minutes left in the half. The lead was eight by the time the buzzer sounded to end the opening half.

After the intermission, SIUE turned up its defensive pressure and pulled away for the seven point win.

Sarnes had 31 points with 26 coming in the first half. Shurn

knocked down four of eight from behind the arc and finished with 18 points.

Tim Holloway scored 17

the second half," head coach Jack Margenthaler said. "We shut down their key people."

On Saturday, the Cougars took their winning streak to four games with a 98-85 victory over UMSL in St. Louis.

SIUE started out slowly going down six early on. The Cougars failed to score their first six points until five minutes of the game had elapsed.

Despite a slow offensive start, SIUE kept UMSL in check holding them scoreless from the 16:38 mark until the midway point in the first half.

Sarnes and Kreke stepped up to get the SIUE offense rolling. Both scored 12 points in the half to give the Cougars a 42-24 halftime advantage.

SIUE built its lead to 27 points in the second half and coasted to a 13-point victory to give the Cougars some much needed momentum going into the GLVC tournament.

Sarnes and Kreke both finished with 21 points.

Kreke also led the team with 11 rebounds. Tommy Shurn went 3 of 9 from downtown scoring 20 points. He and Wallbaum combined for 15 boards.

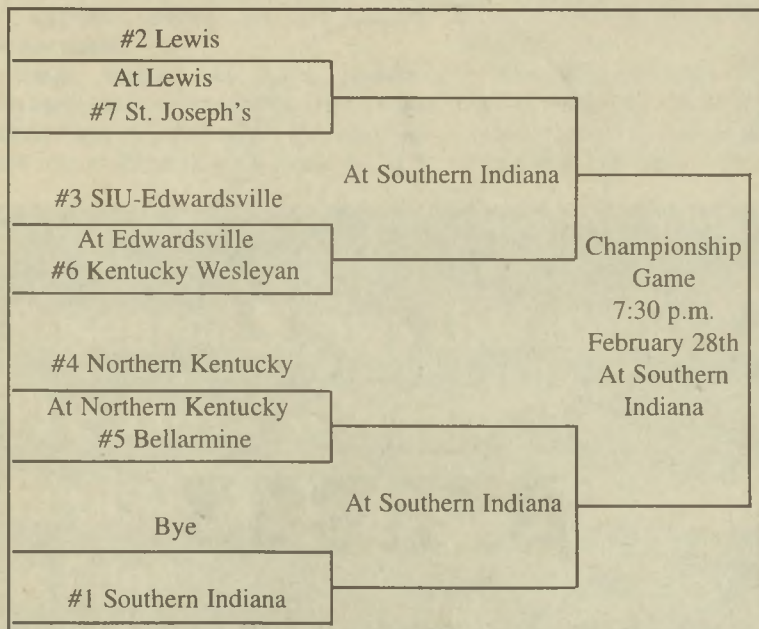
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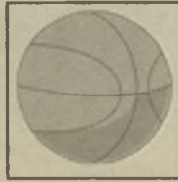
Jill Stevens/Alestle
Senior Nathan Kreke, No. 40, goes up to block a Quincy player at the 104-97 win on Feb. 19.

points and went 3 of 5 from three-point range. Nathan Kreke pulled down six rebounds and added 17 points while Travis Wallbaum had a team-high seven boards and contributed 10 points.

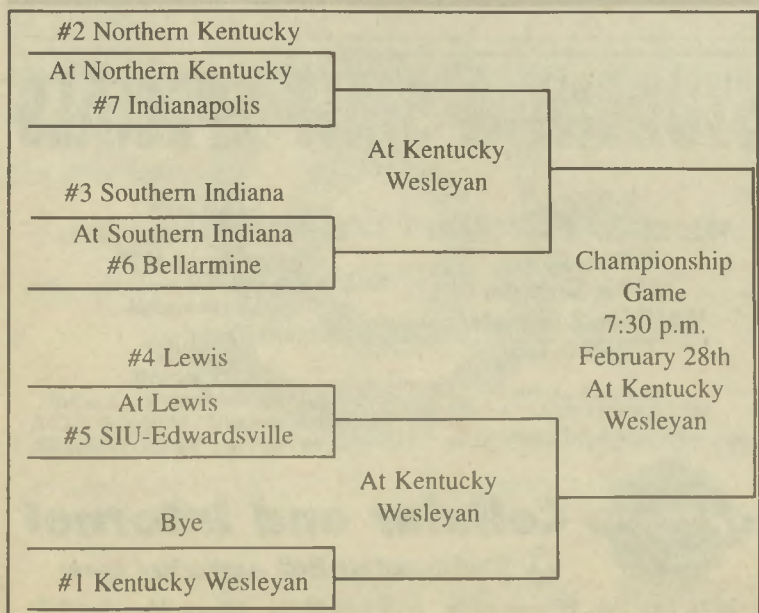
"We played great defense in



Women's Bracket



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gives us a lot of momentum going into the conference tournament," Margenthaler said. "It's especially nice winning three of those on the road."

SIUE is seeded fifth and will open the GLVC tournament against the No. 4 seed, Lewis, tonight in Romeoville.

"They have one of the best post players in the league," Margenthaler said about his team's opening round opponent. "He's going to score 18 or 20

points a game. We just can't let him get 30 or 40 because he's capable of doing that."

Margenthaler thinks that his team has as good a chance as any of the teams to win the tournament.

"We've been in the game with every one of these teams when we played them this season," he said. "I'm pleased with the focus of this team. We're mentally and physically ready for this tournament."

Iverson's father convicted of stabbing ex-girlfriend

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The father of Philadelphia 76ers star Allen Iverson has pleaded guilty to stabbing his ex-girlfriend, and was sentenced to nine years in prison.

Allen Broughton, 38, was convicted of first-degree assault in the April 27, 1996, attack on Chrystal Owens. He pleaded under the Alford Doctrine, which means he does not admit to the crime but concedes there is

enough evidence to convict him.

Authorities said Broughton attacked Owens, 32, after their 10-year relationship broke up.

Broughton has been in jail since the assault. He also was sentenced to five years of probation.

Iverson, 22, spent much of his youth in Virginia away from his father. A team spokeswoman said the team does not comment on players' families.

Seahawks sign Kevin Glover

SEATTLE (AP) — Pro Bowl center Kevin Glover, who anchored the line that cleared as Barry Sanders rushed for 2,053 yards last year for the Detroit Lions, has signed a three-year, \$8.1 million contract with the Seattle Seahawks.

Glover, 34, was the NFC starter in the Pro Bowl the past three seasons. The 6-foot-2, 282-pound center has played his entire pro career for the Detroit Lions after being chosen in the second round of the 1985 draft.

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Boggs ready to pursue 3,000 hits with Tampa Bay

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — At 39, Wade Boggs can't remember ever reporting to spring training in better physical condition.

He's ready to resume his pursuit of 3,000 career hits, and excited that the opportunity is coming with the expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays, who signed him as a free agent in December.

Boggs, who's 200 hits away from the plateau, grew up in the area and relishes the thought of achieving the milestone in front of fans who began following him in high school.

And, perhaps even more important, he likes the idea of doing it as an everyday player.

"Last year was the best I've felt since I've been in the big leagues," the five-time AL batting champion said. "But it's kind of ironic. It was the best I've felt and I was on the bench."

Boggs, who hasn't set a timetable for retirement, appeared in 104 games for the New York Yankees and had a

career-low 103 hits while splitting time at third base with Charlie Hayes in 1997.

He envisions himself playing 145-150 games for the Devil Rays this year. While the last time he played more than 132 was 1993, Boggs is confident his body will hold up because of a diligent offseason conditioning program.

"I don't know how much longer I'm going to play ... I've always said, it's something I've done since Little League and as long as it's fun, you continue to do it," Boggs said.

"Naturally, as a professional athlete you want to do it on a level that you don't embarrass yourself. As long as you can still perform and compete and do the things that you've always done, then you just keep playing."

Boggs' .331 career average is the third best among major leaguers who have played after World War II behind Ted Williams (.344) and Tony Gwynn (.340). Along with 3,000 career

hits, Boggs is closing in on 1,000 RBIs.

"That's a pretty good plateau that I'm looking for," he said, noting he's 67 shy and very well could reach both in the same season.

"But everything really fell into place and perspective for me when I got the World Series ring (1996). That was the piece of the puzzle that was missing. As far as the 3,000 goes, it's just a stepping stone that I'm going to eventually go by. It's just going to be a number and something in the past. I'm not using it as a termination point."

The first day of full-squad workouts Friday was not uneventful for Boggs, who was hit in the head by a changeup thrown by projected No. 2 starter Tony Saunders. Boggs was not injured and joked that at least he knows his batting helmet works.

"I might not have gotten back up if it was a heater," he said. "That would have been a heck of a thing."



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Pitcher Martinez getting second chance with Braves

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — At the age of 42, Dennis Martinez is getting another shot in the big leagues.

Martinez, who appeared to be out of baseball when Seattle released him last May, is getting what could be his last chance with the Atlanta Braves.

The Braves are looking for someone to fill the No. 5 starter's spot until right-hander John Smoltz is available. Smoltz, the 1996 NL Cy Young winner, underwent elbow surgery Dec. 12 and is expected to open the season on the disabled list.

Atlanta manager Bobby Cox has been raving about Martinez since pitchers and catchers began

practicing Saturday.

"I haven't seen any reduction in stuff," Cox said Friday after Martinez threw batting practice against the regulars for the first time.

"He doesn't have to go out and shoot lights out in spring training either if he keeps throwing his stuff. It's there right now," he said.

Martinez, a native of Nicaragua who will be 43 on May 14, said he was thrilled when the Braves invited him to spring training at their new Disney World complex.

"It's like I'm dreaming," he said. "I feel like a young kid, a

new kid again, coming to Disney World."

Martinez needs two victories to become the winningest Latin American pitcher in major league history, trailing only Juan Marichal. In a 22-year career with Baltimore, Montreal, Cleveland and Seattle, Martinez has a 241-187 record.

The four-time All-Star pitched a perfect game for the Expos in 1991 against Los Angeles.

He agreed to a \$250,000 contract with the Braves, but first he must make the club. He could earn another \$500,000 in bonuses if he starts 25 times.

"Honestly, this guy is

throwing good, really," Cox said. "I don't know if it's going to last, but his fast ball is there, the breaking ball is there and so is the location. Right now, for me, he could go out and start a major league game."

Martinez underwent knee surgery after the 1996 season and his elbow flared up last season. On May 24, he was released by the Mariners after going 1-5 with a 7.71 ERA.

"At my age I didn't want to get cut," he said. "I was lucky. I rested for a couple of months, didn't touch a ball, did rehab with weights and began to strengthen my elbow."

Bengals sign Copeland to five-year contract

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals have signed John Copeland to a five-year contract, ending Copeland's brief test of free agency and giving the Bengals a surplus of high-priced defensive ends.

The contract, believed to be worth around \$15 million, runs through the 2002 season.

"It's a great contract," Copeland said after signing Friday. "The Bengals really stepped up, but money alone doesn't totally buy happiness. You have to know when you look in the mirror that you did the right thing and I know I made this decision for the right reasons. This is a team that can be in the playoffs soon, hopefully this year. We've got the talent."

Copeland, 27, was the Bengals' first-round draft pick in 1993 and has been a mainstay. But when the Bengals used their "franchise player" designation last week on defensive end Dan Wilkinson, Copeland said he would see what opportunities he could find elsewhere.

Last season, the Bengals switched to a three-man line as part of Dick LeBeau's blitz-zone defense, and Copeland led the defensive linemen with 49 tackles (35 solo), had three sacks and recovered two fumbles.

"John is a fierce competitor on the field, and in five years we've grown to know and respect him as a person and a player," said Bengals general manager Mike Brown.

Copeland's agent, Tim McGee, said he spent most of Friday with three Bengals negotiators and a deal was struck when Brown got involved.

"It came down to Mike Brown walking into the room and getting it done," McGee told the Dayton Daily News. "Mike interceded, took over and we got it done."

A source said the contract included a \$4 million signing bonus and averaged \$2.9 million a year.

The Bengals also have signed defensive end Michael Bankston to a reported three-year, \$6 million contract, pending a decision by Arizona on whether to exercise its right to match the offer.

With Copeland under contract, and Arizona not expected to match the Bengals' offer to Bankston, Cincinnati might be willing to trade Wilkinson to Washington, where he wants to go.

"This gives us options we would not have had if we couldn't get John signed," Brown told The Cincinnati Enquirer. "How that plays out remains to be seen."

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NFL's top kickoff returner to return to Panthers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Carolina's Michael Bates, who led the NFL in kickoff returns in the NFL in each of the last two seasons, agreed to a new contract with the Panthers.

The Panthers would not disclose terms of the deal. Bates' agent, Jim Steiner, did not immediately return telephone messages left at his office.

Bates, winner of a bronze

medal in the 200 meters at the Barcelona Olympics, will be playing in his sixth NFL season.

He was voted to the Pro Bowl after the 1996 season, when he averaged 30.2 yards per return, the best figure in the league since 1977. One kickoff was returned 93 yards for a touchdown.

Bates also was named to the Pro Bowl after the 1997 season, when he averaged 27.3 yards per

return, including a long of 56 yards. He became the first player to lead the league in kickoff returns in consecutive years since Abe Woodson in 1962 and 1963.

Bates, who joined the Panthers in 1996 as a free agent, also is a member of Carolina's punt coverage teams. He blocked two punts in 1996.

Tigers' manager Bell mulling batting orders for opener

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Detroit Tigers manager Buddy Bell is contemplating several different batting orders as his ballclub continues spring training workouts in preparation for Friday's exhibition opener vs. the New York Yankees.

Bell is certain that center fielder Brian Hunter will hit leadoff, newly acquired utilityman Bip Roberts second and slugging first baseman Tony Clark fourth.

"Beyond that, I don't know," Bell said. "We have a lot of guys who can hit in a lot of different spots. We have interchangeable parts. You don't necessarily have to have somebody who is going to hit 40 home runs hitting behind Tony Clark."

"Bobby Higginson could hit there, Luis Gonzalez could hit there, Joe Oliver could possibly hit there, Damion Easley could hit there. We've got some guys who can hit just about anywhere in the order," he said.

Most of Detroit's positions are set.

Clark will be at first base, Easley at second base, Billy Ripken at shortstop until Deivi Cruz returns from a fractured ankle, Joe Randa at third base, Higginson in right field, Hunter in center field and Gonzalez in left field.

Catching is the only job open with Oliver competing against holdover Raul Casanova. It's a far cry from his first two spring trainings as Detroit's manager for Bell, who inherited a very unsettled situation. The Tigers went from a 53-109 record in 1996 to a 79-83 mark in 1997.

My job is getting easier," Bell said. "It's nice to be able to sit back and watch how they go about their business and play the game rather than looking for eight pitchers for your staff and four or five players for your lineup."

Because Cruz's injury has limited the number of middle infielders in camp, former San Diego Padre and San Francisco Giant Paul Faries was added to the major league camp as a non-roster invitee Saturday

Dolphins sign lineman Matt Campbell to 3-year offer sheet

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Dolphins, seeking additional help in the offensive line, signed Matt Campbell of the Carolina Panthers to an offer sheet with a three-year contract worth \$8 million, including a \$3.2 million signing bonus.

The Panthers have until Friday to match the offer and retain the 6-foot-6, 300-pound Campbell, a restricted free agent. Carolina is not expected to match, which means Campbell will join guard Kevin Donnalley as newcomers on the line.

Marijuana charges dropped against Packers' Jervey

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. (AP) — Police have dropped a marijuana-possession charge against Green Bay Packers running back Travis Jervey, saying tests show the drug was not among evidence found in his car.

The active ingredient in marijuana was not present among ashes and pieces of rolling paper taken from an ashtray, police Chief Roddy Perry said Friday.

"In the absence of laboratory evidence, we will not be moving forward," he said.

Jervey, 25, was arrested Tuesday night after a routine

traffic stop. The Isle of Palms native was pulled for driving 46 miles an hour in a 35-mph zone, a police report said.

An officer noticed a strong odor he suspected was marijuana coming from the car. Jervey twice denied having drugs, though a search turned up the ashes and rolling papers. He was released on bond.

A March 10 court date was set on the speeding charge.

Jervey, a fifth-round draft choice out of The Citadel in 1995, was a Pro Bowl selection this year as a special-teams player.

Dodgers to fill pitchers mound with available talent

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — When Tom Candiotti left for the Oakland A's and Todd Worrell retired in the offseason, the Los Angeles Dodgers pitching staff lost 26 years of experience.

But instead of acquiring veterans during the off-season, the Dodgers opted to fill their experience needs with pitchers already in the organization.

Darren Dreifort, who has never started a game in the majors, is battling 20-year-old Dennis Reyes for the fifth-starter role. Dreifort has 115 innings of major league experience as a reliever. Reyes only has 47 innings of big-league experience but did start five games for the Dodgers last year.

If the Dodgers happen to lose one of their key pitchers to injury this season, manager Bill Russell said 22-year-old Mike Judd, who pitched in just one big-league game last year, will be called upon.

"He's probably our next pitcher to come up if something happens," Russell said. "He can come fast, he's got outstanding stuff."

First-year pitching coach Goose Gregson said he's comfortable with the pitchers he has to work with.

"We may not have as much experience as last year, but I don't think we'll be lacking in quality," he said.

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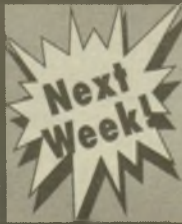
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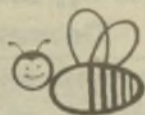
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